

BRING IT HOME

Conversation starters to continue at home what began at Immanuel.

Our desire is to see families use this resource
as you live out Deuteronomy 11:19.

UNIT 4: GOD DELIVERS HIS PEOPLE

God established the Israelites in Egypt through Joseph. Over the course of a few hundred years, the Israelites had grown to the point where the Egyptians were feeling threatened. God's people required a rescuer, and God proved to be the perfect Rescuer and Provider again and again.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION Why does sin separate us from God?

Because God is holy, sin has broken our relationship with God.

KEY PASSAGE: Psalm 34:17

When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles.



AT HOME RESOURCES

November 24 | Session 1 GOD CALLED MOSES | EXODUS 1-4



STORY POINT: God called Moses and promised to help him.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

God saw His people suffering as slaves in Egypt and sent Moses to rescue them. We all suffer as slaves to sin, and God sent Jesus to rescue us by dying and rising again.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

How did God save Moses when he was a baby?

How are we slaves to sin? How does Jesus free us?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

FOR FUN:

Clear an open space in your living room and invite a family member to attempt walking through the room while blindfolded. As they walk, have a non-blindfolded family member guide them using only their voice. Let every family member take turns in each role. After the activity, discuss how God called Moses and promised to be with him wherever he went.

TO SERVE:

Volunteer to rake leaves for neighbors or church members unable to do the work themselves. As your family serves together, discuss how God used Moses to free the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. Remind kids that helping others do what they cannot do for themselves is a great reminder of how Jesus came to rescue us from sin, which we could never do for ourselves.

December 1 | Session 2MOSES CONFRONTED PHARAOH | EXODUS 5-12



STORY POINT:

Pharaoh's hard heart caused the Egyptians to suffer, but God's people were delivered.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Because of Pharaoh's hard heart, Egypt suffered but God's people were saved. Because of Jesus' loving heart, He willingly suffered on the cross so we could be saved from sin. His blood saves us from our sin just as the Passover lamb's blood saved the firstborn of the Israelites.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

What were the ten plagues God sent to Egypt?

How is Jesus our Passover Lamb? (See John 1:29.)

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

FOR FUN:

Play a game of "Plague Charades." Write a few of the plagues or draw scenes that relate to the plagues (swatting flies, realizing you have sores on your arms, being caught in a thunderstorm). Tell a family member to draw a slip of paper and act out the scene while the rest of the family guesses. Review the plagues with your kids and talk about how God used these events to show His power and authority over creation and Pharaoh.

TO SERVE:

Research the foods eaten at a traditional Passover Seder meal and prepare some of those dishes for your family. Invite another family to join you in partaking in the Passover meal. As you eat, talk about the symbolism of the foods and how the Passover meal points to Jesus.

December 8 | Session 3MOSES PARTED THE RED SEA | EXODUS 13-15



STORY POINT:

God performed miracles to rescue the Israelites, and they worshiped Him.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

The Israelites faced certain death, but God miraculously made a way for them to be saved by parting the Red Sea. We are all sinners and face certain death for our sin, but God miraculously made the way for us to be saved by sending Jesus to die in our place for our sin and rise again.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

How did the Israelites show faith in God (Heb. 11:29)?

Why is faith in Jesus the only way to be saved?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

FOR FUN:

Fill a large bowl with water. Use cups or spoons to scoop water from the bowl. Allow kids to use their hands to attempt to 'hold back' the water as it falls into the bowl.

Discuss God's power over creation and how He is the only one who can hold back the waters as He did for the Israelites.

TO SERVE:

Visit a local lake or river to collect trash and debris from the shoreline. Dispose of the trash in appropriate bags or bins. As you stand in front of the body of water, talk with kids about how God parted the waters of the Red Sea. Imagine what it would've been like to see this miracle and how it might have increased your faith in God.

December 15 | Session 4GOD PROVIDED FOR HIS PEOPLE | EXODUS 15-17



STORY POINT:

The Israelites complained to God and Moses, but God still provided exactly what they needed.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

The people complained against Moses and against God, but God still chose to give them the food and water they needed. We are all sinners and are enemies of God, but Christ still chose to die for us so that we might be saved.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

What was special about the Sabbath?

Why can we trust God to provide for our needs?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

FOR FUN:

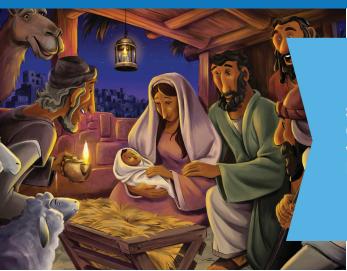
Make a list of things you need to live, like shelter and water. Assign a different family member to read each of the following scriptures: Psalms 81:10, Malachi 3:10, and Philippians 4:19. Discuss how the whole Bible points to God's provision for us through Jesus. We can give thanks because God provides for our needs.

TO SERVE:

Go shopping for supplies to put into a "Care Kit" for those in need. Include items like toothpaste, socks, lip balm, lotion, sanitizer, and bottled water. Place the items in a ziplock bag with a note that says, God loves you. Keep the bag in your car and be ready to give it away the next time you see someone in need.

December 22 | Session 5

JESUS IS OUR GREATEST GIFT | MATTHEW 1; LUKE 2



STORY POINT: God's Son, Jesus, was born in Bethlehem.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

The birth of Jesus was good news! Jesus was not an ordinary baby. He is God's Son, sent to earth from heaven.
Jesus, the promised Savior, came into the world to show us what God is like and to deliver us from sin and death.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

Why was Jesus' birth such good news?

How should we respond to this good news?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

FOR FUN:

Gather a non-breakable nativity and hide the pieces around your house. Once all the pieces are found, open your Bible to Luke 2:1-20 and read the story of Jesus' birth. As you read the story of Christ's birth, encourage children to add pieces to the nativity and re-create the scene. Talk about how Mary, Joseph, and the shepherds may have felt when they heard the good news about Jesus being born.

TO SERVE:

Make Christmas cards for senior adults or those unable to leave their home for Christmas church services. As your child delivers the cards, encourage them to say, "Jesus is the greatest gift. Merry Christmas!"



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