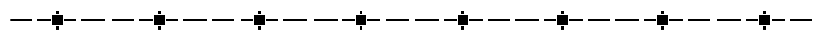


Old Testament

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Families of the Old Testament



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Adaptable for all ages including adults

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Brothers Work Together

Moses and Aaron

Exodus 4-12

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Exodus 4:13-17

Memory Verse:

I will show love
to those I love.
(Romans 9:14 NIRV)

Lesson Goals:

1. Understand that God used Moses and Aaron to set the Israelites free.
2. Learn that God used mighty works to deliver Israel.
3. Recognize that God responded to the cries of Israel.
4. Learn that Moses and Aaron did exactly what God commanded.

Last week we learned about a special child named Moses. His parents hid him for three months. Then, God used Moses' family and his enemies to saved Moses. God has a special plan for Moses.

Read the Bible

READ: Exodus 4:13-17 (Hold your Bible open throughout the story.)

Begin with Prayer

Today we will learn about two brothers whom God used to help His people. Moses and Aaron were from the tribe of Levi. God loved Israel. They were His people and He loved them. God intended to deliver them. "I will show love to those I love." (Romans 9:14 NIRV)

God appeared to Moses in a burning bush. He told Moses that He had heard the cry of the Israelites. God said the Israelites were His people. He told Moses He was sending him to the Pharaoh so that he could lead Israel out of Egypt. (Exodus 4:1-9) Moses asked God to please send someone else. Have you ever felt that God wanted you to do something but you didn't want to do it? It may be you were afraid. It could be you were embarrassed. What did you do? The Bible says that God was angry at Moses, but He told Moses that his brother Aaron would go with him. God told Moses that Aaron was already on his way to meet him. It had been a long time since Moses had seen Aaron. But God told him Aaron would be happy to see him. God instructed Moses to tell Aaron what to say. God reassured Moses that He would help them. (Exodus 4:13-15) "I will help both of you speak. I will teach you what to do." (Exodus 4:15 NIRV) Moses was still afraid, so God told him that he would be able to do miraculous things with his wooden staff. (Exodus 4:13-17)

God told Aaron to go meet Moses in the desert. Aaron greeted Moses at the mountain where God had appeared to Moses. Moses told Aaron everything God had told him to say. Moses told Aaron about the miraculous things God had commanded him to do. So Moses and Aaron went to the Israelites and gathered all the leaders (elders). "Aaron told them everything the Lord had said to Moses. He also did the miracles in the sight of the people." (Exodus 4:30)

The Bible says that the people of Israel heard and believed that God cared about them, that God had seen their suffering, and they worshipped God and bowed down before God. (Exodus 4:27-30)

Moses —Bible Facts

1. God told Moses He would deliver Israel.
2. God told Moses Aaron would help him.
3. Moses and Aaron went before Israel.
4. Moses and Aaron went before Pharaoh.
5. God delivered Israel with mighty acts.

After that, Moses and Aaron went before Pharaoh. "They said, 'The Lord is the God of Israel. He says, 'Let my people go. Then they will be able to hold a feast in my honor in the desert.' " But Pharaoh asked why should he obey God. He said he would not let the Israelites go. Pharaoh said he didn't know God. (Exodus 5:1-2) God told Moses and Aaron to tell Israel that He would make them His own people, He would set them free, He would save them, and He would "throw off the heavy load the Egyptians," had put on their shoulders. God said that he would judge Egypt. (Exodus 6:6-7) God promised to bring Israel to the land He had promised to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. (Exodus 6:1-8)

"Then the Lord said to Moses, "I have made you like God to Pharaoh. And your brother Aaron will be like a prophet to you. You must say everything I command you to say." (Exodus 7:1-2)

Moses and Aaron worked together and went before Israel and before Pharaoh. God performed many miracles to persuade Pharaoh to let Israel go. Moses' staff became a snake and the Nile River turned into blood. But Pharaoh would not listen. (Exodus 7:1-3, 8-24) God send a plague of frogs, (Exodus 8:1-15) a plague of gnats, (Exodus 8:16-19) and a plague of flies.(Exodus 8:20-30) Then God sent a plague on the livestock, (Exodus 9:1-7) a plague of boils, (Exodus 9:8-12) and a plague of hail (Exodus 9:13-34). Next God sent a plague of locusts (Exodus 10:1-20) and a plague of darkness. (Exodus 10:21-29) Then the Lord announced the tenth plague. (Exodus 11:1-10) Israel was instructed to have the Passover meal and in the final plague the firstborn of Egypt died. (Exodus 12:1-30) God instructed Moses and Aaron to celebrate the Passover every year. (Exodus 12:1-2) Pharaoh let Israel go. (Exodus 12:31-33) God sent Jesus to set us free from the bondage of sin, just as Moses and Aaron were used by God to set Israel free.

Review questions

1. **What did God tell Moses?** (God heard the cries of Israel, and He would deliver Israel.)
2. **Who was Moses' helper?** (Moses' brother Aaron was his helper.)
3. **What did Moses and Aaron do first?** (Moses and Aaron went to the elders of Israel.)
4. **What did they do next?** (Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh.)
5. **What did God do?** (God delivered Israel with mighty acts.)

Do you know Jesus?

God heard the cries of Israel and delivered them. God saw that we needed to be delivered from sin. God sent Jesus, His only Son to die on the cross for our sins. God loves us and wants us to live with Him forever. (John 3:16) Ask Him to forgive your sins and to come be a part of your life. He will do it!

Prayer Time

1. Take a moment to listen to God.
2. Thank God for sending Jesus to set us free.
3. Ask God to help you do what He says.
4. Pray for friends and family members who may need your help.

Application

God responded to the cries of Israel. They had been slaves in Egypt for 400 years. God used Moses and Aaron to set the Israelites free. God used mighty works to deliver Israel. He sent plagues to demonstrate His power. Moses and Aaron did exactly what God commanded. God wants us to be set free from the bondage of sin. He sent Jesus to die on the cross for our sins. Jesus did exactly what God commanded. Jesus rose from the dead. Because He lives we can have eternal life.

Planning for the next week:
Jethro (A Father-in-law Helps) — Exodus 18

Preschool Lesson

Read the Bible

READ: Exodus 4:13-17 (Hold your Bible open throughout the story.)

(Use sturdy boxes to create a mountain. Place a bush on the mountain. You may have the children decorate the mountain with chalk or paints. Create a staff with cardboard.)

God had a very special job for Moses. God appeared to Moses in a burning bush. Can you imagine what Moses felt like when he saw the burning bush? Fires can be very dangerous. But the burning bush just kept burning. It was because God was going to speak to Moses from the burning bush. God told Moses that He had heard the cry of the Israelites. God said the Israelites were His people. They were slaves in Egypt. God told Moses he was sending him to the Pharaoh so that he could lead Israel out of Egypt. (Exodus 4:1-9)

Moses asked God to please send someone else. Have you ever felt that God wanted you to do something but you didn't want to do it? It may be you were afraid. It could be you were embarrassed. What did you do?

Sometimes it is easier to do things if someone we know is with us. It might even be easier if a family member helps us. Can you think of some things that are easier to do if someone helps you?

The Bible says that God told Moses that his brother Aaron could go with him. God told Moses that Aaron was already on his way to meet him. It had been a long time since Moses had seen Aaron. But God told him, Aaron would be happy to see him. God instructed Moses to tell Aaron what to say.

God sent Jesus to help us do what is right. When we let God help us it is easier to do the things He wants us to do. Can you think of some things God wants you to do.

Prayer Time

1. Take a moment to listen to God.
2. Thank God for sending Jesus to help us do what is right.
3. Ask God to help you do what He says.
4. Pray for friends and family members who may need your help.

Did you know? Preschoolers can be taught to do right and why it is important to do right.

Consider this: Create four stop signs. Have the children pretend they are driving cars at an intersection. Line them up in perpendicular lines (four lines). Select four children to hold up the stop signs. Tell the children who are lined up that they must obey when the person holds up the stop sign. Have the children cross the lines like a car crosses at an intersection. Be sure they take turns. Ask the children what would happen if someone did not obey the stop sign. Remind the children that Moses and Aaron did what God told them to do. Let the children take pictures of stop signs home.

Learning Activities

Memory verse activity— Bring pictures of a mountain and a burning bush. Remind the children that God’s purpose in calling Moses was to save the people He loved. Have the children color pictures of a burning bush. Put the Bible verse on the back. Practice the verse.

Test your memory— Bring a staff and a plastic snake, and pictures representing the plagues. Use the items as you tell the story. Ask the children to retell the story. Focus on the fact that Moses and Aaron were brothers who worked together and did what God told them.

Taste activity— Bring a drink that has a red color (Kool-Aid, Gatorade, etc.) Remind the children that God used Moses and Aaron to cause the Nile River to turn to blood.

Bring Jell-O and put gummy reptiles in it. Talk about the plagues. Remind the children that God was protecting His people.

Think about it — Talk about how difficult it must have been for the Israelites to be slaves. Show the children pictures of pyramids. Find information on the height, weight, etc. of the stones used to make pyramids. Remind the children that the Israelites were slaves for 400 years.

Have the children read a responsive reading. You may use Psalm 136.

If possible watch the movie, Prince of Egypt.

Talk to the children about God’s call to Moses and Aaron. Share your own story.

Touch activity— Bring plastic items that represent the plagues. Use black cloth to represent darkness.

Bring a staff. Tell the children how God spoke to Moses.

Have the children dress up in Egyptian costumes. Tell the story of Moses and Aaron.

Run and play— Write the names of several plagues on construction paper. Select two children who can play the part of Moses and Aaron. Those two will provide a “safe” place. Select children to wear the construction paper with the names of the plagues. Play tag. Have children take turns pretending to be a plague that touches the Egyptians. Remind the children that the plagues did not affect the Israelites.

Listen— As they take time to listen to God, remind the children that the lives of Israelites were changed. They were freed from slavery. Remind that God was us to be free from sin.

Remind the children that God asked Moses to remove the sandals from his feet. The ground Moses was standing on was holy ground. Ask them to remove their shoes as they take time to listen to God.

Sing— Sing “Pharaoh, Pharaoh,” or a song related to the story.

Memory Verse

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ROMANS 9:14

NIRV

Word Art

Trace the letters.

Moses and

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exactly

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commanded.

Word Puzzle

E H W N O Y G E D F I P
P D P T A C U P E H H I
Y D O A B R L N N A Y S
W L R T S A Y G R L E R
Y O I A G S P A R B H A
S Y S U E U O D A A M E
D L E E A H E V H R F L
G S M D S L C T E A O G
S V O H I O B I P R L N
F B T V E E M I A Y E V
E E E S E M N L L O G D
B R T R S E D D N L Y E

HEARD

DELIVER

PHARAOH

ISRAEL

PLAGUES

PASSOVER

EGYPT

MOSES

AARON

Word Puzzle

E	H	W	N	O	Y	G	E	D	F	I	P
P	D	P	T	A	C	U	P	E	H	H	I
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W	L	R	T	S	A	Y	G	R	L	E	R
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HEARD

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ISRAEL

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Word Puzzle for Younger Children

Y E S P E A K N N V Y S
W L S T D G H F T L A D
Y O I F R E E A C I B G
S Y U M I U E C N A W N
D L T E A C H G M I F S
S R M A R F O Y V A L E
N I L O V E B I E K B G
F B T P R C F T E N H V
E E W S E B D L G M O D
B L T R S U N S T A F F

STAFF

TEACH

LOVE

SPEAK

TEN

FREE

Word Puzzle for Younger Children

Y E S P E A K N N V Y S
W L S T D G H F T L A D
Y O I F R E E A C I B G
S Y U M I U E C N A W N
D L T E A C H G M I F S
S R M A R F O Y V A L E
N I L O V E B I E K B G
F B T P R C F T E N H V
E E W S E B D L G M O D
B L T R S U N S T A F F

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Anagram

1. OLDOB

2. RVIRE

3. FATSF

4. SASEVL

5. TROBREH

6. NEKAS

7. CELISRMA

8. GELSUPA

Anagram

1. OLDOB – BLOOD
2. RVIRE – RIVER
3. FATSF – STAFF
4. SASEVL – SLAVES
5. TROBREH – BROTHER
6. NEKAS – SNAKE
7. CELISRMA – MIRACLES
8. GELSUPA – PLAGUES