



**2nd May:**

**MOSES**



Dear Parent/Guardian

The first term of the 2020/2021 Sunday school year we looked into the book of Acts, throughout this we learnt about the first church, and the journey of Paul. Together we looked at how the disciples continued God's mission after Jesus' resurrection. We saw the amazing conversion of Saul to Paul. During the Daniel fast we looked at Galatians, which also referenced Abraham, and the book of Daniel.

During these times we were reminded of the incredible things God did for us all, and the vast history and build up to the event of Jesus on the cross, the event that redeemed us all.

For the rest of the year we will be going back to the start and will be discovering some of the many many incredible people that were involved in the lead up to the resurrection story. We will be going through the old testament and learn about one character each week.

Teaching videos, stories and worksheets, and zoom calls will continue throughout this meet and greet. During the school holiday we have chosen that although Sunday school sessions, whether physical or online, will not run. However, we will be releasing teaching videos and the weekly story and worksheet will be available. We felt that as there are so many stories to learn about this was the best course of action to help your children learn the most that they can.

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-The Children's Team

# Moses

## Exodus

Years after Joseph and his brothers and Jacob (now called Israel) moved to Egypt a new king began to rule Egypt. This king did not know who Joseph was and feared the number of Israelites that were now in Egypt. Because he was afraid that the Israelites could overpower the Egyptians, he decided to make life hard for them. The new king decided that the Israelites would become their slaves and made them build the cities of Pithom and Rameses for the king. Even though life was hard for them, they kept having children and growing in number. So, the King said to kill any baby boy.

One day a man and woman from the family of Levi had a baby boy. They knew the king said to kill all the baby boys, so they hid him in a basket that would float and put him in the tall grass of the River Nile. The king's daughter then came to the river and found the basket. When she opened it she found the boy, she saw that he was a Hebrew boy and felt sorry for him. The boy's sister had been hiding nearby, watching what had happened. She offered to find a Hebrew woman to nurse the boy. The King's daughter agreed, then adopted the baby as her own and called him Moses.

Moses grew up in the palace and when he was a man he went to visit the Hebrews, his people. He saw how badly they were treated and an Egyptian beating one. Something angered Moses so he killed the Egyptian and hid his body. He thought no one had seen, but the Hebrews knew what he had done. When the king found out what Moses had done, he tried to kill him but Moses ran away to live in the Midian.

Whilst he lived in Midian, Moses lived with a man named Jethro. Jethro gave his daughter, Zipporah to marry Moses. They had a son named Gershom.

Whilst this was happening, in Egypt the king died. But things got worse for the Israelites. They cried for help and God heard them. He acted on the agreement he had made with Abraham, that was passed through his sons. God began to help the Egyptians.

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God went to Moses and spoke to him in the form of a burning bush. God told Moses that he had seen the troubles of the ancestors of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, God's people. God told Moses that he had come down to help them. God told Moses to go back to Egypt and bring his people out. He told Moses that He would be with him and help him. And that when they leave He would make the Egyptians give them gifts so they would take the treasures of Egypt with them.

After finally trusting that God would be with him, Moses went back to Egypt. He took his wife and son and the walking stick that God had given him. On his way Zipporah circumcised their son to bring them into living under God agreement with Abraham. Moses then met Aaron on Mount Sinai and then the elders of the Israelites and told them what God had said and showed them the miracles God had given Moses to do. They heard that God was concerned about them, so they worshiped Him.

Moses and Aaron then went to the King of Egypt and told him that God of Israel said 'Let my people go'. But the King did not know God, so he did not let the Israelites go. The king then made the Israelites work harder. Because of this, the Israelites became angry with Aaron and Moses. God then sent Moses and Aaron to go back to the King. He told them that He would do many miracles in Egypt, then everyone would know who God was.

So Aaron and Moses who were 83 and 80 years old, went back to the King. God showed his power by turning Aaron's stick into a snake. The king brought in his magicians to copy God's miracle. When their sticks turned into snakes, God made Aaron's snake eat them. This was the start of God's miracles in Egypt, to show his power. Next God turned the water into blood, next he sent frogs to over-run the land. Then Gnats, Flies, Diseases to the farm animals, Boils, Hail, Locusts, Darkness, and finally the death of the firstborn. God warned the Israelites and told them to cover their doorways in blood so death would pass over their household. Each plague that God sent Moses and Aaron asked for God's people to be let go. Finally, when the King was mourning the loss of his son, he sent Moses and God's people away. The Israelites finally left Egypt and went towards the promised land.

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**The Israelites left, after living in Egypt for 430 years. There were 600'000 men walking, this count did not include women and children. Both Israelites and many others who were not from Israel went with them. As well as many livestock. They also took the bones of Joseph, as he had requested. God showed them the way to go as a cloud during the day and a pillar of fire at night. God told them that the King would come for them, but God would help defeat the king, so that everyone would know His glory.**

**So whilst the Israelites were leaving, the King came for them. Because they had been slaves for hundreds of years this was all they knew, so they were afraid and wanted to go back to Egypt and live as slaves again. But Moses told them to not be afraid, because God would help them. When they reached the sea God told Moses to raise his hand and it would part. So Moses did this, and all the Israelites were able to walk through the sea on dryland. The Egyptian army followed them, but God told Moses to hold his hand over the water again, this time the waves crashed down and swept the Egyptians into the sea. Not one of the Egyptians survived. Because the Israelites got out safe and dry they trusted God and Moses because he obeyed God.**

**As they traveled to the land God had promised them, the people became thirsty. God showed Moses a tree to throw into the water that would make it safe to drink. So he did and the people drank. They then became hungry, and again God gave them food because he heard their grumbling. God gave them plenty each day, but some did not trust God and gathered food to save for the next day. Because they did not trust God to provide each day, the food they saved was rotten and had worms in it. Moses reminded them that God is God and would provide so they needed to trust Him.**

**Sometime later they began to grumble again, against Moses and God. They wanted water, so God told Moses to hit a rock with a stick and water would come. Enemies came and God helped them defend Israel.**

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**God then called Moses to Mount Siani and gave him the Ten commandments. He spoke to Moses about how He wanted His people to live. When Moses returned to the people he found they had built other Gods and were worshipping them, they were not living the way God wanted them to live. Even though they had seen God's great power, they still did not trust God the way they should.**

**God called for them to change their ways and obey him. He set up Alters for them to bring sacrifices, and a tent for them to meet and worship Him. He then called for them to always have a day of rest on the Sabbath, just like God had when he created the earth.**

**However, they kept going back to refusing God's commands because they were full of fear. God brought them to the boarder of the promised land. Moses sent spies into the land, but the rest of the people were fearful so rebelled against God and refused to enter the land. Because of this God said that no one from the fearful generation would enter the promised land.**

**The Israelites then wandered the desert for 40 years until finally when the last of the fearful generation led into the promised land by Joshua. They crossed the River Jordan with the Ark of the Covenant which had been made for people to use to meet with God.**

**Because Moses had not fully trusted God, he did not enter the promised land either.**

# Take-Away

Do not fear, obey God.

Throughout Moses' life we can see that there is a big factor about trusting God.

First his mother when she put him in the river. Then when Moses was a man and trying to free God's people.

Then running away from the Egyptian's.

Finally when the Israelites were in the wilderness.

We can see what happens when we do not trust God, we do not get to the Promised Land.

We can also see the God is with the Israelites, even when they do not see him, or know He is there. God didn't leave them.

Prayer:

Is there a situation that you are in that you need God's help in?

Do you think he has left you?

Speak to God and ask Him what He wants you to do. Or ask Him about a time you could not feel him with you and ask Him to show you when He was there.

**Activity:**

**Draw what you think God looks like.  
The Israelites worshipped a cow, God is better  
than a cow.**