

FAMILY LESSON: MOSES

God's Covenant with a Nation



Lent 2021 - Lesson 4

"I am the LORD your God." ~ Exodus 20

Find a special time each week during Lent for your family to learn about these important Biblical figures who have made covenants with God throughout the Old Testament. We will provide weekly lessons to accompany each covenant and the video series.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, we seek to be obedient to your will, even though the way is sometimes hard and the path narrow. Teach us to be like Moses and have trust in your ways and faith in your incredible promises. Help us to look for you in "burning bushes" throughout our day, for we know you are always there. *Amen.*

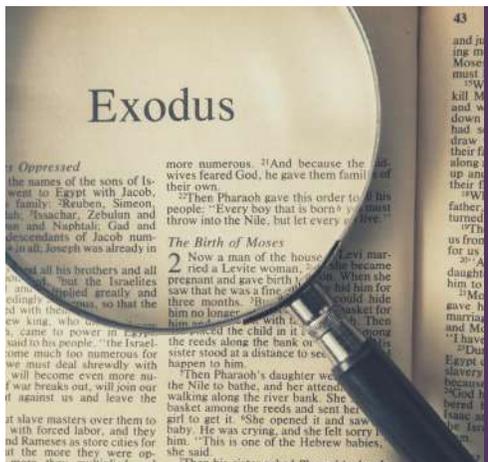
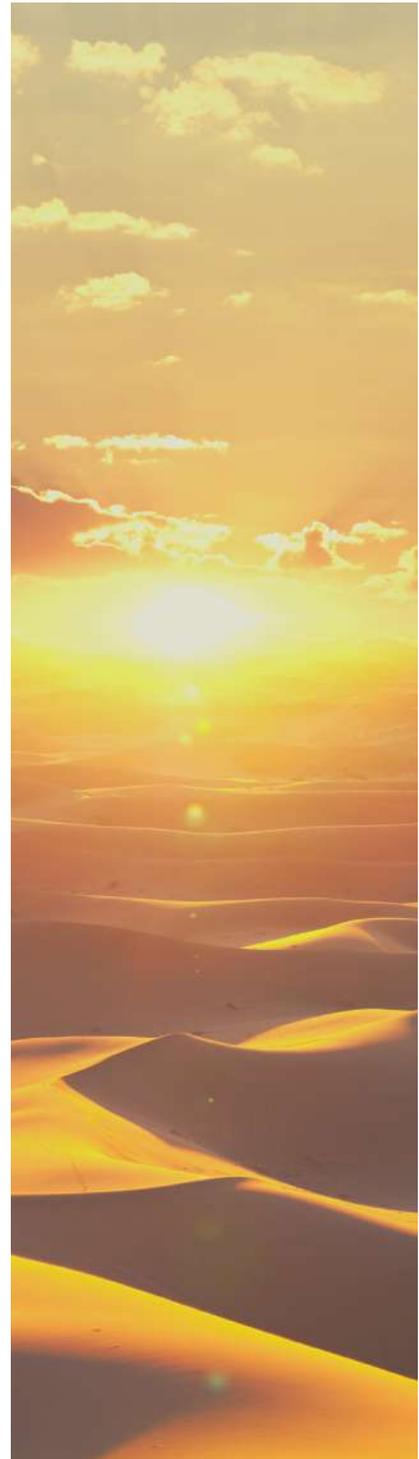
BACKGROUND INFORMATION

After God speaks to Moses through the burning bush, Moses leads the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt. Following their escape through the Red Sea and Egypt, God gives the nation of Israel the Law, including the Ten Commandments. These laws guided all parts of the Israelites' lives and were part of the Covenant promise they made with God. These Commandments free us all to set our eyes on God and live as we were created to live, as His children and in His image.

Their journey to the Promised Land proved difficult for the Israelites and they came to doubt God's plan for them. Their failure led to forty years of wandering in the desert while a new generation learned to walk in faith and trust God. They eventually made it to the land God promised them, for God always keeps his promises.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS - YOUNGER STUDENTS

1. How would you describe Moses?
2. How did God first come to Moses? Does this surprise you? Where can we see God?
3. Do you think Moses was scared when he told Pharaoh to let his people go? What are things you are scared of? How can God help us in our fear?
4. Moses, with the help of God, split the Red Sea in two! Does God still work in powerful ways today?
5. How many of the 10 Commandments can you name? What do you think is the most important one? Why do you think God gave the Nation of Israel these rules? Why do we have rules today?
6. What was your favorite part in the story of Moses?



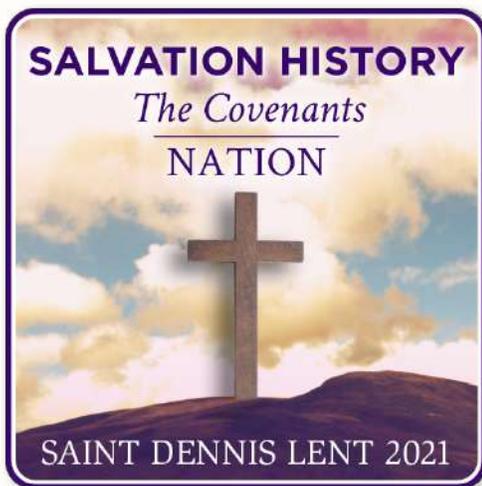
Scripture - Exodus

This entire story is worth reading but here are three important parts:

- Burning Bush - 2:23**
- Passover - 12**
- Parting of Red Sea - 13:10**
- Ten Commandments - 20:1-17**

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS - OLDER STUDENTS

1. This is the fourth covenant we have studied in Lent. God makes this Covenant with who? (The Israelite Nation)
2. When God speaks from the burning bush, where does He send Moses and why? How would you have responded if you were Moses?
3. What do you think about this statement: "God comes to us in 'burning bushes' all the time, we just are too busy to notice them."
4. Passover is a major Jewish holiday even still today. It's origins are from this story of Moses and the Israelites leaving Egypt. Can you figure out where this holiday comes from?
5. God gave Moses and his nation the Ten Commandments to follow. What kind of false gods do the Ten Commandments free us from today? Do you think the Ten Commandments can still apply to us today? How so?



VIDEO LINKS

Click on text to link to video.

1. PRINCE OF EGYPT - THIS MOVIE IS FANTASTIC! IT IS WORTH PURCHASING THROUGH STREAMING SERVICES.

2. SADDLEBACK KIDS - MOSES IN WILDERNESS
(PRESCHOOL - GRADE 5)

3. THE BIBLE PROJECT - EXODUS PART 1 & 2
(GRADE 6 AND UP - PART 1)
(PART 2)

FAMILY ACTIVITY

Burning Bush Prayer Tree

Find a way to create a "tree" in your house whether it be finding a branch outside and sticking it in a vase, making a paper one on a door...get creative. Pinterest is great for these ideas! Cut up pieces of yellow, red and orange paper (leaf shapes are even better). Read the story of Moses and the burning bush together as a family and encourage everyone to look for God throughout their day...looking for those "burning bush moments." Every few days, gather your family back to your tree, share where you saw God and add "leaves" to your burning bush. You may choose to write down these moments on each leaf or leave them blank, whatever your family is most comfortable with. After a few weeks, your burning bush should be quite full...reinforcing the idea that God is truly everywhere, we just need to look carefully!

