

BRINGING THE STORY HOME

Week of October 8, 2017

Timeless Truth: God reveals his name, power and plan for his glory.

Bible Basis: Exodus 1-7; 10-17

The Story for Kids Weekly Reading:

Chapter 4 – Out of Egypt

Memory Verse: Moses wasn't very proud at all. In fact, he had less pride than anyone else on the face of the earth. Numbers 12:3



TABLE TALK

NOTE: These questions are designed to help prompt discussion among a wide range of ages. Please adapt them as they best fit YOUR family.

- In this part of The Story, God reveals his name to Moses. Why are names important? Can you imagine what life would be like if people did not have names? Why is it important that God reveals his name to us?
- In this part of The Story, we also see God reveal his plan for leading the Israelites out of slavery and that Moses had a key role in this plan! How does Moses feel about this plan? Does he feel qualified for the job? Why or why not? Does God think Moses is qualified for the job? Why or why not?
- Have you ever been asked to do something that you didn't know you could do or felt unqualified to do? What was it? How did it turn out? How can we learn to see ourselves as God sees us?
- What does this week's chapter tell us about God's character and what is important to him?

EXTRA MILE

- Grab a flashlight and bring your family to a dark room or turn off the lights (or go outside at night). Explain that according to the bible, God led the Israelites at night with a pillar of fire (Exodus 13:21). By following the pillar of fire at night and the pillar of cloud during the day, God's people always knew exactly where to go. Tell your family that you're going to play a game of "Reverse Hide and Seek." Instead of one person counting and everybody else hiding, the person holding the flashlight will hide and everybody else will count. Have a parent hide first, holding flashlight, but turned off. After everybody counts to 20, let them search for the person hiding. Once that person is found, let him/her hide again. This time after everybody has counted, wait a couple of minutes and then turn on the flashlight before anybody finds you. With the flashlight on, allow every family member to get to you. Let other family members take turns hiding.
When you're finished ask:
 - Were you ever scared of being stuck in the dark and not knowing where to go?
 - Was it easier to find the hidden person when the flashlight was on or off?
 - How does God shine his "flashlight" today, so it's easier for us to follow him?
 - God's "flashlight" is on all the time. How does it make you feel to know you can go to him whenever you're in need?
 - The Bible says, "You are the light because of what the Lord has done. Live like children of the light" (Ephesians 5:8). What are some ways we can live as children of the light?

PRAYER TIME

Dear God, You are a powerful God! Thank you for revealing your name to us and for loving us no matter what. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



The Story for Kids 3x Week Reading Plan

DAY 1

Reading: God's Choice, page 28 through break on page 32 (6 1/2 mins)

This reading covers: Exodus 1-4

Summary: God can use anyone he chooses.

Do together: Play a game where doing things simultaneously gets harder and harder. Pat your head. Now pat your head and rub your stomach. Now pat your head, rub your stomach, and stick your tongue in and out. Now Pat your head, rub your stomach, stick your tongue in and out, and bounce on one leg. Finally, pat your head, rub your stomach, stick your tongue in and out, bounce on one leg, and keep turning to face a different wall.

Think about: There are some things we feel comfortable doing because we can do them well, like just patting our heads. There are some things that are harder to do, like that last combination maneuver! What is a subject or an activity that you have to work hard at? Sometimes God asks us to do something that we're not comfortable with or don't come easily, just like he asked Moses to be a leader. God knew that Moses was the right person to do the job. Moses was afraid, but he did it because he knew God was with him. God has chosen every one of us for certain tasks and he promises to be with us, too!

Prayer: Holy Spirit, please be with us so we can do what you have chosen for us to do. In Jesus' name. Amen.

DAY 2

Reading: God is in Charge, break on page 32 through break on page 38 (9 mins)

This reading covers: Exodus 5-14

Summary: By bringing his people out of Egypt, God shows that he is in charge of everything.

Do together: Play 'King (or Queen) Says' (the same as 'Simon Says'). Have the leader refer to him or herself as King or Queen (ie King Luke says hop on one foot, or Queen Cindy says clap three times). End the game by explaining that a King or a Queen is always in charge. He or she makes up the rules and people obey.

Think about: Pharaoh was the King of Egypt and thought he got to make the rules about whether or not God's people could leave. But who is really in charge of everything and everybody, even the kings and queens? How did God show his power over Pharaoh? God's has given us rules for how to live our lives because he loves us. When we follow his rules, we can live the life God designed for us.

Prayer: God, you are our King. Thank you for loving us and being in charge of everything we do. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

DAY 3

Reading: Trusting God Everyday – Break on page 38 through end of chapter (2 mins)

This reading covers: Exodus 15-17

Summary: God wants us to depend on him every day.

Do together: Draw a "My Food Comes From" chart. At the bottom of the page have everyone draw a picture of their favorite fruit. Next draw an arrow pointing upward and draw a picture of the tree or bush it comes from. Finally, draw another arrow pointing up to a picture that symbolizes God – perhaps a rainbow, a smiling sun, or the word "God."

Think about: Just as God made sure the people of Israel had meat and bread to eat, he also provides us with what we need to live every day. What are some other things besides food that God gives our family? Did you notice how the Israelites complained a lot? How do you think that made God feel?

Prayer: Father, thank you for the food we eat and for everything else you give us. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.