

December 12
In person for 3 & under
At home for 4 & up

GOD CALLED MOSES (EXODUS 1-4)

RECAP

Christ Connection

Preschool: God chose Moses to save God's people from the king of Egypt. God planned and sent Jesus to earth to save people from sin.

Elementary: God saved Moses' life and called him to rescue God's people from slavery. The calling of Moses points to a greater calling and rescue—the call of Jesus to come to earth to save God's people. Jesus gave up His life to save us from slavery to sin.

Big Picture Question:

Does God keep His promises? Yes, God always keeps His promises because He is faithful.

Key Passage & Phrase:

God keeps His promises. Numbers 23:19

PRESCHOOL REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Who were God's people? (*The Israelites*)
2. What name did the Pharaoh's daughter give to the baby she found? (*Moses*)
3. When Moses left Egypt, what was his job? (*a shepherd; he took care of sheep*)
4. What did Moses see on fire one day? (*a bush that was not burning up*)
5. What did God tell Moses to do? (*lead the Israelites out of Egypt*)
6. **Does God keep His promises? Yes, God always keeps His promises.**

ELEMENTARY DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why do you think Moses made excuses when God called him to set the Israelites free?

Help the kids think through the heart of Moses' excuses. Moses likely felt afraid that he'd be killed if he returned to Egypt. He also may have been comfortable in his new life, so he didn't want to give it up to do such a hard job. At the core of any excuse is usually fear or laziness. When asked to do something difficult, we may be afraid of what will happen to us or afraid to fail. We may feel like obedience is too difficult or won't leave us time for what we want.

2. Why did God grow angry with Moses' excuses?

Remind the kids that it isn't wrong to tell God what you think and fear, but help them to see that Moses' excuses were moving beyond telling God about his fear. Moses was basically telling God that he did not think God could be trusted to help him and be with him. God had promised to help Moses, to give Moses power, and to lead Moses. When Moses continued asking God to send someone else, Moses showed he did not trust God's promises.

3. What excuses do you make when you don't want to do what God has commanded?

Guide the kids to start by think about some of the commands we see in the Bible, such as loving our enemies, sharing the gospel, or studying His Word, the Bible. Encourage the kids to be honest about excuses they make, and the fear or laziness that may fuel such excuses. Encourage the kids by reminding them that God loves us and will help us obey.

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THE GOSPEL PROJECT @HOME

FAMILY WORSHIP

Consider doing this during a designated time each week or before/after a meal together:

Read all or parts of Exodus 1-4 from the Bible, talk about the scripture, pray and do the fun activity or family serve project this week.

In 1939, DC Comics introduced a character that would become quite famous: Batman. Batman fought crime and enforced justice for the people of Gotham City. Whenever the peace of Gotham was disturbed by criminals, the bat signal would light up the night sky, calling for Batman to come to the rescue.

As we open the Book of Exodus, we see God speaking to Moses—not through a bat signal but through a burning bush that never burned up. Why would God use such a dramatic sign to get Moses' attention? Because He was calling Moses to something amazing and possibly frightening: to rescue His people from slavery in Egypt.

In Exodus 3:10, God said to Moses, “Therefore, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh so that you may lead my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.” God promised to be with Moses and to supply the power he needed to free the Israelites.

God saved Moses' life and called him to rescue God's people from slavery. The calling of Moses points to a greater calling and rescue—the call of Jesus to come to earth to save God's people. Jesus gave up His life to save us from slavery to sin.

We all love a good rescue story like the ones from comic books, but the story of Jesus' rescue for sinners is 100% true and even more amazing!

***Pray:** God, we praise You because You are great. We see Your great power in the way that You used Moses to rescue the Israelites, and we see Your great love to send Jesus to rescue us from sin. Help us trust that You will be with us and give us the power we need to do what You call us to do.*

FAMILY PRAYER

Mornings

Ask God to help you to be obedient to whatever He calls you to do. Why could Moses trust God and obey the mission He gave him? How can we trust God when He calls us to be a part of His mission?

Evenings

Thank God for loving us enough to speak to us. Ask God for help to listen when He speaks through His Word, through other believers, and through the Holy Spirit. How does God's Word call us to be a part of His mission?

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

For Fun

Challenge a family member to attempt walking through the house blindfolded. While he walks, ask another family member to use her voice to guide the blindfolded family member through the house. Let every family member take a turn in each role. After the activity, discuss how God called Moses and promised to be with him wherever he went.

Supplies: blindfold

To Serve

Volunteer to rake leaves for neighbors or church members who are 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—something we could never do for ourselves.