

■ Bible Love Lesson ▶

Even though you are still a child, sometimes your mother says, "You're so **strong**!"

God made your body wonderful to do many things. He wants you to be strong so you can run and jump and help your parents. God loves you and will give you strength to do what He wants you to do.

Bible Story: Living in Egypt

from Exodus 1



Key Points

- Jacob's family lived in Egypt for a long time. Soon there were many people!
- God gave these people a special name. They were called the children of Israel, or Israelites.
- The new king in Egypt did not remember Joseph and did not like the children of Israel. He made them slaves.
- God helped His people stay strong.

For a very long time, the people from Jacob's family lived in Egypt. There were many people from this family. They were called the children of Israel (Israelites). God gave them that special name from the time of Jacob.

The Pharaoh who had known Joseph died, and there were other kings that ruled. These kings did not remember all the good things Joseph had done in saving their people from **starving** when there was no food in the land.

The king who was ruling in Egypt thought there were too many Israelites in his land. He was afraid that they would become so strong that they would fight against him. He said, "I will make them my slaves and **force** them to work hard so they will not be strong." But the children of Israel did not become weak. They just became stronger. They were becoming a great nation. God was with them.

Word and Phrase Meanings

strong: to have power or energy

starving: to be very hungry

force: to make someone do something they don't want to do

"I AM WHO I AM": the name God gives Himself. This means that God always was

and always will be—forever and ever!

Thank-you, God, for being with Your people and making them strong.

No one—not even a king on earth can be greater than You! Amen.

Questions: Thinking & Remembering

- 1. Who lived in Egypt? **the people from Jacob's family**
- 2. What were these people called? **the children of Israel or Israelites**
- 3. Who gave them this special name? **God**
- 4. What did the new kings not remember? **the good things Joseph had done**
- 5. What had Joseph done in Egypt?

 He helped save the people from starving when there was no food.

- 6. What did the king think about the children of Israel? **There were too many.**
- 7. What plan did he have for keeping them from being strong?

 He made them slaves and made
- 8. Did his plan work? **No, they became stronger.**

them work very hard.

9. Who was with them? **God**



Bible Words to Remember

"Fear not, for I am with you." (Isaiah 41:10) God said, "I AM WHO I AM." (Exodus 3:14) "I will certainly be with you." (Exodus 3:12)

Choosing God's Way



Being Sensitive

Being sensitive is trying to understand how someone else feels. There are many times when we all feel like we need a little extra love. You want someone to notice that you are sad.

What does it mean to be sensitive?

Do you ever feel like you need an extra hug?

How can you show someone some extra love when they are sad?

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When you were just a tiny baby, your mother held you in her arms and wanted to always keep you safe. God planned for your mother and father to love with this special love. He wanted you to be protected in the very best way. God will love you and **protect** you—even when your parents are not with you. God is your wonderful heavenly Father!

Bible Story: A Baby Boy

from Exodus 2

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Key Points

- Because God's people were so strong, the king was angry.
- The king wanted to kill all the baby boys.
- A family thought of a plan to save their baby boy.
- God protected the baby who was named Moses by the princess who found him.

The king in Egypt was angry. He tried to make the Israelites weak by making them work hard. But there were more and more of them—and they were strong! So the king **ordered** that all of the baby boys who were Israelites be killed.

One family who trusted God thought of a plan to save their baby. First, the mother hid the baby for as long as she could. She loved him and took good care of him very quietly. Then she made a special basket bed that would float on the water. Carefully she laid her precious baby into the basket and took it to the river. The baby's sister stayed close by in the bushes to watch and see what would happen.

Soon, the **princess** of Egypt came to the river with her **maids**. She listened—yes, she thought she heard a baby crying. The princess and her maidens **discovered** the beautiful baby boy inside the basket. The princess wanted to keep this baby as her own! This baby's name was Moses. God was taking care of this baby.

Word and Phrase Meanings

protect: to keep safe from harm

ordered: to tell what to do

princess: the daughter of a king or queen

maids: girl servants

discovered: to find

Dear God, Thank-you for mothers and fathers who care for us. You are a wonderful God to give us families who love us. Amen.

Questions: Thinking & Remembering

- 1. Why was the king in Egypt angry? **The people of Israel were strong.**
- 2. What was the king's order? **that all of the baby boys be killed**
- 3. What did Moses' mother try first to save her baby?

She hid him for as long as she could.

- 4. What did she do after hiding him?

 She made a basket bed that would float on the water.
- 5. Who stayed close by in the bushes to watch?

the baby's sister

- 6. Who came to the river? **the princess and her maids**
- 7. What sound did she hear? *a baby crying*
- 8. What did the princess want to do? **keep the baby as her own**
- 9. What was the baby's name? **Moses**
- 10. Who was taking care of Moses? **God**



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Feeling Special

There are many people who care when you are feeling sad. Maybe your dad will say, "How about a game of ball outside?" Your mom might notice and say, "Do you want to call Grandma and talk to her?" Grandma and Grandpa can always make you feel special.

Who notices you when you are feeling unhappy? Does it help to know that there are people who care?

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God always wants you to work hard and do your very best. Saying "I can't" is like saying "I won't!" God can help you because He loves you, and His promise is that He will be with you. He is with you when you choose to obey your parents when your friend is telling you not to. Don't give up, know that you can do it if you try!

Bible Story: God's Leader

from Exodus 3-4



Key Points

- God had a special plan for Moses.
- God talked to Moses from a burning bush.
- God told Moses to take His people away from Egypt to their own land.
- God promised Moses that He would be with him.

God had a special job for Moses to do. It would be very hard but God would be with him. One day something very **strange** happened. A voice came from out of a bush that was full of fire! Moses listened. Could it really be true? Was he hearing a voice from this bush that was on fire but was not burning up?

The voice said to Moses, "God is talking to you!" Moses was afraid, but he kept listening to the voice of God. God said, "My people are **suffering** in Egypt. I am sending you to the king to tell him to let My people go from Egypt to a new land to be free to worship Me."

Moses said to God, "The people will not listen to me. I don't think they will believe that You sent me. I do not speak very well. Please send someone else to do this hard thing!" God said, "Moses, I will help you."

God gave Moses the power to do **miracles** to show the king that God was with Moses. God sent Aaron, the brother of Moses, to help him speak to the king. God would tell him what to say.

Word and Phrase Meanings

strange: very unusual or different from the ordinary

suffering: to have pain and difficulty

miracles: things only God can do

Dear God, Help us to obey You and do what You want us to do, even if it is hard. We know that You will be with us to help us. Amen.

Questions: Thinking & Remembering

- God had a special job for Moses to do. Was it easy or hard? It was a hard job.
- 2. In what strange way did God talk to Moses?

from a burning bush

- 3. What was so unusual about the bush that was on fire?

 It did not burn up.
- 4. What did the voice say to Moses? "God is talking to you!"
- 5. How did Moses feel? **He was afraid.**
- 6. Why did God want Moses to do this job? His people were suffering in Egypt.

- 7. What did God want Moses to do? tell the king to let the people go to a new land
- 8. Why did Moses think that God should send someone else?

He thought that the people wouldn't listen to him. He didn't think the people would believe him. He told God that he didn't speak very well.

- 9. What did God tell Moses? "I will help you."
- 10. What power did God give Moses to show the king?
 the power to do miracles



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God Cares

You can always tell God when you are feeling sad. He will always be with you, and He always loves you.

Who can you tell when you are sad?
Who always loves you and is always with you?

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Isn't it wonderful that you can know who God is? In God's Book, the Bible, God tells you of His power. He tells you that He loves you. He tells you that He will be with you—and much, much more! I'm glad we can know about God and that we can love Him!

Bible Story: The King Who Said "No" to God

from Exodus 5-11

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Key Points

- The king did not want to let the children of Israel leave Egypt.
- He made them work even harder.
- God said, "I will keep My promise. My people will leave Egypt."
- Many times, the king said, "No!" But God showed His power, and the king finally let them go.

Moses obeyed God and went to the Pharaoh of Egypt. He told Pharaoh what God wanted him to say, but Pharaoh said, "I do not know who your God is!" Because he was angry that Moses had **disturbed** him with this order that he must let the people of Israel go, he made the slaves work harder.

God said to Moses, "I will keep My promise. Pharaoh and his people will know that I am the God of Israel. When I show My power, the king will obey and let the people out of the land of Egypt."

God sent ten terrible things to happen in Egypt:

- 1. The water in the rivers turned to blood.
- 2. The land was covered with frogs.
- 3. The dust all over the land became lice.
- 4. Flies covered all the people and bit them.
- 5. The cattle and other animals of the Egyptians died.
- 6. The Egyptians had terrible sores all over their bodies.
- 7. Thunderstorms **ruined** everything that was outside.
- 8. **Locusts** came and ate all the growing things.
- 9. Egypt was full of darkness for three days.
- 10. The oldest child from each family died.

Ten times the king was given a chance to believe God. Finally, when his son died, he knew how powerful God was. He said, "Go!"

Word and Phrase Meanings

disturbed: bothered: irritated

lice: very small insects that live on animals or people

ruined: destroyed

locusts: large grasshoppers

Dear God, Help us to believe in Your power and Your love. We know that You will always keep Your promises. Amen.

Questions: Thinking & Remembering

- 1. What did the king tell Moses?

 "I do not know who your God is."
- 2. What did Moses tell the king God wanted him to do?

to let the people of Israel go out from Egypt

3. What did Pharaoh make the people of Israel do?

work harder

4. What did God tell Moses about His promise?

He would keep His promise.

5. What would God show king Pharaoh? **His power**

6. How many terrible things happened in Egypt?

ten

- 7. How many times did Pharaoh have a chance to listen and obey God? **ten**
- 8. How many times did he say, "No"? **nine**
- 9. When did he finally say that the people could go?

when his son died

10. What did Pharaoh know?

He knew how powerful God was.



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Concern for Others

Try to notice when a friend or someone you know needs extra love. If your friend is feeling bad, tell them you care. Ask how you can help. Share a smile and a hug.

How can you know if someone needs extra love? What can you do to make a friend feel better?

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It is sometimes hard to listen. You want to do things your own way and not have anyone tell you not to do what you want to do. But God wants you to listen. He does not want you to do wrong things or do anything that will hurt you.

God loves you so much!

Bible Story: Leaving Egypt

from Exodus 13-15



Key Points

- Moses led the people out of Egypt. They were going to their own land!
- When the king came after the people, God showed His power again.
- God made a dry path across the sea for them to escape.
- The people thanked God for taking care of them.

God's people, the Israelites, were ready! They were going to a new land! God would show them the way. During the day God set a huge cloud in the front of the people for them to follow. At night He sent a pillar of fire to lead them. They soon came to the Red Sea. But what was the noise they heard? It was Pharaoh and his **army** coming after them! They were **trapped!** The people started to cry and complain to Moses. They wondered how God could keep His promise.

Moses told the people, "Do not be afraid. God will fight for us." Then God told Moses to lift up his **rod** over the sea. Moses obeyed. Immediately the sea opened up, and there was dry land to walk across. The people walked to the other side, and when they were safe, the waters closed again over Pharaoh and his army.

Moses and the people of Israel sang a song to God. They thanked Him for taking them out of Egypt and saving them from Pharaoh. God always keeps His promises!

Word and Phrase Meanings

army: large group of soldiers

trapped: to be in a place where one cannot get out of

rod: a long straight thick stick or pole made of wood

Dear God, Thank-you for always keeping Your promises. Help us not to worry. We want to believe You and trust You. Help us to listen and obey because we know that You love us and are taking care of us. Amen.

Questions: Thinking & Remembering

- 1. Where were God's people ready to go? **to a new land**
- 2. Who would show them the way? **God**
- 3. What was the name of the sea they came to?

the Red Sea

- 4. What did they hear?

 the noise from Pharaoh and his
 army coming after them
- 5. Did they wonder how God could keep His promise?

Yes, they thought they were trapped.

- 6. What did God tell Moses to do? **to lift his rod over the sea**
- 7. When Moses obeyed God's command, what happened?

The sea opened up and there was dry land to walk across.

8. What happened when they were safe on the other side?

The sea closed up over the Egyptians.

- 9. What did the people do to show that they were thankful to God?

 They sang a song to Him.
- 10. Does God always keep His promises? **yes**



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Activity Time

Draw a picture to help you remember all that you learned this week about the life of Moses.