

# The Story

## Moses: The Exit

Sherwood Oaks Christian Church

Week of October 26, 2008

### Family Activity Ideas

The following questions can be asked and talked about around the dinner table or in the minivan on the way to the pumpkin patch at church (open noon till dark through October 31.)

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Grab "The Story" and read chapter 8, or chapter 4 in "The Story for Kids." (Or check out the first 14 chapters in Exodus.)

You may already know that after Joseph's whole family moved down to Egypt, they settled there and had children. And more children. And more. Eventually, there were so many that a later Pharaoh of Egypt who never knew Joseph saw these Israelites as a potential threat. He put slavemasters over them to work them hard and keep them in line.

1. What do you want to be when you grow up? What kind of jobs would you like to have?
2. Now imagine that you were a slave long ago in Egypt. Even if you wanted to grow up to be an architect or doctor or teacher or astronaut, all you would might be allowed to do is work all day making bricks or moving large stones for pyramids or working in the fields for the Pharaoh.  
**What would be hard about a life like that?**
3. God had a plan all along to have a man named Moses lead those slaves out of Egypt. But first, Moses had to be born. The things that happened at Moses' birth may be different from yours.  
**What was different about Moses' birth and early years?**
4. When God told Moses (after he grew up) to go talk to Pharaoh and tell him to "let my people go," Moses didn't feel he was smart enough or spoke well enough to convince Pharaoh to do that.  
**What things do you think YOU can't do?** (play a certain sport, whistle, sing, beat a video game?)  
**How do you handle it when you are unable to do something.**
5. Remember the 10 plagues? (water turned to blood, frogs, gnats, flies, dead animals, boils, hail, locusts, darkness, death of the firstborn.) All of the plagues happened for the Egyptian people, but NOT for the Israelite slaves.  
**What do you think the Egyptians learned about God through the plagues?**  
**What do you think the Israelite slaves learned about God through the plagues?**
6. Finally, Pharaoh let all the slaves go. And God even parted the Red Sea for the slaves to escape through on dry land. They saw a lot of miracles.  
**Do these miracles help you trust in God that can take care of YOU too?**

You can pray using your own prayer, or saying one like this:

Dear God, Thank you for loving the Israelite slaves and for hearing them calling to you for help. I thank you that you hear our prayers today as well and that you take care of us.

Amen.