

**December 19**  
*In person for 3 & under*  
*At home for 4 & up*

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## GOD DELIVERED HIS PEOPLE (EXODUS 5-12)

### RECAP

#### Christ Connection

Preschool: God kept the Israelites safe. Everyone who trusts in Jesus is kept safe from the punishment for sin.

Elementary: By His grace, God spared the Israelites from judgment by requiring the blood of a lamb. Jesus is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. His death was the ultimate sacrifice, and those who trust in Jesus are under His saving blood and will be passed over in the final judgment.

#### 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 did God tell Moses and Moses' brother Aaron to talk to? (*Pharaoh, the king of Egypt*)
2. What did Moses and Aaron tell Pharaoh that the Lord said? (*They said, "This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: Let My people go."*)
3. How many punishments did God send to punish the Egyptians? (*10*)
4. How do you think the Israelites felt when they were finally free? (*Allow preschoolers to answer how they feel the Israelites felt. Possible answers may include thankful, happy, and excited*)
5. **Does God keep His promises? Yes, God always keeps His promises.**

### ELEMENTARY DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. **What did Pharaoh believe about God? How do our beliefs affect how we live?** *Guide kids to recall that Pharaoh did not recognize God as the Lord; he did not submit to God's authority. Discuss how our beliefs directly affect how we live. If we trust God as Lord, we will trust and follow Him even through difficult times. (Option: Choose a volunteer to read John 16:33.)*
2. **What are consequences we might face when we don't listen closely or we choose to disobey?** *Lead kids to think of relational consequences with friends and family. Guide kids to consider the cost of sin in their relationships with God. Remind kids that Jesus' sacrifice pays the cost of our sin so we can have a right relationship with God when we trust in Him. (Option: Choose a volunteer to read John 1:29.)*
3. **How can we help other people recognize God if they don't believe He is real?** *Encourage kids to think of ways we can show God's love to others. Remind kids that Pharaoh did not think he needed God, and God allowed Moses to perform miracles so that Pharaoh would recognize God's power. Guide kids to notice that we can't change people's minds on our own and we need God's help. (Option: Choose a volunteer to read Ezek. 11:19-20.)*

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## FAMILY WORSHIP

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

**Read all or parts of Exodus 5-12 from the Bible, talk about the scripture, pray and do the fun activity or family serve project this week.**

Do you know about foreshadowing? Even if you don't know what it is, you've probably noticed it in your favorite books or movies. *Foreshadowing* is when a writer uses an event—typically early in the story—to give you a hint of something very important that will happen later in the story. Did you know that God also gave us this kind of hint in His story?

The plagues God sent on Egypt were powerful, but the tenth and final plague was the most devastating. Every firstborn son in Egypt died. However, God provided a way for the Israelites to be saved from the plague. He told them to sacrifice a lamb and place the blood of the lamb on the doorposts of their house. When God's angel saw the blood, He would pass over the house and not bring judgment on those inside.

Can you see the foreshadowing hint that God gave us through this story? The lamb's blood was placed vertically on the posts of the door and horizontally on the lintel of the door. The combination of these motions helps us to see the cross. Through God's saving of the Israelites, He points us all to Jesus—the perfect Lamb who was sent to save us from sin!

Like the blood of the lamb that saved the Israelites, Jesus shed his blood for us. It is His sacrifice that allows the judgment of God to pass over all who believe. John the Baptist understood this to be true when he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

**By His grace, God spared the Israelites from judgment by requiring the blood of a lamb. Jesus is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. His death was the ultimate sacrifice, and those who trust in Jesus are under His saving blood and will be passed over in the final judgment.**

*Pray: God, thank You for Your Word and how every story points us to Jesus. Thank You that through Jesus' sacrifice, we do not have to face the punishment for our sin. Help us know Jesus and trust in Him as our hope and salvation.*

## FAMILY PRAYER

### Mornings

Praise God for His presence when we go through difficult times. How did God's presence help the Israelites during the plagues? Why could the Israelites trust God through hard times?

### Evenings

Thank God for the Bible and how every page points us to Jesus as the Savior we need. How is Jesus the hero of God's story?

## FAMILY ACTIVITIES

### For Fun

Research the foods eaten at a traditional Passover Seder supper and prepare some of those dishes for your family. Explain to your kids that the Feast of Passover remembers when God "passed over" the Israelites who placed the blood of the lamb around their doors. As you eat, talk about the symbolism of the foods and how the Passover pointed to Jesus.

Supplies: Passover meal items

### To Serve

Take time this week to celebrate and remember Jesus as the sacrificial lamb who provides for our salvation. Work as a family to create a poster with John 1:29 written out on it that will hang inside your front door. As you pass through that doorway each day, pause to remember how God saved the Israelites and how He sent Jesus as the One who saves.

Supplies: poster board, marker