

THE
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Unit 4, Session 1

Joseph Sent to Egypt

Genesis 37

Story Point: Joseph's brothers sold him into slavery.

Jacob had 12 sons, but his favorite son was Joseph. Joseph's brothers saw that Jacob loved Joseph most, and they hated Joseph.

One day, Joseph dreamed that he and his brothers were putting together bundles of grain. Suddenly Joseph's grain stood up and the other bundles bowed down to his. The dream meant that Joseph would rule over his brothers. Joseph's brothers hated Joseph even more.

Then Joseph had another dream. In this dream, Joseph saw the sun, the moon, and 11 stars bowing to him. This dream meant all of Joseph's family would one day bow down to Joseph. Joseph's brothers were more jealous.

Some time later, Jacob sent Joseph to check on his brothers, who were tending to the sheep.

When Joseph arrived, the brothers took off Joseph's colorful robe and threw him into the pit. Then they saw a caravan of people heading to Egypt. They decided to sell Joseph to the travelers. The travelers took Joseph to Egypt.

The brothers dipped Joseph's colorful robe into blood and took it back to their father.

Jacob believed a wild animal had killed Joseph, and he cried loudly because he thought his favorite son was dead.

Christ Connection: Joseph's brothers turned against him and tried to kill him, but God protected Joseph and used him as part of His plan to rescue his family. In a similar way, people turned against God's Son, Jesus. Jesus' death was God's plan to rescue sinners.



EXPERIENCE the Story

The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

- Unscramble the names of Jacob's 12 sons. Check out Genesis 35:23-26 if you need help:

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| • NAD | • ENZLUUB |
| • OISENM | • HSEJOP |
| • DGA | • EMANJNBI |
| • LEIV | • HPNTLAIA |
| • JAUDH | • HESAR |

- What does this story teach us about God?

- What was significant about Joseph's dreams?

CHRIST CONNECTION

Joseph's brothers turned against him and tried to kill him, but God protected Joseph and used him as part of His plan to rescue his family. In a similar way, people turned against God's Son, Jesus. Jesus' death was God's plan to rescue sinners.



APPLY the Story

- Have you ever felt jealous about someone else's success? Why should we be happy when God blesses others?
- How do you think Joseph felt when he was in the pit? How can we react when others mistreat us?
- How can challenges in life actually help us? Why do you think God allows believers to experience hard times?

CHRIST CONNECTION

Joseph's brothers turned against him and tried to kill him, but God protected Joseph and used him as part of His plan to rescue his family. In a similar way, people turned against God's Son, Jesus. Jesus' death was God's plan to rescue sinners.



APPLY the Story

- Find Hosea 13:4 in your Bible and write the words below.

- Write a prayer to God, asking Him to help you trust that He is in control, even when it seems like everything is going wrong.

READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Romans 12:15 | <input type="checkbox"/> James 3:16 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Romans 12:19-21 | <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 133:1 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Romans 5:3-4 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 John 4:20 |



Unit 4, Session 2

Joseph Explained Dreams

Genesis 39–41

Story Point: God gave Joseph power to understand dreams.

The travelers who bought Joseph took him to Egypt and sold him to an Egyptian officer named Potiphar.

One day, Potiphar's wife accused Joseph of doing something he didn't do. Potiphar believed his wife, and Joseph went to jail. But God was still with Joseph and blessed him.

One night, two of the prisoners—Pharaoh's cupbearer and baker—both had dreams. They told Joseph about dreams they had. Joseph told them what the dreams meant. In three days, the cupbearer would serve Pharaoh again; but the baker would not because he would be put to death. Joseph asked the cupbearer to remember him and to tell Pharaoh he did not deserve to be in jail.

The cupbearer did serve Pharaoh again, but he forgot about Joseph. Two years later, Pharaoh had two dreams. No one knew what

these dreams meant! Finally, the cupbearer remembered Joseph.

God told Joseph what Pharaoh's dreams meant, and Joseph explained the dreams to Pharaoh. "The dreams represent seven years when plenty of food will grow followed by seven years when no food will grow."

Pharaoh realized that God was with Joseph, so he made Joseph second in command in all of Egypt. Joseph stored away food during the good years. When the famine came, people from every land came to Egypt to buy grain from Joseph.

Christ Connection: God sent Joseph to Egypt and blessed him so that he rose to a position of great authority. God used Joseph to help Joseph's family and many others. When Jesus came to earth, He gave up His position of honor in heaven to be the Savior of the world.



EXPERIENCE the Story

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- For each dream interpretation, write who had the dream (the baker, the cupbearer, or Pharaoh).
 - _____ : There would be seven years of plenty followed by seven years of famine.
 - _____ : This man would die in three days.
 - _____ : This man would return to his job in three days.
- What does this story teach us about God?
- How did God put Joseph in a position of power?

CHRIST CONNECTION

God sent Joseph to Egypt and blessed him so that he rose to a position of great authority. God used Joseph to help Joseph's family and many others. When Jesus came to earth, He gave up His position of honor in heaven to be the Savior of the world.



APPLY the Story

- Where does wisdom come from? How can we have wisdom and understanding?
- How did Joseph have confidence before the most powerful ruler of Egypt?
- Joseph was in prison for more than two years. How can we trust God's timing in our lives?

CHRIST CONNECTION

God sent Joseph to Egypt and blessed him so that he rose to a position of great authority. God used Joseph to help Joseph's family and many others. When Jesus came to earth, He gave up His position of honor in heaven to be the Savior of the world.



APPLY the Story

- Find Hosea 13:4 in your Bible and write the words below.

- Write a prayer to God, thanking God for Jesus. Give Him the honor He deserves, acknowledging that He humbled Himself to come to earth and save sinners because He loves us.

READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> James 1:5 | <input type="checkbox"/> Philippians 4:8-9 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hebrews 13:6 | <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 69:33 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Romans 5:6 | <input type="checkbox"/> Isaiah 42:6-8 |



Unit 4, Session 3

Joseph Saved His Family

Genesis 42–46; 50

Story Point: God sent Joseph to Egypt to establish a remnant.

Jacob and his family did not have enough food to eat. So when Jacob learned that there was food in Egypt, he sent 10 of his sons to buy some grain. His son Benjamin stayed home.

In Egypt, Joseph was in charge of giving out food. The brothers came to him and bowed down. Joseph knew who they were, but they did not recognize him. Joseph decided to test his brothers. “I think you are spies,” Joseph told them.

Joseph put his brothers in prison for three days. Then he said, “Bring your youngest brother back to me to prove that you are not spies. But one of you must stay here.”

The brothers went home. They told their father everything, and their father was very upset. But when all the food was gone, Jacob asked his sons to go back to Egypt.

Joseph invited all of the brothers to his home for a meal. After the meal, Joseph cried and told his brothers, “I am Joseph, your brother! You sold me into Egypt, but do not be afraid. God sent me here so I could save your people, a remnant, from the famine.” Joseph told his brothers to go home and bring their families back to Egypt, where they would have enough food.

Jacob’s family was blessed in Egypt. Joseph said, “You planned evil against me; God planned it for good, so many people could live.”

Christ Connection: God had a plan for Joseph’s life. He allowed Joseph to suffer to rescue a whole nation. In a greater way, God planned for Jesus to suffer so that many—people from all nations—would be saved from sin.



EXPERIENCE the Story

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- Write how God used each bad situation in Joseph's life for good. Look up the verses in your Bible to check your answers:
 - Joseph's brothers sold him into slavery. (Genesis 45:4-7)
 - Joseph went to prison for something he didn't do. (Genesis 41:37-40)
 - Joseph's homeland experienced famine. (Genesis 45:16-18)
- What does this story teach us about God?
- Why did God want to save Joseph's family?

CHRIST CONNECTION

God had a plan for Joseph's life. He allowed Joseph to suffer to rescue a whole nation. In a greater way, God planned for Jesus to suffer so that many—people from all nations—would be saved from sin.



APPLY the Story

- Why do you think Joseph was able to forgive his brothers?

- What should we do if we have wronged someone?

- How does God forgive us? How should we forgive others?

CHRIST CONNECTION

God had a plan for Joseph's life. He allowed Joseph to suffer to rescue a whole nation. In a greater way, God planned for Jesus to suffer so that many—people from all nations—would be saved from sin.



APPLY the Story

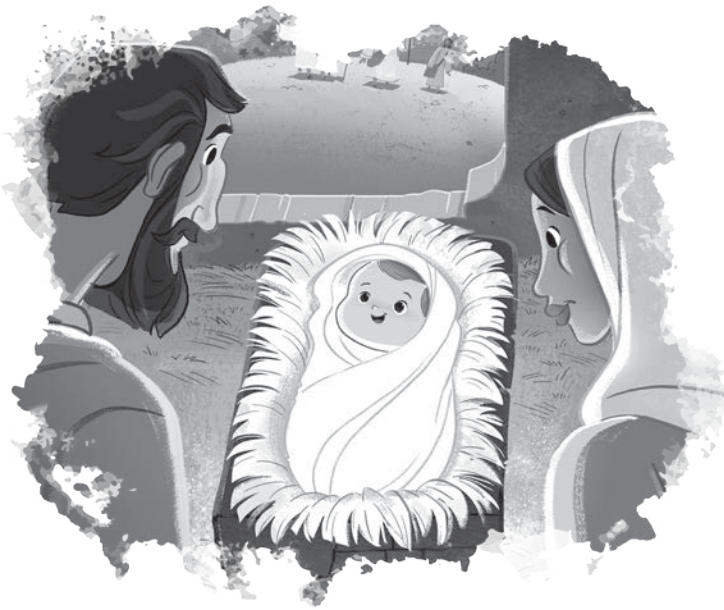
- Find Hosea 13:4 in your Bible and write the words below.

- Write a prayer to God, asking God to help you forgive someone who has hurt you, or to forgive you for a time when you hurt someone else.

READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 6:14-15 | <input type="checkbox"/> Romans 12:19 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> James 5:16 | <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 86:5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 103:11-12 | <input type="checkbox"/> Colossians 3:12-14 |



Christmas, Session 3

Jesus Was Born

Isaiah 9; Luke 2

Story Point: Jesus was born to bring peace between God and people.

When sin entered the world, peace between God and people was broken. But God promised to send a Rescuer. Many years later, Isaiah the prophet said, “A child will be born for us, a son will be given to us! He will be called the Prince of Peace.”

God chose to send His Son, Jesus, to earth as a baby, and He chose Mary to be Jesus’ mother. Mary was engaged to Joseph. Joseph and Mary left their home in Nazareth and traveled to Bethlehem.

While they were there, the time came for Mary to have her baby. Mary wrapped Baby Jesus tightly in cloth, and she laid Him in a manger.

In the same region, some shepherds were staying out in the fields and watching their sheep. All of a sudden, an angel of the Lord stood before them. The angel said to them,

“Do not be afraid! I have very good news for you: Today a Savior, who is Messiah the Lord, was born for you in the city of David.”

All of a sudden, many angels appeared, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to people He favors!”

So the shepherds went straight to Bethlehem to find Baby Jesus. They found Mary and Joseph, and the baby. The shepherds went and told others about the baby Jesus.

Christ Connection: The birth of Jesus was good news! Jesus was not an ordinary baby. He was God’s Son, sent to earth from heaven. Jesus came into the world to bring peace between people and God. He came to save people from their sins and to be their King.



EXPERIENCE the Story

The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

- Look up each verse and list the names for Jesus found in the Bible.
 - Matthew 1:23 _____
 - John 1:29 _____
 - John 8:12 _____
 - John 6:35 _____
 - Isaiah 9:6 _____
 - Luke 2:11 _____
- What does this story teach us about God?
- Why did God send His Son to earth?

CHRIST CONNECTION

The birth of Jesus was good news! Jesus was not an ordinary baby. He was God's Son, sent to earth from heaven. Jesus came into the world to bring peace between people and God. He came to save people from their sins and to be their King.



APPLY the Story

- What was unusual about Jesus' birth?
- What does it mean to have peace with God?
- What was special about Jesus' coming to earth?

CHRIST CONNECTION

The birth of Jesus was good news! Jesus was not an ordinary baby. He was God's Son, sent to earth from heaven. Jesus came into the world to bring peace between people and God. He came to save people from their sins and to be their King.



APPLY the Story

- Find Hosea 13:4 in your Bible and write the words below.

- Write a prayer to God, thanking God for providing Jesus to bring peace between God and people.

READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

- ❑ 2 Corinthians 8:9
 - ❑ Colossians 1:19-22
 - ❑ John 1:14
 - ❑ Philippians 2:5-7
 - ❑ Isaiah 7:14
 - ❑ John 18:37



Unit 4, Session 4

Moses Was Born and Called

Exodus 1–4

Story Point: God called Moses to deliver His people from captivity.

Years after Joseph brought his family to Egypt, Joseph died. His family became known as Israelites because they came from the family of Jacob, who was called Israel.

A new pharaoh came to power. Pharaoh made the Israelites slaves, but their families kept growing! Pharaoh ordered for all their baby boys to be killed.

Around this time, a woman gave birth to a son. She hid him as long as she could, and then she put him in a basket and set it along the banks of the Nile River. Soon Pharaoh's daughter went to the river to take a bath. She found the basket and saw the crying baby. Pharaoh's daughter felt sorry for the baby and wanted him to be her son. The princess named the baby Moses.

When Moses grew up, he worked as a shepherd in Midian for many years. Still the

Israelite people in Egypt were miserable, and they cried out to God and God heard them.

One day, Moses saw a burning bush. God called from the bush: "Moses, Moses!" God said, "I have seen how My people are suffering. I want you to lead them out of Egypt to a good land I have for them."

Moses made excuses and said, "Please send someone else." Now God was angry, but He agreed to send Moses' brother, Aaron, with him. So Moses went to Egypt.

Christ Connection: God saved Moses' life and called him to rescue God's people from slavery. The calling of Moses points to a greater calling and rescue—the call of Jesus to come to earth to save God's people. Jesus gave up His life to save us from slavery to sin.



EXPERIENCE the Story

The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

- Reorder these words to find today's story point: *called, captivity, deliver, from, God, His, Moses, people, to.*

- What does this story teach us about God?

- Why did God plan to rescue the Israelites?

CHRIST CONNECTION

God saved Moses' life and called him to rescue God's people from slavery. The calling of Moses points to a greater calling and rescue—the call of Jesus to come to earth to save God's people. Jesus gave up His life to save us from slavery to sin.



APPLY the Story

- How did Moses first react when God called him to deliver His people from captivity?
- What kind of people does God use in His plans?
- Do you think God could use you in His plan? In what ways?

CHRIST CONNECTION

God saved Moses' life and called him to rescue God's people from slavery. The calling of Moses points to a greater calling and rescue—the call of Jesus to come to earth to save God's people. Jesus gave up His life to save us from slavery to sin.



APPLY the Story

- Find Hosea 13:4 in your Bible and write the words below.

- Write a prayer to God, asking God to help you boast only in the Lord.

READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Exodus 4:10 | <input type="checkbox"/> Ephesians 1:18-19 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Acts 13:17 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Timothy 1:9 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Corinthians 1:26-27 | <input type="checkbox"/> Hebrews 3:1-3 |



Unit 4, Session 5

The Plagues and the Passover

Exodus 5–12

Story Point: God delivered His people and proved that He is the one true God.

God's people were slaves in Egypt. They cried out to God, and God called Moses to rescue them. Moses and his brother Aaron went to Pharaoh: "This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: Let My people go."

God sent ten plagues to punish the Egyptians. First, God turned the water in the Nile River into blood. But Pharaoh would not let the people go. God sent frogs into Egypt. Pharaoh refused to let the people go. So God sent gnats into Egypt. Then God sent flies, and He caused all the livestock to die. Still, Pharaoh did not let the people go. God sent boils that covered the people in Egypt. Not even a terrible hailstorm changed Pharaoh's mind. Locusts ate up the plants, and then darkness covered the land for three days. But still Pharaoh said no. God told Moses, "I will bring one more plague. After that, Pharaoh will let you go."

Moses warned Pharaoh: Every firstborn male in Egypt will die, but the Israelites will be safe. Pharaoh ignored Moses. God told every Israelite family to kill a lamb and sprinkle its blood on the doorposts of their houses. God would see this special mark and "pass over." No one in the Israelites' families would die. At midnight, God struck every firstborn in Egypt. "Go!" Pharaoh said. The Israelites left Egypt quickly. God led His people out of Egypt. He was preparing a place for them in a land called Canaan. The Israelites were finally free!

Christ Connection: By His grace, God spared the Israelites from judgment by requiring the blood of a lamb. Jesus is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. His death was the ultimate sacrifice, and those who trust in Christ are under His saving blood and will be passed over in the final judgment.



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- Read each statement and replace the underlined word with a word that rhymes to make the statement correct.
 - Moses told Pharaoh: “This is what the LORD says: Let My people row.”

 - God sent when plagues to punish the Egyptians. _____
 - God turned the water in the Nile River into spud. Then He sent dogs into Egypt. _____, _____
 - God told every Israelites family to kill a clam and sprinkle its blood on their doorposts. _____
 - At midnight, God struck every firstborn in Egypt. There was a great fry because there wasn’t a house without someone dead. _____
 - The Israelites left Egypt quickly. They were finally tree! _____
- What does this story teach us about God?

- What happened during the tenth plague?

CHRIST CONNECTION

By His grace, God spared the Israelites from judgment by requiring the blood of a lamb. Jesus is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. His death was the ultimate sacrifice, and those who trust in Christ are under His saving blood and will be passed over in the final judgment.



APPLY the Story

- Why is Jesus called the Lamb of God?
- Pharaoh asked, “Who is the Lord?” would you answer this question?
- God rescued the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. How are people slaves to sin?

CHRIST CONNECTION

By His grace, God spared the Israelites from judgment by requiring the blood of a lamb. Jesus is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. His death was the ultimate sacrifice, and those who trust in Christ are under His saving blood and will be passed over in the final judgment.



APPLY the Story

- Find Hosea 13:4 in your Bible and write the words below.

- Write a prayer to God, thanking God for sending Jesus, the Lamb of God.

READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> John 1:29 | <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 40:17 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 18:2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Revelation 7:17 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Romans 6:6 | <input type="checkbox"/> Hebrews 11:22 |



Unit 4, Session 6

The Red Sea Crossing

Exodus 13–15

Story Point: God parted the Red Sea for His people to cross.

After the first Passover, the Israelites quickly left Egypt. The Lord led the people toward the Red Sea and the wilderness. God told Moses to have the people camp near the sea. God said that Pharaoh would change his mind one more time and chase the Israelites. God planned to prove to the Israelites that He is God.

Pharaoh and his officials did change their minds. The Israelites saw the Egyptians coming and they were afraid. But Moses said, “God brought you here, and He will fight for you.”

God told Moses what to do: “Stretch out your hand over the sea, and divide it so that the Israelites can go through the sea on dry ground.” Moses stretched out his hand and divided the sea. The Israelites walked through with walls of water on both sides.

The Egyptians went after them. As soon as the Israelites were safely on the other side of the sea, Moses stretched out his hand again and the waters returned, covering the Egyptians and killing all of Pharaoh’s army.

When the Israelites saw what had happened, they feared God and believed that He had sent Moses to lead them. Moses and the Israelites sang a song to the Lord.

Christ Connection: Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt, and God provided a way for them to escape through the Red Sea. The Bible says that Jesus is greater than Moses. (Hebrews 3:3) People who trust in Jesus escape the penalty of sin and have eternal life.



EXPERIENCE the Story

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- Find and circle these words in the word search: *camp, chariot, Egypt, Moses, Exodus, Israelites, salvation, Pharaoh, Red Sea, pillar, rescue, water.*

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- What does this story teach us about God?
- How do you think the Israelites felt when they saw the Egyptians coming after them?

CHRIST CONNECTION

Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt, and God provided a way for them to escape through the Red Sea. The Bible says that Jesus is greater than Moses. (Hebrews 3:3) People who trust in Jesus escape the penalty of sin and have eternal life.



APPLY the Story

- What kinds of things did the Israelites complain about? Do you think they believed God could do anything?
- What kinds of things do you complain about? Do you believe God can do anything?
- How did the Israelites show faith as Moses led them out of Egypt? How does faith save us?

CHRIST CONNECTION

Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt, and God provided a way for them to escape through the Red Sea. The Bible says that Jesus is greater than Moses. (Hebrews 3:3) People who trust in Jesus escape the penalty of sin and have eternal life.



APPLY the Story

- Find Hosea 13:4 in your Bible and write the words below.

- Write a prayer to God, thanking God for providing the way for our salvation.

READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Exodus 14:14 | <input type="checkbox"/> Johsua 24:5-7 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Philippians 2:14-15 | <input type="checkbox"/> Nehemiah 9:9-10 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hebrews 11:27-29 | <input type="checkbox"/> Romans 9:14-17 |



Unit 5, Session 1

Bread from Heaven

Exodus 15–17

Story Point: God provided for the physical needs of His people.

Moses led God’s people to the wilderness. They were hungry. They complained to Moses. They said, “You brought us out here to starve to death!”

God said, “I have heard the complaints of the Israelites. Tell them: In the evening you will eat meat, and in the morning you will eat bread until you are full. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God.”

So at evening, quail came into the camp. In the morning, fine flakes like frost were on the ground. The Israelites called the bread *manna*. God told them to collect just enough to eat for the day. He told them to collect twice as much on the sixth day, because the seventh day was a day to rest. The Israelites ate manna for 40 years while they were in the wilderness.

One day, they came to a camp with no water. “You brought us out here to die,” the Israelites said to Moses. They forgot that the Lord had a plan for them.

God showed Moses a rock and instructed him to hit it with his staff. Water came out of it, and the people drank. The Lord was with them.

Christ Connection: In the New Testament, Jesus said that He is the Bread of life. (John 6:31-35) God provided manna from heaven for His people’s physical hunger, and later He provided His Son, Jesus, for our spiritual hunger. The Israelites needed bread to live for a little while, but whoever has Jesus will live forever!



EXPERIENCE the Story

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- Write what you would say or do in each situation.
 - Someone rescues you from a scary situation.
 - You find out you're moving to a new home.
 - You haven't had anything to drink in three days.
 - You can't find anything to eat.
 - You don't have a car and have to walk many miles.
- What does this story teach us about God?
- What did the people think would happen to them in the wilderness?

CHRIST CONNECTION

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APPLY the Story

- In what ways did God provide for the Israelites?
- Does God always give you everything you ask for? Why or why not?
- How can we have a good attitude when our circumstances are difficult?

CHRIST CONNECTION

In the New Testament, Jesus said that He is the Bread of life. (John 6:31-35) God provided manna from heaven for His people's physical hunger, and later He provided His Son, Jesus, for our spiritual hunger. The Israelites needed bread to live for a little while, but whoever has Jesus will live forever!



APPLY the Story

- Find Matthew 22:37-39 in your Bible and write the words below.

- Write a prayer to God, thanking God for His Word and acknowledging that He is holy, loving, and good.

READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> John 6:32 | <input type="checkbox"/> Deuteronomy 8:2-3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Corinthians 12:8-10 | <input type="checkbox"/> John 6:47-50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Philippians 4:8 | <input type="checkbox"/> Philippians 2:14-15 |



Unit 5, Session 2

Jethro Helped Moses

Exodus 18

Story Point: Moses needed help to lead God's people.

Moses' father-in-law, Jethro, had heard about the Israelites' escape from Egypt. Moses' wife and sons were staying with Jethro, and they all came to the wilderness to see Moses. Moses hurried out to meet them. Moses told Jethro about everything God had done for the Israelites. Jethro praised God for all the good things He had done.

The next day, Moses sat down to judge the people. The people stood around all day and waited for Moses to listen to their case. "This is not good," Jethro said. "This job is too big for one person."

Jethro gave Moses some advice: "You can be the person who speaks to God for the Israelites. Teach the people God's laws. But choose trustworthy men from all the people to lead smaller groups of people. They can judge the people's less important cases and

bring the most important ones to you."

Moses took Jethro's advice. He chose men from all of Israel and made them leaders over the people. They judged the smaller cases and brought the big cases to Moses. Then Jethro returned to his own land.

Christ Connection: Moses needed others to help him lead God's people and teach them God's laws. God does not want believers to follow Jesus alone. He gives us brothers and sisters of faith who can help us love God, obey God, and tell others about Him.



EXPERIENCE the Story

The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

- List people you know who would be the best helpers for these tasks:
 - Finish math homework: _____
 - Decide what to wear: _____
 - Practice a new sport: _____
 - Cook a large meal: _____
 - Plan a birthday party: _____
 - Run for class president: _____

- What does this story teach us about God?

- What was Moses' job as the leader of the Israelites?

CHRIST CONNECTION

Moses needed others to help him lead God's people and teach them God's laws. God does not want believers to follow Jesus alone. He gives us brothers and sisters of faith who can help us love God, obey God, and tell others about Him.



APPLY the Story

- Why was it good for Moses to get help?
- Why do we sometimes resist getting help from others?
- What are some ways you can help others?

CHRIST CONNECTION

Moses needed others to help him lead God's people and teach them God's laws. God does not want believers to follow Jesus alone. He gives us brothers and sisters of faith who can help us love God, obey God, and tell others about Him.



APPLY the Story

- Find Matthew 22:37-39 in your Bible and write the words below.

- Write a prayer to God, thanking God for His gracious gift of fellow believers who help us follow Him.

READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Ecclesiastes 4:9 | <input type="checkbox"/> Proverbs 11:14 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Galatians 6:2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Philippians 2:4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Acts 20:35 |



Unit 5, Session 3

The Ten Commandments

Exodus 19–20

Story Point: God gave rules to show how to love Him and others.

God wanted to make a covenant, or agreement, with the people of Israel. Moses went up the mountain. God called to him, saying, “Tell the Israelites: ‘You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I rescued you and brought you to Me. If you listen carefully to Me and you keep My covenant, you will be My people.’”

Moses went back to the people and told them what God had said. All the people responded together, “We will do all that the Lord has spoken.”

God gave Moses the Ten Commandments. The first four commandments told the Israelites what it looks like to have a right relationship with God: “Do not have other gods besides Me. Do not make an idol for yourself. Do not misuse the name of the Lord your God. Remember the Sabbath day, to

keep it holy.” The last six commandments told the Israelites what it looks like to have a right relationship with each other: “You must honor your father and your mother. You must not murder. You must keep your marriage promises. You must not steal. You must not lie. You must not want what belongs to someone else.”

When God was finished speaking to Moses on Mount Sinai, He gave Moses two stone tablets that He had written on with His own finger.

Christ Connection: God is holy and separate from sin. His law shows us what He requires—perfect righteousness. Our sin separates us from God, but Jesus came to bring us back to God. Jesus is perfectly righteous. When we trust in Jesus, He takes away our sin and welcomes us into God’s family.



EXPERIENCE the Story

The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

- Circle the commandments that describe what it looks like to have a right relationship with God. Underline the commandments that describe what it looks like to have a right relationship with others.:
 - Do not make an idol to worship.
 - Honor your father and mother.
 - Keep the Sabbath day holy.
 - Do not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
 - Do not have others gods besides the one true God.
 - Keep your marriage promises.
 - Do not want things that belong to someone else.
 - Do not lie.
 - Do not steal.
 - Do not murder.
- What does this story teach us about God?
- Can people be completely holy like God is?

CHRIST CONNECTION

God is holy and separate from sin. His law shows us what He requires—perfect righteousness. Our sin separates us from God, but Jesus came to bring us back to God. Jesus is perfectly righteous. When we trust in Jesus, He takes away our sin and welcomes us into God's family.



APPLY the Story

- How does sin impact our relationship with God and others?

- What rules do your parents give you? Why?

- What should we do if we disobey God?

CHRIST CONNECTION

God is holy and separate from sin. His law shows us what He requires—perfect righteousness. Our sin separates us from God, but Jesus came to bring us back to God. Jesus is perfectly righteous. When we trust in Jesus, He takes away our sin and welcomes us into God's family.



APPLY the Story

- Find Matthew 22:37-39 in your Bible and write the words below.

- Write a prayer to God, thanking God for sending His perfect Son to die for us.

READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Romans 6:23 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 John 2:3-6 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ephesians 6:1-4 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Peter 1:14-16 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deuteronomy 6:5 | <input type="checkbox"/> Galatians 3:11-13 |



Unit 6, Session 1

The Golden Calf

Exodus 32; 34

Story Point: God disciplined His people for worshipping a golden calf.

Moses was up on Mount Sinai for 40 days and 40 nights. Meanwhile, the Israelites were getting impatient.

The Israelites went to Moses' brother, Aaron. "Make us a god to lead us," they said. "We don't know what has happened to Moses." So Aaron made a golden calf that they could worship.

God was angry because of their sin. God told Moses to go down the mountain. "I will destroy these people," God said. Moses said, "Remember the great promise You made to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob." So God decided not to destroy the people.

Moses went down the mountain. He saw that the people were dancing before the golden calf! He threw down the stone tablets. Then he destroyed the calf they made.

The next day, Moses went back up the mountain to talk to God. "These people have sinned against You," Moses said. "Please forgive their sin."

God said, "The LORD is a compassionate and gracious God ... but He will not leave the guilty unpunished." Moses bowed down and worshiped God. "Lord, please go with us," he said. "Forgive our sin, and accept us as Your people."

Christ Connection: God's people sinned against God, and Moses asked God to forgive them. Moses acted as their mediator, standing for them before God. Moses could not do anything to make up for their sin, but we have a better Mediator—Jesus. Jesus paid for our sin on the cross and stands for us before God. When we trust in Jesus, our sins are forgiven.



EXPERIENCE the Story

The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

- March each statement with the name of who said it. Use your Bible to check your answers.

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| • “Make a god to lead us.”
(Exodus 32:1) | • God |
| • “Please forgive them.
Remember the great promise
You made to Abraham, Isaac,
and Jacob.” (Exodus 32:11–13) | • the Israelites |
| • “What did these people do to
you that you have led them
into such sin?” (Exodus 32:21) | • Moses, speaking to
God |
| • “The Lord is a compassionate
and gracious God ... but he
will not leave the guilty
unpunished.” (Exodus 34:6–7) | • Moses, speaking to
Aaron |

- What does this story teach us about God?

- What happened after the Israelites worshiped an idol?

CHRIST CONNECTION

God’s people sinned against God, and Moses asked God to forgive them. Moses acted as their mediator, standing for them before God. Moses could not do anything to make up for their sin, but we have a better Mediator—Jesus. Jesus paid for our sin on the cross and stands for us before God. When we trust in Jesus, our sins are forgiven.



APPLY the Story

- Being disciplined is never fun. But why is it necessary and even helpful?
- How does God's discipline show that He loves us?
- What happened after the Israelites worshiped an idol?

CHRIST CONNECTION

God's people sinned against God, and Moses asked God to forgive them. Moses acted as their mediator, standing for them before God. Moses could not do anything to make up for their sin, but we have a better Mediator—Jesus. Jesus paid for our sin on the cross and stands for us before God. When we trust in Jesus, our sins are forgiven.



APPLY the Story

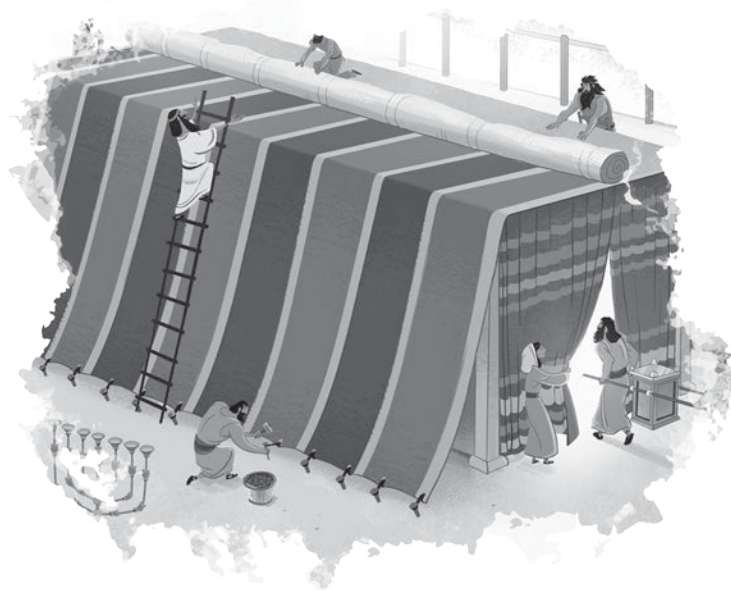
- Find Exodus 15:2 in your Bible and write the words below.

- Write a prayer to God, thanking Him for showing compassion and grace to sinners.

READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Hebrews 12:11 | <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 135:15-18 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Proverbs 3:11-12 | <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 115:1-9 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Proverbs 12:15 | <input type="checkbox"/> Exodus 34:14 |



Unit 6, Session 2

The Tabernacle Was Built

Exodus 35–40

Story Point: God told His people how to build the tabernacle where He would dwell with them.

When Moses was on the mountain with God, God said, “Tell the Israelites to make a tabernacle for Me so that I may dwell among them.” God gave Moses very specific instructions for building a tabernacle, a really big tent that the Israelites could take with them. The tabernacle would be where God met with His people.

So Moses gathered all the Israelites together. He asked them to bring materials. God gave two men, Bezalel and Oholiab, special skills for building and creating things. Bezalel, Oholiab, and all the other skilled craftsmen came together to build the tabernacle for God.

They built the tabernacle just as God had instructed. Every part had its special purpose and was made just as God had said. When the time came, God told Moses how to set up the

tabernacle. God told him how to anoint the tabernacle so that it would be holy.

God had led the Israelites from a cloud, and now the cloud covered the tabernacle. God made a sign for the people: If the cloud covered the tabernacle, the people would stay where they were. When the cloud lifted from the tabernacle, the Israelites would move and take the tabernacle with them. The cloud of the Lord was on the tabernacle during the day, and fire was inside the cloud at night. All the Israelites could see it as they traveled.

Christ Connection: God instructed the Israelites to build a tabernacle where He would dwell with them. God desires to be with His people. As part of His plan to save sinners, God sent Jesus to “tabernacle,” or dwell, with people on earth.



EXPERIENCE the Story

The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

- How many words can you create from the letters in **TABERNACLE**? List them below:

- What does this story teach us about God?

- How were the Israelites involved in building the tabernacle?

CHRIST CONNECTION

God instructed the Israelites to build a tabernacle where He would dwell with them. God desires to be with His people. As part of His plan to save sinners, God sent Jesus to “tabernacle,” or dwell, with people on earth.



APPLY the Story

- Why did God instruct the Israelites to build a tabernacle?
- How did Jesus make the way for us to dwell with God?
- After Jesus' resurrection, He ascended into heaven. How does God dwell with us today?

CHRIST CONNECTION

God instructed the Israelites to build a tabernacle where He would dwell with them. God desires to be with His people. As part of His plan to save sinners, God sent Jesus to “tabernacle,” or dwell, with people on earth.



APPLY the Story

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READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Exodus 25:8-9 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Peter 2:25 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> John 1:14 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Corinthians 3:16-17 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Corinthians 3:16 | <input type="checkbox"/> Revelation 21:3 |



Unit 6, Session 3

Rules for Sacrifice

Leviticus

Story Point: God is holy and requires a sacrifice for sin.

God is holy and cannot be around sin, but the Israelites could not keep God's laws perfectly. So God met with Moses in the tabernacle. He gave the people rules about how to live, how to worship God, and what to do when they sinned.

First, God gave rules about offerings. Offerings are gifts people give to God. Different types of offerings were needed at different times.

God also gave rules about the priests. Priests made the sacrifices that God commanded. The priests took care of the tabernacle, and they taught the people God's rules for living holy lives.

God told Moses about a special day that would happen once a year. It was called the Day of Atonement. *Atonement* means making right what has been wrong. The people

needed to atone for their sin to make their relationship with God right again.

On the Day of Atonement, the high priest went into the most holy place, a very special room in the tabernacle, to offer sacrifices for the sins of his family and for all the people.

God said, "On that day your sin will be paid for. You will be made pure and clean. You will be clean from all of your sins in My sight."

Christ Connection: The sacrifices God required of His people were a hint of what God was going to do to forgive sinners. We no longer need to offer sacrifices because we trust in Jesus. Jesus offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice that takes away our sin once and for all.



EXPERIENCE the Story

The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

- Mark if each statement is true or false:
 - ☐ When Moses was on Mount Everest, God gave him many laws.
 - ☐ God's laws showed the people what it looks like to live a holy life.
 - ☐ God said the priests did not need to follow any laws.
 - ☐ The Day of Atonement happened four times a year.
 - ☐ On the Day of Atonement, the high priest laid his hands on a goat.
 - ☐ The goat was led away into the jungle as a picture of sins being removed.
 - ☐ God told the Israelites, "Be holy because I am holy."
 - ☐ We no longer need to offer sacrifices because we trust in Jesus.

- What does this story teach us about God?

- What happened on the Day of Atonement?

CHRIST CONNECTION

The sacrifices God required of His people were a hint of what God was going to do to forgive sinners. We no longer need to offer sacrifices because we trust in Jesus. Jesus offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice that takes away our sin once and for all.



APPLY the Story

- Why did God require animals to be sacrificed?
- Sacrifices helped the people remember their sin and that God is holy. Why was that not enough?
- Why do we not need to offer animal sacrifices today?

CHRIST CONNECTION

The sacrifices God required of His people were a hint of what God was going to do to forgive sinners. We no longer need to offer sacrifices because we trust in Jesus. Jesus offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice that takes away our sin once and for all.



APPLY the Story

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READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

- ☐ Hebrews 9:22
 - ☐ Hebrews 10:4
 - ☐ Hebrews 10:10
 - ☐ Hebrews 9:27-28
 - ☐ Hebrews 7:26-27
 - ☐ Hebrews 2:17