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WHAT WE LEARNED THIS WEEK

PONDER POINT: GOD IS WITH US

Joseph and His Family

Genesis 37; 39—47

Joseph went through many difficult times in his life, but God was always with him and worked out Joseph's hard situations for good.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: GOD SAVES

Baby Moses Is Protected

Exodus 1; 2:1—10

God saved baby Moses from certain death.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- The book of Exodus opens by listing the sons of Jacob (Israel) who brought their families to Egypt to escape the famine in Canaan.
- The population explosion amongst the Israelites concerned the pharaoh. His fear led him to devise a plan to enslave God's people and destroy newborn Hebrew boys.
- Ironically, it was Pharaoh's own daughter who rescued this Hebrew baby and named him Moses.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Read this story during bath time or other water playtime. Find some objects that will float and some objects that will sink. Read the biblical account of God and baby Moses in **Exodus 1:22—2:10**. After reading, talk about when Moses was placed in a basket and how God protected him as he floated down the Nile River.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- How did God save Moses?
- How do you think God feels when He sees that you're hurting or sad?
- How does God save you?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about how God Saves into your everyday life as a family.

REMEMBER VERSE

Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
Psalm 145:13b

BLESSING

Blessings are often used in the Bible. A blessing can be a prayer of commission, a portion of Scripture, or words to encourage and guide.

A blessing to pray over your child:

(Child's name), **may you know that our loving God is always with you and has the power to save you.**

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The Egyptian Pharaoh, afraid of the Israelites' rapid growth, orders all Hebrew baby boys to be thrown in the Nile. Moses' mother trusts God and puts her baby boy in a basket on the river, and God saves him.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: GOD IS THE ONE TRUE GOD

Moses Leads

Exodus 3—12; 13:17; 15

God works through Moses to perform powerful miracles that prove He is the one true God.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- Many scholars believe the plagues were directly attacking the ancient Egyptian gods.
- In the Bible, even the number of plagues was significant. To the Israelites, the number 10 represented wholeness and completion. For instance, the Ten Commandments are the complete, divine perfection of the Law.
- By sending 10 plagues, God was stating the Egyptians were completely plagued and completely judged. He was demonstrating His total power as the one true God.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Circle up your family and have everyone take off their shoes while reading this part of The Big God Story. Read the biblical account of Moses and the burning bush in **Exodus 3:1–6**. After you've read, ask your children to tell you their favorite part of this passage, and then share your favorite part. Ask what they would've thought if they saw a burning bush and heard God speak to them. Share with them that holy means set apart, sacred, and separate from others.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- What made the bush that Moses saw so special?
- Whose voice did Moses hear coming from the bush?
- How can you know that God is the one true God?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about how God Is the One True God into your everyday life as a family.

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Psalm 100:3

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The Egyptian Pharaoh refuses to free God's people from slavery, so God shows the Egyptians that He is the one true God by sending 10 plagues. Pharaoh finally lets the people go, and God led leads them out of Egypt to journey to the Promised Land. On the way, God parts the Red Sea to bring the Israelites safely to the other side.

WHERE WE'RE HEADED NEXT TIME

PONDER POINT: GOD'S CARE IS WONDERFUL

Manna in the Desert

Exodus 16

When the Israelites complain about their hunger, God sends bread from heaven each day.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- The word *manna* comes from the question God's people asked the first morning they saw it: "What is it?"
- Manna came with the dew each morning and was white and flakey. It was especially nutritious and able to sustain an adult for an entire day's journey.
- Preparing the manna into bread consisted of pounding the sweet, honey-like flakes and baking or boiling them into cakes.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Before sharing a meal together, remind your children that God provides food for your family. Thank God together for the food He gives. **Read Exodus 16** with your children, which is the biblical account of God's people receiving provision in the form of manna. After you've read, ask your children to tell you their favorite part of this passage, and then share with them your favorite part.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- How did God care for the people of Israel in the wilderness?
- How do you think the people felt when they saw the food from heaven that God provided?
- How do you know that God cares for you?

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Missional Living Highlight: Bethany Alms, missionary to Nicaragua.

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PONDER POINT: GOD SHOWS US HOW TO LIVE

The Ten Commandments

Exodus 19—20

God provides the Ten Commandments to set apart the Israelites as His holy people.

DID YOU KNOW?

Share these facts to get the conversation started.

- God gave His people a model for living through the Ten Commandments that enhanced their worship and service to Him.
- When the people lived out the laws, their lives demonstrated the intimate relationship they shared with God.
- The covenant between God and His people at Mt. Sinai was a foreshadowing of what was to come. His new law was put into place to be "our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith" (Galatians 3:24).

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

The next time you're driving somewhere with your family, give yourself extra time and **read aloud Exodus 20:1–17** in the car before you start the engine. As you head to your destination, talk with your children about how the "rules of the road" are in place to keep us safe. Ask, "What would happen if we didn't stop at a red light?" or "What would happen if I drove on the wrong side of the road?" Then explain that God gives us rules like the Ten Commandments because He loves us and wants to protect us.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- How do you think the Israelites felt when God gave them the Ten Commandments?
- How has God shown you the best way to live?
- Is there anything you want to ask God today?

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