

Bible Story 10:

MOSES - PART 2: FREEDOM FOR THE ISRAELITES

SCRIPTURE: EXODUS 4:27-31; 5:1-2; 7:10-13,20-21; 8:1-4,16-17,20-21; 9:1-4,8-9,22-23; 10:12,21; 12:3-8,23,29-31,37,50-51

MEMORY VERSE: "GOD IS OUR REFUGE AND STRENGTH, AN EVER-PRESENT HELP IN TROUBLE."
PSALM 46:1 NIV

BIBLE STORY:

The Israelites were slaves in Egypt. (*A slave is forced to work for someone and does not receive any money for working.*) Not only were the Israelites forced to work, but they were badly treated by the king and the people in Egypt.

God spoke to Moses to help lead the Israelite slaves away from Egypt. Moses obeyed. He and his brother Aaron went to speak to Pharaoh, king of Egypt. They asked the king to free the Israelites and let them leave. But the king said: "No!"

Therefore, God sent plagues or bad disasters to the people of Egypt. In order to stop a plague, the king said that he would let the Israelites leave Egypt. Yet, the king would soon change his mind and then not let them go. Then God would send another plague. The plagues were:

1. Water in Nile River changed to blood.
2. Frogs covered the land.
3. Dust became gnats.
4. Flies covered the land.
5. The livestock of the people of Egypt died.
6. Men and animals had boils.
7. Hail smashed everything growing.
8. Locust came and ate everything.
9. Over the land, there were three days of darkness.

Because Pharaoh was so hard and still would not let His people go, God prepared a **tenth plague**.

10. All the Israelites were told to put blood from a lamb on the top and sides of the frames around their doors of their houses. The Israelites obeyed God. At midnight, the Lord struck down the firstborn, the oldest child, in each family and the firstborn of all livestock in Egypt. The angel passed over the houses that had the blood on the doorframes. King Pharaoh cried when his son died. Finally Pharaoh gave permission for the Israelite slaves to leave. Trusting in God, Moses quickly led the Israelites out of Egypt.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What do you like about the story?
2. Is there anything in the story that is hard to understand?
3. Who are the main people in the story?
4. What problems did the people face?
5. How did the people face their problems?
6. How have you faced similar problems?
7. Is there someone in the story who is similar to you or who is different from you?
8. What does the story tell about God?

RETELL THE STORY:

Ask volunteers from the group to retell the story.