

Lesson 39: The Israelites Escape from Egypt

Exodus 11:1–12:36

Youtube Link: <https://youtu.be/ffsn-i-TPso>

Children's Bible Story Video: <https://youtu.be/8rgqmLouOls>

Worship Theme: God's freedom lasts forever for us.

Memory Verse: "So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." (John 8:36)

Songs (Youtube links):

1. Hosanna In the Highest <https://youtu.be/QWQ47zCVaCw>
2. In the name of Jesus <https://youtu.be/0b41QksexPE>
3. When the Spirit of the Lord <https://youtu.be/RODHIMCRzw4>

Prayer

Song:

Icebreaker: "Trap"



1. Choose about 5-6 children and have them stand in a circle, hand-in-hand.
2. Choose 1 child and place him in the center of the circle.
3. The object of the game is to trap the child in the middle and keep him from escaping from the circle.
4. After the game: How did it feel to be trapped? What did you feel like doing when you were trapped? (Repeat the game if you have time.)

Introduction:

Today, we will learn about how God freed the Israelites from Egypt. We're not living in slavery, so you may think that we don't need to be freed. Sometimes people suffer injustice and suffer from those who are powerful. Even in today's society, some people are oppressed by powerful people. But sins, worries, and fears are all things that can keep us from being free. They make us feel unhappy, sad, or worried. Sometimes we think one little sin like telling a lie is no big deal. But then one lie leads to another. And another. And another. Pretty soon we're tangled up in a web of lies. We may feel like no one can free us from the many lies that we've told. But God forgives and free us when we say we're sorry. God lets us start fresh. Let's find out how God has freed the Israelites from Egypt!

Bible Story:

Long ago, God's people, the Israelites, were trapped in Egypt by Pharaoh, the wicked ruler. He made them work as slaves for more than 400 years. God's people cried out for help, and God finally answered them! God sent Moses to set his people free. He sent nine plagues upon the Egyptians, but Pharaoh still refused to let the people go.

The 10th and final plague was a horrible one. God said the firstborn son of every family that did not obey him would die. Pharaoh and most of the Egyptians didn't believe Moses' message. God had a plan to protect his people and anyone who believed him.

He told Moses to have each family kill a perfect lamb and put some of the blood on the top and on both sides of the door frame of their house.

The plague would pass over every house that had blood on it, and those houses would not be harmed. The lamb, which was innocent, died so they could be protected and saved. This was a symbol of what was to come—the true Lamb of God, Jesus, who died on a cross to free us from our sins. Pharaoh and the Egyptians could choose to be protected, too, but they didn't believe Moses.

The Lord struck down all the firstborn in Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh, who sat on the throne, to the firstborn of the prisoner who was in the dungeon, and the firstborn of all the livestock as well (Ex. 12:29). But God protected all the Israelite people because they obeyed and put a mark on their doors. Then Pharaoh finally let them go. The Israelites were finally free!

Questions to discuss:

1. How many plagues were there in total? (10 plagues)
2. What was the 10th plague? (The Lord struck down all the firstborn in Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh, who sat on the throne, to the firstborn of the prisoner who was in the dungeon, and the firstborn of all the livestock as well.)
3. Why did the first born of Pharaoh and the Egyptians die? (Because Pharaoh was stubborn and did not allow the Israelites to leave.)
4. What are some things in life that can trap us? (sin, worries, fear, lies, bad behaviors, etc.) Who can free us from such trap? (Jesus!)

Game: God Can Free Us!



1. Make a paper chain together as long as you can (connect everyone's chain together)
2. Pick a volunteer.
3. Have the students yell out some things that can trap us and wrap the volunteer child with the chain as things are yelled out by the children.
4. Once the entire chain has been wrapped around the child, remind the students that no matter how strong the chain of sin or fear or worries are, God can free us.
5. Tell the volunteer child to break the chains as the rest of the children yell, "God can free us!"

Memory Verse: "So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." (John 8:36)

Song: Select songs from the list above

Prayer

Teacher's Devotion (Please read before you get ready to teach the students.)

We are all held captive by sin until God sets us free. Because of Jesus, we have new life and can grow closer to him every day. The Bible story in this lesson is our story. Once we were slaves to sin and living in darkness. Now Jesus' blood protects us from death and assures our eternal life. Pray: "Thank you, Jesus, for your sacrifice for my freedom and for my life."