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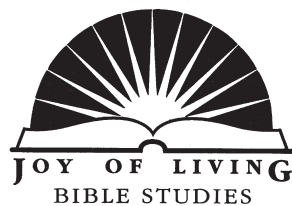
Joy of Living Exodus Youth Bible Study

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Before you begin

An ideal curriculum for home-school, Bible class, Sunday School or personal Bible Study, **Joy of Living Youth Curriculum** is flexible and easy to use. Each lesson covers the same scripture passage as the adult **Joy of Living** Study.

Age:

This course encourages students of various ages to develop a habit of personal Bible study. Since the study requires reading the Bible and writing answers to the questions, the minimum age should be about 6 years old. Although the questions are geared to about age 10, older students will profit by gaining a basic knowledge of the Bible. Students over the age of 14 may be mature enough to study the adult **Joy of Living** course.

The lessons:

The study is divided into weekly units. Each week is divided into three sections:

- a suggested class schedule including craft and game ideas
- leader's lesson sheets (these contain the answers for the lesson completed by the students during the previous week)
- student questions for the next lesson (these are passed out at the end of the class)

Students complete the written lessons at home and are encouraged to do a few questions each day rather than trying to complete all the questions in one day. This will aid the students in developing a pattern of daily Bible Study. The "HARD" and "RISKY" questions are to inspire the student to think and reason and help them dig deeper into God's Word.

For homeschool or personal Bible study:

The curriculum may be used in a variety of ways. Following are a few suggestions:

- Lessons may be completed by the individual student and graded for accuracy. Discussion time is optional, although it is encouraged.
- Students within the same family or group may work on the lessons together. A discussion time with a parent or other adult is suggested.
- Adults may work one-on-one with the student(s) while they complete the lesson.
- Lessons may be used as part of family devotions. Read the portions of scripture aloud and use the questions to prompt discussion of the Bible passage.

For use with groups:

There is great flexibility in implementing this curriculum. Since each class has its own needs, space, finances, and time frame the class schedule is supplied as a general outline and can be changed to suit specific situations and needs.

Each class session has free time, recreation/snack time, question discussion time, and craft time.

Remember - Keep the pace moving to avoid boredom and trouble, while providing continuity.

Suggested time SCHEDULE to be adapted to individual group:

- 15 - 20 min. - unstructured free time
- 15 - 20 min. - game/snack time
- 15 - 20 min. - discussion time
- remaining time for craft

Helpful Hints for Groups

Facility/Equipment

- Whatever the class size, access to a gym or large game room is worthwhile for team play and group activities.
- If the church has the room, a separate cupboard for supplies is a plus.
- A volleyball or similar ball is good to have on hand for a variety of games.

Discussion Time

- Use the counting off system to divide the class into groups for discussion time. (Avoid, if possible, separating into groups according to age or family.)
- Each discussion group should have an adult leader. Older children should not be used (unless absolutely necessary) as leaders or sitters; they are there for fellowship and learning, too.
- With many of the questions there is no right or wrong answer. The questions are to encourage the student to think and reason and to dig deeper into God's Word. However, since discussion time is also a form of teaching, the leaders are given answers on their question sheets to aid them in the discussion, with occasional commentary insights added in brackets.
- As you discuss the lesson be careful not to belittle a student's opinion or idea. Even if the answer is wrong you can encourage the student by saying something similar to, "I like to see that you're thinking, do you think perhaps....(then give the correct answer)" or "I can see that you are thinking about the question, does anyone else have thoughts on this question?"

Teachers/Leaders/Helpers

- The number of leaders and helpers is determined by the size of the class. The ideal situation is one discussion leader per every 5 children.
- In addition to the main leader, it is helpful to have a game leader, and craft leader.
- Responsibilities are determined within each class structure.
- Parent volunteers may be requested when extra help is needed. If there is a large number of children, the parents have to volunteer only once or twice the entire year.
- Scheduling parents to bring treats is a financial bonus. Keeping cost to a minimum is being a good steward of God's resources.

Game Time

Although board games, puzzles, hidden pictures, crosswords, coloring, and quiet activities do not keep the attention of active children, they should not be ruled out as alternative game time activities. Ball games, races, or tag games are suggested and favored to holding everyone's interest.

Suggestions for finding craft ideas & supplies:

Garage/yard/rummage sales
library craft books
children's magazines
YMCA, Park & Recreation Dept., churches (almost every city has a summer program for children, which includes a craft time; they may have leftover craft supplies they would like to donate)

Supplies to have on hand for crafts not in kits:

glue, glue sticks, glue gun
scissors (at least 1 pair for every 2 students)
paint (tempera-washable)
paint brushes
paper towels
newspapers
construction paper

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EXODUS — WEEK ONE

NO LESSON DISCUSSION

15-20 min. free time — games, fellowship

15-20 min. snack and group recreation: SNATCH THE BACON

Divide your group into two teams facing each other behind a goal line. Place an object at a point half-way between the goal lines. Each player is given a number with both teams having corresponding numbers. Number one team from one end, and the opposing team begin numbering at the opposite end so that the same numbered players face each other diagonally. The leader calls out a number, and those two players having the number race to the center and tries to snatch the bacon (object placed in center) and return to the team goal without being tagged. If tagged, the tagging team gets one point. Each successful return gains two points for the returning team. Some team players like to wait a moment before snatching the bacon in order to catch their opponent off guard. This tactic adds tension and skill to a simple game.

The bacon is returned to the center after each tag or return, and another number is called. To add further interest, two numbers can be called at once. To end play, a designated point limit or time limit determines the end of play.

15-20 min. Since there is no lesson for them to discuss, this is a good time to go over the class rules. You may wish to have them share something about themselves, i.e. brothers, sisters, where they live, what they did over the summer, etc.

to end of class CRAFT: TELEVISION

cereal boxes — 1 per child

scissors

glue/scotch tape/toothpicks

empty paper towel rolls — 2 per child

time line pictures from *The Big Picture Bible Time Line*, Gospel Light Publications

Color pictures. Cut out back of cereal box (this becomes the “screen”); cut 4 circles, one at each end of long sides (the paper roll “knobs” fit in here). In sequence, tape picture edges together, so that when unrolled, they tell a story. Glue the beginning edge of paper to one roll, and the end picture edge to the other roll. Place paper rolls into circles, making sure the picture rolls across the “screen”. Place toothpicks through the 4 roll ends so the “knobs” don’t fall through their holes.

EXODUS — LESSON 1

Before you begin your lesson:

- a. Pray for God's Holy Spirit to help you answer the questions.
- b. Some questions may be too hard; it's ok to write "I don't know."
- c. Think about what God's Word is telling you for today.
- d. With some questions, it might be helpful to write the scripture verse on your paper.

Read Exodus chapter 1, verses 1-22.

1. What does the word exit mean to you?

2. Exodus comes from the word exit. With this information, what do you think the word Exodus means?

3. According to Genesis 46:27, how many descendants did Jacob bring into Egypt with him?

4. What happened to the Israelites after Joseph and his brothers died?

5. Genesis 46:3 is a prophecy about the nation Israel. What does it say?

6. Which verses tell why the new king, who didn't know Joseph, was afraid of the Israelites?

7. What does Exodus 1:11 say the king did to the Israelites?

8. Being a slave was difficult for the Israelites. But, what does Exodus 1:12 say happened to upset Pharaoh even more?

9. What does James 1:2-4 tell us we should do when we face something that is hard for us?

10. What happened to the midwives who disobeyed Pharaoh?

11. What happened next to the Israelites because the midwives disobeyed? See verse 22.

12. Sometimes when Christians must do what God wants them to do, man-made laws are broken. Who broke a man-made law in Acts 5:27-29?

Read Exodus chapter 2, verses 1-10.

1. Which verse tells why the baby was hidden, and what does it say?

2. What does Hebrews 11:23 tell the baby's mother had, and what does it say?

3. **CHALLENGE:** Do you think it was hard to hide the baby?

4. **RISKY:** Do you think the baby's parents were afraid? What does 2 Timothy 1:7 say about fear?

5. **PERSONAL:** What are your fears? Would you like to share them with your class?

6. Sometimes we can be so afraid we can't move. But, letting fear control us is sin. If Jesus is your Savior, God wants you to face your problems with courage. He promises He will be with you at all times. What does Joshua 1:9 say that can help you whenever you feel afraid?
7. What does the name "Moses" mean?

Read Exodus chapter 2, verses 11-25.

1. How old does Acts 7:23 say Moses was when he visited the Hebrew people?
2. What does Hebrews 11:24 tell us about Moses that helps us understand why he chose to fight against the Egyptian?
3. Where did God take Moses after he killed the Egyptian? Can you find this on a Bible map?
4. We are told in Exodus 2:24 God heard the Hebrews' groaning. They may have been praying to God. What does Isaiah 65:24 say?
5. **PERSONAL:** Are you talking to God so He can answer your needs?

EXODUS — WEEK TWO

DISCUSSION — LESSON 1

15-20 min. free time — games, fellowship; you may wish to begin gluing craft sticks to tagboard so glue can dry

15-20 min. snack and group recreation: CHAIN TAG

Two players are chosen to be “IT”. They join hands and with their free hand try to tag the other players. The first player tagged joins hands between the two “IT”. The remaining players, when tagged, join the tag line between the original two “IT”. Only end players (IT) may tag. It is permissible for a player to break through or go under the joined hands of the line. When the chain has been broken, it must unite again before tagging resumes. The game ends when the last player is caught or when a time limit has been reached. The last two players tagged become “IT”. Set boundary lines to restrict play to a small area.

15-20 min. discuss LESSON 1

to end of class CRAFT: CRAFT STICK SWITCH PLATE COVER

7 craft sticks (for EACH switch plate)
tagboard switch cover pattern
paint
paint brushes
stencils, wood pattern pieces, pictures, etc.
Xacto knife
glue (tacky glue works great on wood)
Mod Podge
sponges
double stick tape

Before class, trace a switch cover onto an empty cereal box. Cut out pattern as well as hole in center for the switch. Cut off and use 1 3/4” from each end of one craft stick. (Throw away the middle portion.)

Each child receives 6, plus the 2 pieces 1 3/4” craft sticks (total 7), and one tagboard pattern. Glue one short piece above the switch hole on tagboard, being sure the straight end is at the top of the switch hole. Align and glue the other short piece at the bottom of the hole. Glue the remaining 6 sticks onto the tagboard, keeping it all straight. Allow time to dry.

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If using wood pattern pieces, paint before gluing to craft sticks. If using stencils, lay out design, and paint, using a brush or sponges. Or children may wish to make their own design. Allow to dry.

When all is dry, cover with Mod Podge. Be sure all is dry before sending home. Give each child enough double stick tape so the tagboard/craft stick light switch plate cover can adhere to the existing light switch plate cover at home.

EXODUS – LESSON 1 – ANSWERS

Read Exodus chapter 1, verses 1-22.

1. What does the word exit mean to you? [When I leave the room; when I go out from somewhere.]
2. Exodus comes from the word exit. With this information, what do you think the word Exodus means? [The way out, departure.]
3. According to Genesis 46:27, how many descendants did Jacob bring into Egypt with him? “With Joseph and his two sons included, the total of Jacob’s household there in Egypt totaled 70.”
4. What happened to the Israelites after Joseph and his brothers died? “Meanwhile, their descendants had many children. They increased quickly in number and soon became a large nation. They filled the land of Goshen where they lived.”
5. Genesis 46:3 is a prophecy about the nation Israel. What does it say? “So He said, ‘I am God, the God of your father; do not fear to go down to Egypt, for I will make of you a great nation there.’”
6. Which verses tell why the new king, who didn’t know Joseph, was afraid of the Israelites? verses 9, 10. “He told his people ‘The Israelites are becoming too dangerous. There are too many of them. Let’s figure out a way to put an end to this. If we don’t, and war breaks out, they will join our enemies. They will fight against us and escape out of the country.’” [The prophecy made in Genesis is here fulfilled.]
7. What does Exodus 1:11 say the king did to the Israelites? “So the Egyptians made slaves of them. They put brutal slave drivers over them. They tried to wear them down under heavy burdens while building the cities of Pithom and Rameses. These cities would be supply centers for the king.”
8. Being a slave was difficult for the Israelites. But, what does Exodus 1:12 say happened to upset Pharaoh even more? “But the worse the Egyptians treated them, the faster the Israelites increased! The Egyptians became alarmed.”
9. What does James 1:2-4 tell us we should do when we face something that is hard for us? “Dear brothers, is your life full of trouble and trials? Then be happy. When the way is rough, your patience has a chance to grow. So let it grow! And don’t try to get out of your problems. One day, your patience will finally be in full bloom. Then you will be ready for anything. You will be strong in character, full, and perfect. [Most Bible book stores carry a child’s copy or comic book “In His Steps” by Charles Sheldon. You may wish to recommend this book since it is very helpful to everyone who asks “What would Jesus do?” in every situation of life. Or you may wish to use this book as a reading time during class.]

10. What happened to the midwives who disobeyed Pharaoh? verses 20,21: “And God blessed the midwives. So the people of Israel kept increasing in number. They became a large nation. And because the midwives revered God, He gave them children of their own.”
11. What happened next to the Israelites because the midwives disobeyed? See verse 22. “Then Pharaoh told all of his people to throw newborn Hebrew boys into the Nile River. But the girls, he said, could live.”
12. Sometimes when Christians must do what God wants them to do, man-made laws are broken. Who broke a man-made law in Acts 5:27-29? verse 29: “But Peter and the apostles replied, ‘We must obey God rather than men.’”

Read Exodus chapter 2, verses 1-10.

1. Which verse tells why the baby was hidden, and what does it say? verse 2: “The baby’s mother saw that he was a beautiful baby. So she hid him at home for three months.”
2. What does Hebrews 11:23 tell the baby’s mother had, and what does it say? [Faith.] “Moses’ parents had faith too. They saw that God had given them an unusual child. They trusted that God would save him from the death the king commanded. So they hid him for three months and were not afraid.”
3. **CHALLENGE:** Do you think it was hard to hide the baby? [Yes. How could they keep him quiet? How could they wash his clothes without causing others to be suspicious. Especially when other babies were being killed.]
4. **RISKY:** Do you think the baby’s parents were afraid? What does 2 Timothy 1:7 say about fear? [Maybe.] “For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. “ (NKJV)
5. **PERSONAL:** What are your fears? Would you like to share them with your class? [Answers will vary. Allow children to discuss their fears.]
6. Sometimes we can be so afraid we can’t move. But, letting fear control us is sin. If Jesus is your Savior, God wants you to face your problems with courage. He promises He will be with you at all times. What does Joshua 1:9 say that can help you whenever you feel afraid? “Be brave! Be strong! Don’t ever be afraid or doubt! God is with you wherever you go.”
7. What does the name “Moses” mean? “Later, when he was older, she brought him back to the princess. He became her son. She named him Moses (meaning ‘to draw out’) because she had drawn him out of the water.”

Read Exodus chapter 2, verses 11-25.

1. How old does Acts 7:23 say Moses was when he visited the Hebrew people? “When Moses was 40 years old, he decided to visit the Israelites.” [Moses had lived in Pharaoh’s house for most of these 40 years. He was educated as an Egyptian, looked like an Egyptian, and lived like Egyptian royalty.]
2. What does Hebrews 11:24 tell us about Moses that helps us understand why he chose to fight against the Egyptian? “Now Moses grew up. And by faith, he refused to be treated as the king’s grandson.”
3. Where did God take Moses after he killed the Egyptian? Can you find this on a Bible map? Midian. [God drew Moses out of Egypt in order to give him additional training in His ways. Moses was not yet ready to be God’s leader.]
4. We are told in Exodus 2:24 God heard the Hebrews’ groaning. They may have been praying to God. What does Isaiah 65:24 say? “I will answer them before they even call to Me. While they are still talking to Me about their needs, I will go ahead and answer their prayers!”
5. **PERSONAL:** Are you talking to God so He can answer your needs?

EXODUS — LESSON 2

Before you begin your lesson:

- a. Pray for God's Holy Spirit to help you answer the questions.
- b. Some questions may be too hard; it's ok to write "I don't know."
- c. Think about what God's Word is telling you for today.
- d. With some questions, it might be helpful to write the scripture verse on your paper.

Read Exodus, chapter 3, verses 1-6.

1. a. Read Acts 7:23-30. How old was Moses when he killed the Egyptian?

b. How many years had passed before Moses saw the burning bush?

c. How old is Moses now?

2. What is the other name given for Mt. Horeb in Exodus 3:1?

3. How did Moses answer when God called him?

4. **HARD:** From these verses who is calling, and who is answering?

1 Samuel 3:4-5

Isaiah 6:8

Isaiah 58:9a

5. **PERSONAL:** God told Moses to take off his shoes because he was on holy ground. How do you walk into church? Do you walk in like you are on holy ground or on a play ground?

Read Exodus chapter 3, verses 7-12.

1. What is God's plan according to verses 8, 10?
2. Moses was afraid to return to Egypt. He tried to get out of going. What did God tell him in Exodus 3:12?
3. Have you ever been asked to do something, but were afraid you couldn't do it? What does Isaiah 41:10 say? Why not memorize this verse so you can recite it to yourself whenever you feel afraid?

Read Exodus chapter 3, verses 13-22.

1. God told Moses "I AM". Draw a line from what Jesus calls Himself to the scripture verses.

Bread of life	John 11:25,26
Light of the world	John 8:12
The door (or gate)	John 10:11
Good Shepherd	John 14:6
Resurrection and Life	John 10:7
Way, truth, and life	John 6:35

2. Who was the first group of people God told Moses to call together to tell them God's message?
3. **RISKY:** Where is Moses now? Using your Bible map, how far is he from the Israelites who are living in Goshen?

- 4. a. How old is Moses?

b. Do you think you'd like to walk as far as Moses did?

- 5. Where was God going to take His people? See Exodus 3:17.

- 6. If a day's journey is about 20 miles, how far was Moses to ask the king's permission to take the Israelites?

- 7. **CHALLENGE:** What 5 things did God know about the king and this trip? See Exodus 3:19-21.

- 8. What did the Israelite women ask for from the Egyptians?

- 9. **PERSONAL:** Did you memorize a verse from this lesson?

EXODUS — WEEK THREE

DISCUSSION — LESSON 2

15-20 min. free time — games, fellowship

15-20 min. snack and group recreation: CIRCLE RELAY

Form relay team lines. Set goal line. Draw a circle on the floor/ground at the goal line in front of each team. Place an object, bean bag, eraser, ball, etc. inside each circle. At the signal the first player in line races to his object, picks it up, runs back to his line and hands it off to the second player in line who runs to the circle, replaces the object **INSIDE THE CIRCLE**, runs back and tags the third player in line. The third player runs to the circle, picks up the object, runs back to his line and hands it off to the fourth player. The team whose players have all run and are back sitting in their original places first wins the relay.

15-20 min. discuss LESSON 2

to end of class CRAFT: DOOR KNOCKER

felt squares

ribbon or yarn in yellow, red, green, brown, white

colored wooden beads

scissors

Cut out a basic house shape from the square of felt. Cut a hole in the center of the house, so the house can be slipped over a doorknob. Cut the yarn/ribbon into 8" lengths. Give each student one strip of each color. Tie a knot at one end of the yarn/ribbon. Thread two or three wooden beads onto the ribbon. Make a small slit near the bottom edge of the felt house, slip the unknotted end of yarn/ribbon through the slit, and tie a knot. Follow the same procedure for each of the colored ribbons, alternating the number of beads on each ribbon. Hang the finished knocker on a doorknob.

The doorknocker reminds us that the Lord hears and cares and will answer our prayers, if we knock through prayer. Each part of the knocker is symbolic to Scriptures in the Sermon on the Mount.

yellow — shining light — Matthew 5:14-16

red — resolving conflict — Matthew 5:23-24

green — giving service — Matthew 5:41-42

white — Lord's Prayer — Matthew 6:9-13

brown — not judging — Matthew 7:1-5

EXODUS — LESSON 2 ANSWERS

Read Exodus, chapter 3, verses 1-6.

1. a. Read Acts 7:23-30. How old was Moses when he killed the Egyptian? Acts 7:23, 40 years old.
 - b. How many years had passed before Moses saw the burning bush? Acts 7:30, 40 years.
 - c. How old is Moses now? 80 years old.
2. What is the other name given for Mt. Horeb in Exodus 3:1? “The mountain of God.”
3. How did Moses answer when God called him? “Here I am.”
4. **HARD:** From these verses who is calling, and who is answering?
 - 1 Samuel 3:4-5 [The Lord is calling, Samuel is answering.] “That night, the Lord called out, ‘Samuel! Samuel! Yes?’ Samuel replied.
 - Isaiah 6:8 [The Lord is calling, Isaiah is answering.] “Then I heard the Lord speaking. ‘Whom shall I send as a messenger to my people?’ he asked. ‘Who will go and speak for me?’ And I said, ‘Lord, I’ll go! Send me!’”
 - Isaiah 58:9a [Those who trust in God are calling, and God is answering.] “Then, when you [believers] call, the Lord will answer you. ‘Yes, I am here,’ he will quickly reply.”
5. **PERSONAL:** God told Moses to take off his shoes because he was on holy ground. How do you walk into church? Do you walk in like you are on holy ground or on a play ground?

Read Exodus 3:7-12.

1. What is God’s plan according to verses 8, 10? “I have come to deliver them [Israelites] from the Egyptians. I will take them out of Egypt into a good land. It is a large land ‘flowing with milk and honey.’ This is the land where the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites live...Now I am going to send you to Pharaoh. You will demand that he let you lead my people out of Egypt.”
2. Moses was afraid to return to Egypt. He tried to get out of going. What did God tell him in Exodus 3:12? “Then God told him, ‘I really will be with you. I will give you proof that I am the one who is sending you. You shall lead the people out of Egypt. Then you shall worship God here upon this mountain!’”

3. Have you ever been asked to do something, but were afraid you couldn't do it? What does Isaiah 41:10 say? Why not memorize this verse so you can recite it to yourself whenever you feel afraid? “Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you. I will help you. I will uphold you with my strong right hand.”

Read Exodus chapter 3, verses 13-22.

1. God told Moses “I AM”. Draw a line from what Jesus calls Himself to the scripture verses.

Bread of life — John 6:35

Light of the world — John 8:12

The door (or gate) — John 10:7

Good Shepherd — John 10:11

Resurrection and Life — John 11:25,26

Way, truth, and life — John 14:6

2. Who was the first group of people God told Moses to call together to tell them God's message? verse 16: “Now call together all the elders of Israel,” God told him. “Tell them about the Lord appearing to you here in this burning bush. Tell them that he said to you I have visited my people. I have seen what is happening to them there in Egypt.”
3. **RISKY:** Where is Moses now? Using your Bible map, how far is he from the Israelites who are living in Goshen? Moses is on Mt. Horeb, about 150-200 miles away.
4. a. How old is Moses? 80 years old.
- b. Do you think you'd like to walk as far as Moses did?
5. Where was God going to take His people? See Exodus 3:17. “I promise to rescue them from the suffering and hurt they are going through. I will take them to the land that now belongs to the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites. It is a land flowing with milk and honey.” [This is a poetic picture expressing the beauty and productivity of the promised land.] (LAB)
6. If a day's journey is about 20 miles, how far was Moses to ask the king's permission to take the Israelites? Three days' journey, about 60 miles.

7. **CHALLENGE:** What 5 things did God know about the king and this trip? See Exodus 3:19-21.
1. the king wouldn't let them go except under heavy pressure
 2. God would do wonders in front of the king's eyes
 3. the king will finally let the Israelites go
 4. the Israelites will find favor with the Egyptians
 5. the Israelites would not leave empty handed.
8. What did the Israelite women ask for from the Egyptians? verse 22a: "Every woman will ask for jewels, silver, gold, and the finest clothes."
9. **PERSONAL:** Did you memorize a verse from this lesson?

EXODUS — LESSON 3

Before you begin your lesson:

- a. Pray for God's Holy Spirit to help you answer the questions.
- b. Some questions may be too hard; it's ok to write "I don't know."
- c. Think about what God's Word is telling you for today.
- d. With some questions, it might be helpful to write the scripture verse on your paper.

Read Exodus chapter 4, verses 1-13.

1. In verse 1 Moses still doesn't want to do what the Lord has asked him to do. God reminds Moses He will be with him. What two miracles does God perform to show Moses His power?
2. If these two miracles don't work, what is the next thing God tells Moses to do?
3. **CHALLENGE:** Who do you think Moses says won't believe him? See Exodus 3:16 to help you with your answer.
4. When we say The Pledge of Allegiance to our flag, we place our hand over our heart. God told Moses to place his "hand inside your robe, next to your chest." This meant over his heart. What do these verses say about the heart, hand, and mouth?

Proverbs 3:27

Proverbs 4:23

Proverbs 13:3

Proverbs 15:28

Luke 6:45

5. a. What did God ask Moses about his mouth in Exodus 4:11a?

b. How did God answer His own question in the last part of verse 11, and all of verse 12?
6. After all of God's promises to Moses, what did Moses say?

Read Exodus chapter 4, verses 14-20.

1. **PERSONAL:** Have you ever tried to get out of doing something you didn't want to do? What happened?
2. **RISKY:** What finally made God angry with Moses?
3. What did God tell Moses He'd do for him? See Exodus 4:14-16 for your answer.
4. **CHALLENGE:** What does 2 Corinthians 3:5 say about the strength we need to do as God wants us to?

Read Exodus chapter 4, verses 21-31.

1. What does Exodus 4:21a say Moses was to do once he reached Egypt?
2. What does God say about Pharaoh's heart in Exodus 3:19?
3. Sometimes, "hardness of heart" says a person is stubborn. What does Proverbs 28:14 say?
4. Using your dictionary what does it mean to predict something?
5. **RISKY:** Can you find the prediction God made to Moses about Pharaoh in Exodus 4:23?
6. When Moses and Aaron reached Egypt, the Israelites believed them. They were glad God heard their prayers. God hears and answers our prayers too. According to Psalm 92:1, how are we to act when God answers our prayers?
7. **PERSONAL:** Have you thanked God yet this week for His help, love and kindness to you?

EXODUS — WEEK FOUR

DISCUSSION — LESSON 3

15-20 min. free time — games, fellowship

15-20 min. snack and group recreation: WHO'S KNOCKING?

“It” sits on a chair at the front of the room. All other players stand behind “it”. One player is chosen to knock on the back of “it’s” chair. “It” asks “Who’s knocking?” The knocker answers “It’s me”, disguising his voice. If “it” guesses correctly, the knocker becomes “it”. If not, another player becomes the knocker. “It” remains until he guesses correctly.

15-20 min. discuss LESSON 3

to end of class CRAFT: PLAQUE WITH VERSE

small wooden unpainted plaque 3” x 3”
Bible verse or saying to fit in center of plaque
ribbon 2” x 8”
paint, brushes
straw flowers, small
decoupage
small ring for hanging

Sand rough wood edges, paint. Tear edges of paper, with saying on it, so as to look “old”. When paint is dry, decoupage saying onto plaque. Glue ribbon to back of plaque, leaving a 2” tail at the bottom, and a 3”-4” piece at the top. Loop the top piece through ring and glue to plaque back. When dry, it is ready for hanging. You may wish to begin the sanding and painting at the start of the class time to allow time for drying.

EXODUS – LESSON 3 – ANSWERS

Read Exodus chapter 4, verses 1-13.

1. In verse 1 Moses still doesn't want to do what the Lord has asked him to do. God reminds Moses He will be with him. What two miracles does God perform to show Moses His power? 1. God changes Moses' rod into a snake. 2. God makes Moses' hand leprous and returns it to normal.
2. If these two miracles don't work, what is the next thing God tells Moses to do? verse 9: "And if they don't accept you after these two signs, then take water from the Nile River. Pour it upon the dry land. It will turn to blood."
3. **CHALLENGE:** Who do you think Moses says won't believe him? See Exodus 3:16 to help you with your answer. [The commentators don't give a definitive answer. They indicate it is the people of Israel, since it is most likely God had not visited them in their captivity as He had during the reign of the Patriarchs. However, the question points to "elders".]
4. When we say The Pledge of Allegiance to our flag, we place our hand over our heart. God told Moses to place his "hand inside your robe, next to your chest." This meant over his heart. What do these verses say about the heart, hand, and mouth?

Proverbs 3:27 "Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in the power of your hand to do so." (NKJV)

Proverbs 4:23 "Above all else, guard your heart. For your heart runs everything else in your life."

Proverbs 13:3 "Self-control means controlling the tongue! A quick answer can ruin everything."

Proverbs 15:28 "A good person thinks before he speaks. Evil people pour out their evil words without a thought."

Luke 6:45 "A good man produces good deeds from a good heart. And an evil man produces evil deeds from his hidden wickedness. Whatever is in the heart overflows into speech."

5. a. What did God ask Moses about his mouth in Exodus 4:11a? "The Lord said to him, 'Who gave man his mouth?'" (NIV)
- b. How did God answer His own question in the last part of verse 11, and all of verse 12? "Is it not I, the Lord? Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say."

6. After all of God's promises to Moses, what did Moses say? verse 13: "But Moses said, 'Lord, please! Send someone else.'"

Read Exodus chapter 4, verses 14-20.

1. **PERSONAL:** Have you ever tried to get out of doing something you didn't want to do? What happened?
2. **RISKY:** What finally made God angry with Moses? [All of the excuses Moses offered. But, when Moses asked for someone else to go in his place, God became angry. Although He agreed to send Aaron as Moses' helper, He did not want to have two people giving instructions. He had chosen Moses to be His man, but God allowed Aaron the privilege of helping. However, in the long run, as we will see, this brings problems to the people.]
3. What did God tell Moses He'd do for him? See Exodus 4:14-16 for your answer. [Aaron would do the speaking for Moses, but God would tell Moses what to say and Moses would tell Aaron what God said.] verse 15-16a: "You shall speak to him and put words in his mouth; I will help both of you speak and will teach you what to do. He will speak to the people for you." [When God told Moses "as if you were God to him", He wasn't saying Moses was God. This is an instance when God's prophet has authority over God's priest. Moses was God's prophet, "one who is divinely inspired to communicate God's will to His people, and to disclose the future to them." (Unger's Bible Dictionary) Later, Aaron becomes Israel's first priest, "one authorized to perform the sacred rites of a religion". (Webster's Dictionary) "The functions of the priest and prophet may exist in the same person" (Unger's) However, this is not the case here. A priest is under the authority of the prophet, as in the example of Moses and Aaron.]
4. **CHALLENGE:** What does 2 Corinthians 3:5 say about the strength we need to do as God wants us to? "This is not because we think we can do anything by ourselves. Our only power and success comes from God."

Read Exodus chapter 4, verses 21-31.

1. What does Exodus 4:21a say Moses was to do once he reached Egypt? "The Lord told him, 'Go back to Egypt and stand before Pharaoh. Do before him the miracles I have shown you.'"
2. What does God say about Pharaoh's heart in Exodus 3:19? "But I know that the king of Egypt will not let you go except under heavy pressure." [although God says He will harden Pharaoh's heart in Exodus 4:21, this does not imply God is doing the hardening. Pharaohs in that day considered themselves god. Therefore, there would be no way this Pharaoh would allow people to leave his land to worship some other god. The Lord God is acting in agreement with Pharaoh's will.]

3. Sometimes, “hardness of heart” says a person is stubborn. What does Proverbs 28:14 say? “Blessed is the man who always fears the Lord, but he who hardens his heart falls into trouble.” (NIV)
4. Using your dictionary what does it mean to predict something? “To declare in advance.”
5. **RISKY:** Can you find the prediction God made to Moses about Pharaoh in Exodus 4:23? “So I say to you let My son go that he may serve Me. But if you refuse to let him go, indeed I will kill your son, your firstborn.” [The scripture regarding circumcision will not be covered. However, if it should come up, circumcision was evidence a man was a descendant of Abraham, and a sign of faith. Possibly Moses let this area of obedience to God slide. But, not for long. God intervened and the situation was corrected.]
6. When Moses and Aaron reached Egypt, the Israelites believed them. They were glad God heard their prayers. God hears and answers our prayers too. According to Psalm 92:1, how are we to act when God answers our prayers? “It is good to say thank you to the Lord. It is great to sing praises to him.”
7. **PERSONAL:** Have you thanked God yet this week for His help, love and kindness to you?

EXODUS — LESSON 4

Before you begin your lesson:

- a. Pray for God's Holy Spirit to help you answer the questions.
- b. Some questions may be too hard; it's ok to write "I don't know."
- c. Think about what God's Word is telling you for today.
- d. With some questions, it might be helpful to write the scripture verse on your paper.

Read Exodus, chapter 5, verses 1-9.

1. What was the full name of God Moses and Aaron used when they talked with Pharaoh?

2. What did Moses and Aaron ask Pharaoh to do?

3. How do we know Pharaoh didn't know the Hebrew God? Give the verse where you found your answer.

4. **PERSONAL:** If a friend asked you about who your God is, how would you answer? Isaiah 45:5a,6 may help you.

5. Pharaoh thought the people of Israel were lazy because Moses requested a rest for them. What did Pharaoh do instead of giving them rest?

Read Exodus chapter 5, verses 10-23.

1. **CHALLENGE:** If you know about farming you might be able to give the definition of these words. If not, using your dictionary, what is the meaning of the following words?

thresh

straw

stubble

2. **RISKY:** Which do you think is harder to use, straw or stubble, when making bricks? Why?
3. **PERSONAL:** The Hebrews were being punished because they wanted to worship God. Have you been ignored, called names, or hit because you worship the Lord?
4. Moses talked to the Lord about his problem with the taskmasters. What does 1 Peter 5:7 say we should do when we have problems?

Read Exodus chapter 6, verses 1-8.

1. What did the Lord say to Moses in verse 1 of chapter 6 about Pharaoh?

2. God always keeps His promises. People make and break promises. Those who keep their promises may do them right away. There might be times when we think God should give us what He has promised right away. Read Romans 4:13,20,21. What does Romans 4:21 say about God's promise to Abraham?

3. What was God's promise to Moses in Exodus 6:8?

Read Exodus chapter 6, verses 9-30.

1. a. Were the people happy to hear what Moses had to say to them?
b. How did they reply to Moses?

2. **CHALLENGE:** Don't skip over Moses' family tree. There is some important information there.
 - a. Who is Levi? See Genesis 29:34.

 - b. Who is Kohath?

 - c. Who is Amram?

3. We will read many times in this study that God spoke to Moses. We have God's written Word that speaks to us too. What does Isaiah 50:4,5 say about God speaking to us?

4. **PERSONAL:** Is God speaking to you? Do you read the Bible every day so you can understand how He wants you to live?

EXODUS — WEEK FIVE

DISCUSSION — LESSON 4

15-20 min. free time — games, fellowship

15-20 min. snack and group recreation: TOSS THE BALL and CATCH

Form a circle, with one player in center. The player in center tosses a ball into the air and calls the name of a player in the circle. The player whose name is called tries to catch the ball BEFORE it bounces. If he catches the ball, he becomes the one to toss and call. If he misses, he returns to the circle. Game ends when time limit has been reached.

15-20 min. discuss LESSON 4

to end of class CRAFT: STICKERS

white liquid glue
small magazine pictures
vinegar
small bowl or saucer
teaspoon
paint, brushes
white paper, or white lunch sack
newspaper

Lay newspaper on work surface. Mix 2 teaspoons white liquid glue with 1 teaspoon vinegar in bowl. Have children choose as many pictures as are available. With small brush coat the back side of each picture. Lay out and allow to dry. When dry, moisten and stick to white paper for wall hanging, or lunch sack for gift bag.

OPTIONAL: This would be a good time to show a video. “The Ten Commandments” would have to be shown over several weeks, but there are other animated videos that may be just as helpful and informative. Sometimes, visual expression aids reading comprehension.

EXODUS – LESSON 4 – ANSWERS

Read Exodus, chapter 5, verses 1-9.

1. What was the full name of God Moses and Aaron used when they talked with Pharaoh? “The Lord God of Israel.”
2. What did Moses and Aaron ask Pharaoh to do? verse 1b: “He says, ‘Let my people go. They must make a holy journey out into the wilderness. They must celebrate a religious feast, and worship me there.’”
3. How do we know Pharaoh didn’t know the Hebrew God? Give the verse where you found your answer. verse 2: “‘Is that so?’ said Pharaoh. And who is the Lord, that I should listen to him? Who is he that I should let Israel go? I don’t know the Lord. I will not let Israel go.” [At this time there were “thousands of temples, millions of idols, and about three thousand gods”. (McGee) Yet Pharaoh didn’t know about the Hebrew God.]
4. **PERSONAL:** If a friend asked you about who your God is, how would you answer? Isaiah 45:5a,6 may help you. “I am the Lord, and there is no other; apart from me there is no God. So that from the rising of the sun to the place of its setting men may know there is none besides me” (NIV)
5. Pharaoh thought the people of Israel were lazy because Moses requested a rest for them. What did Pharaoh do instead of giving them rest? He told the bosses “you are no longer to supply the people with straw for making bricks; let them go and gather their own straw. But require them to make the same number of bricks as before; don’t reduce the quota. They are lazy; that is why they are crying out, ‘Let us go and sacrifice to our God.’ Make the work harder for the men so that they keep working and pay no attention to lies.” [Straw helped to retain the shape of the mud bricks as they dried. Very much like using bread or bread crumbs to hold a meatloaf together.]

Read Exodus chapter 5, verses 10-23.

1. **CHALLENGE:** If you know about farming you might be able to give the definition of these words. If not, using your dictionary, what is the meaning of the following words?

thresh “To separate seed from (a harvested plant) mechanically.” (Webster’s)

straw “Stalks of grain after threshing.” (Webster’s)

stubble “The dry portion of grain; left standing in the fields.” (Unger’s)
2. **RISKY:** Which do you think is harder to use, straw or stubble, when making bricks? Why? Stubble. [The scripture reading indicates it is harder with the stubble than straw.]

3. **PERSONAL:** The Hebrews were being punished because they wanted to worship God. Have you been ignored, called names, or hit because you worship the Lord?
4. Moses talked to the Lord about his problem with the taskmasters. What does 1 Peter 5:7 say we should do when we have problems? “Let God have all your worries and cares. He is always thinking about you and watching everything that concerns you.”

Read Exodus chapter 6, verses 1-8.

1. What did the Lord say to Moses in verse 1 of chapter 6 about Pharaoh? “For he must be forced to let my people go. He will not only let them go, but will drive them out of his land!”
2. God always keeps His promises. People make and break promises. Those who keep their promises may do them right away. There might be times when we think God should give us what He has promised right away. Read Romans 4:13,20,21. What does Romans 4:21 say about God’s promise to Abraham? “He was sure that God was able to do anything he promised.”
3. What was God’s promise to Moses in Exodus 6:8? “And I will bring you to the land I swore with uplifted hand to give to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob. I will give it to you as a possession. I am the Lord.”

Read Exodus chapter 6, verses 9-30.

1. a. Were the people happy to hear what Moses had to say to them? No.
b. How did they reply to Moses? “Moses reported this to the Israelites, but they did not listen to him because of their discouragement and cruel bondage.”
2. **CHALLENGE:** Don’t skip over Moses’ family tree. There is some important information there.
 - a. Who is Levi? See Genesis 29:34. The third son of Jacob and Leah.
 - b. Who is Kohath? Exodus 6:16, a descendant of Levi.
 - c. Who is Amram? Exodus 6:18,20, a son of Kohath and the father of Aaron, Miriam, and Moses.

3. We will read many times in this study that God spoke to Moses. We have God's written Word that speaks to us too. What does Isaiah 50:4,5 say about God speaking to us? "The Lord God has given me his words of wisdom. He does this so I will know what I should say to all these tired ones. Morning by morning he wakens me. He opens my understanding to his will. The Lord God has spoken to me. And I have listened. I do not rebel or turn away."

4. **PERSONAL:** Is God speaking to you? Do you read the Bible every day so you can understand how He wants you to live? [There is a book written for young readers, as well as a comic book, called In His Steps, by Charles Sheldon. This book asks the question "What would Jesus do?" You may wish to recommend either of these as outside reading to help the children see how they can live the way Jesus wants them to just by asking the question "What would Jesus do?" Or, you may wish to take either the comic book version or Young Reader version and read it during class time.]

EXODUS — LESSON 5

Before you begin your lesson:

- a. Pray for God's Holy Spirit to help you answer the questions.
- b. Some questions may be too hard; it's ok to write "I don't know."
- c. Think about what God's Word is telling you for today.
- d. With some questions, it might be helpful to write the scripture verse on your paper.

NOTE: There is a lot of reading in this lesson. You may want to do it over a couple class weeks.

Read Exodus chapter 7, verses 1-24.

1. What did God want the Egyptians to know about Him according to Exodus 7:5?

2. Using your dictionary what do these words mean?

magician

sorcery

3. **RISKY:** How did Pharaoh's men change their rods into snakes?

4. What does Deuteronomy 18:12a say about people who use spells?

5. The New Testament gives us two names of Pharaoh's men. According to 2 Timothy 3:8 what are their names?

6. Aaron's rod had no special power to change water to blood. Who has this power according to 2 Chronicles 20:6?

Read Exodus chapter 7, verse 25 through chapter 8, verse 32.

1. Were Pharaoh's magicians able to get rid of the frogs?
2. Pharaoh was beginning to see that Moses' God was more powerful than any of the Egyptian gods and magicians. But, he didn't keep his promise. What does Numbers 30:2 say about keeping a promise to the Lord?
3. The magicians used magic and trickery to copy God's miracles. But their magic couldn't bring more lice. What did they say?

Read Exodus chapter 9, verses 1-35.

1. What more does God say in Exodus 9:15-19 about His power? (A Living Bible, or Simplified Living Bible paraphrase, will be helpful in answering.)
2. God sent hail to show again He ruled over nature. What did Jesus do in Mark 4:39 to show he also had the power to rule over nature?

Read Exodus chapter 10, verses 1-29.

1. What is another reason the Lord sent these plagues? See Exodus 10:2 for your answer.
2. **PERSONAL:** Have you ever asked your grandparents what they did when they were your age? If not, why not ask them? Would you like to share it with your class?
3. It must have been hard for Moses not to accept Pharaoh's offer to leave the children in Egypt. At least, most of the people could leave Egypt. But, Moses wasn't going to settle for anything less than what God sent him to do. What does Romans 12:2 say about settling for what the world offers?
4. Since Moses didn't take Pharaoh up on his offer, what was plague 8?
5. Have you ever been inside a cave? It's very dark, isn't it? That's how dark the plague was that God sent. How long did the darkness last? And was it dark in the land of Goshen?
6. **CHALLENGE:** We have read about God's miracles in changing His original wonderful works. What are some of the wonderful works of God you see every day? Why not stop and thank Him for all His wonderful works?

EXODUS — WEEK SIX

DISCUSSION — LESSON 5

15-20 min. free time — games, fellowship

15-20 min. snack and group recreation: CLASSROOM TAG

Draw a circle about 3 feet in diameter on the floor using masking tape, at one end of the room. The player chosen as “It” stands near the circle. The teacher calls the names of any two or three children. These children must try to get into the circle without being tagged. The game is repeated with the one who is tagged first as “It”. If no one is tagged the first player remains “It”.

15-20 min. discuss LESSON 5

to end of class CRAFT: SAFETY PIN BROOCH

4 colors of small beads in these amounts:

8 small safety pins per child: 1 for base, 7 for design

24 small beads (this is your main color = mc)

18 small beads (this is your secondary color = sc)

7 small beads (this is your design color = dc)

4 bowls/paper plates to hold beads for easier handling

First pin: String 7-mc onto pin; close.

* Open base pin and run the closed end of mc pin onto base pin. Loop it through the closed end, under and over, swing it around and bring to head of base pin.** (This is the procedure you follow for each pin. When lined up the beads create a design, plus allow the base pin to be attached to lapel, shirt, purse, etc.)

SUGGESTION: to pick up beads easily, moisten tip of finger, pick up beads and run them onto pin.

Second pin: string 1-mc, 5-sc, 1-mc; *-**.

Third pin: 1-mc; 1-sc; 1-dc; 3-sc; 1-mc; *-**.

Fourth pin: 1-mc; 5-dc; 1-mc; *-**.

Fifth pin: 1-mc; 1-sc; 1-dc; 3-sc; 1-mc; *-**.

Sixth pin: 1-mc; 5-sc; 1-mc; *-**.

Seventh pin: 7-mc.

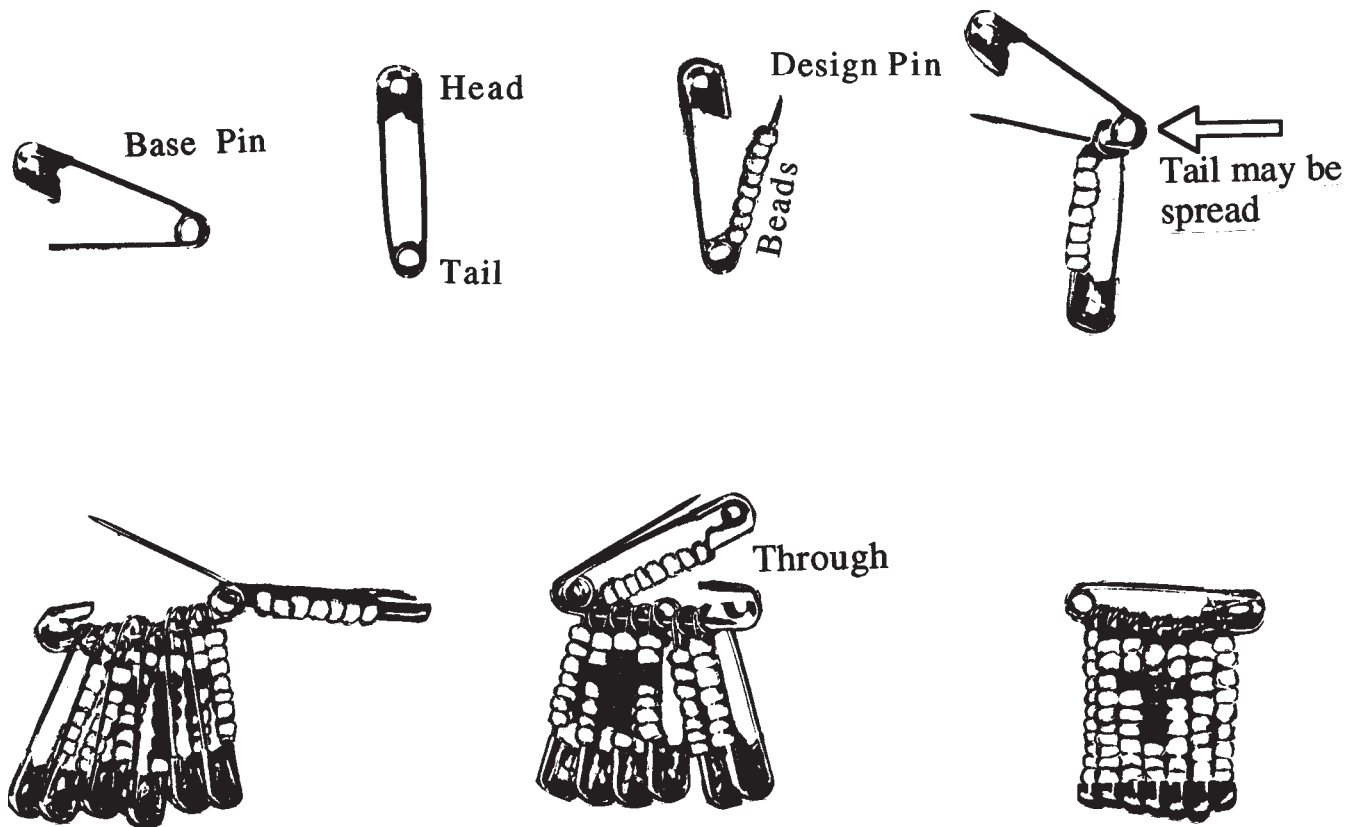
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When all are attached to main pin, your design should be a cross. It is now ready for wearing.

You may use larger pins and larger beads, if you want. You can also create any design you want. Adjustments will need to be made for larger beads, or a different design. The initial try for placing design pins onto base pin may be difficult, but once mastered, it becomes easy.

OPTIONAL:

You may wish to continue the video “The Ten Commandments” if you have started it. Or, you may want to have a Passover celebration. If you don’t know anyone who can help you with this, a book by Martha Zimmerman, *Celebrate the Feasts* has suggestions how to have your own Passover meal. If you choose to have a Passover celebration, have each class member bring an ingredient needed to complete the food items. Having them help in preparing the food makes the celebration that much more meaningful.



EXODUS – LESSON 5 – ANSWERS

NOTE: There is a lot of reading in this lesson. You may want to do it over a couple class weeks.

Read Exodus chapter 7, verses 1-24.

1. What did God want the Egyptians to know about Him according to Exodus 7:5? “The Egyptians will find out that I am indeed God when I show them my power. I will force them to let my people go.” [“The plagues were not just illustrations of God’s power. They had a revelational purpose — that the Egyptians might know the Lord.”](CSLB) [God directed each plague against a specific Egyptian god or goddess. There were “thousands of temples, millions of idols, and about three thousand gods in Egypt. The gods of Egypt were either animal, bird, or insect.” (McGee) God was going to show Pharaoh and the Egyptians He was the God above all gods.]

2. Using your dictionary what do these words mean?

magician “one who performs tricks of illusion and slight of hand.” (Webster’s)

sorcery “The use of power gained from the assistance or control of evil spirits esp. for divining.” (Webster’s)

3. **RISKY:** How did Pharaoh’s men change their rods into snakes? They used magic. [The magicians used enchantments and called up evil spirits to help them. “The power in Egyptian religion was satanic and Satan grants power to those who worship him.” (McGee)

4. What does Deuteronomy 18:12a say about people who use spells? “Anyone who does these things is detestable to the Lord.” (NIV)

5. The New Testament gives us two names of Pharaoh’s men. According to 2 Timothy 3:8 what are their names? Jannes and Jambres.

6. Aaron’s rod had no special power to change water to blood. Who has this power according to 2 Chronicles 20:6? “O Lord God of our fathers! You are the only God in all the heavens! You are the Ruler of all the kingdoms of the earth! You are so powerful, so mighty! Who can stand against you?” [The Egyptians considered the Nile as the giver of life and fertility. So they erected a god to worship. The river now turned to blood brings death instead of life.]

Read Exodus chapter 7:25 — chapter 8, verses 1-32.

1. Were Pharaoh’s magicians able to get rid of the frogs? No. They could only make more. [Frogs were sacred, and it was an offense to kill them.]

2. Pharaoh was beginning to see that Moses' God was more powerful than any of the Egyptian gods and magicians. But, he didn't keep his promise. What does Numbers 30:2 say about keeping a promise to the Lord? “Someone might make a promise to the Lord. This might be either to do something or to quit doing something. If such a promise is made, it must not be broken. The person making the promise must do exactly as he has said.”
3. The magicians used magic and trickery to copy God's miracles. But their magic couldn't bring more lice. What did they say? verse 19: “This is the finger of God.’ they exclaimed to Pharaoh. But Pharaoh's heart was hard and stubborn. He wouldn't listen to them, just as the Lord had predicted.” [The lice are a type of scavenger, and probably ate up the dead frogs.] [Some believe the flies were some sort of beetle, or scarab, which means eternal life, which are found in the Egyptian tombs.] [The Egyptians worshipped the black cow. And the fifth plague of murrain, affecting the cattle was judgment against this idol.] [Even the magicians had boils on them. Some of these magicians were also religious priests. In the Egyptian religion, the priests had to be clean. They couldn't have any kind of sickness or skin diseases. Probably not even a pimple! Since the priests had boils, worship stopped. This was a judgment on the Egyptian religion.]

Read Exodus chapter 9, verses 1-35.

1. What more does God say in Exodus 9:15-19 about His power? (A Living Bible, or Simplified Living Bible paraphrase, will be helpful in answering.) “I could have killed you all by now, but I didn't for I wanted to show my power to you and to all the earth. So you still think you are great, do you? Do you still defy my power? Do you still refuse to let my people go? Well, tomorrow about this time I will send a hailstorm across the nation. It will be such as there has never been since Egypt was founded! Quick! Bring in your cattle from the fields. Every man and animal left out in the fields will die beneath the hail.” [God still loved the Egyptians enough to warn them of coming disaster. He wanted them to turn to Him. The hail was judgment against the sky-goddess, showing her powerlessness in her own domain.]
2. God sent hail to show again He ruled over nature. What did Jesus do in Mark 4:39 to show he also had the power to rule over nature? “Then he spoke to the wind and the sea. He said, ‘Quiet down!’ Suddenly, the wind fell! And there was a great calm.”

Read Exodus chapter 10, verses 1-29.

1. What is another reason the Lord sent these plagues? See Exodus 10:2 for your answer. “What stories you can tell your children and grandchildren! You must recount the great things I am doing in Egypt. Tell them what fools I made of the Egyptians. Remind them of how I proved to you that I am the Lord.”

2. **PERSONAL:** Have you ever asked your grandparents what they did when they were your age? If not, why not ask them? Would you like to share it with your class?
3. It must have been hard for Moses not to accept Pharaoh's offer to leave the children in Egypt. At least, most of the people could leave Egypt. But, Moses wasn't going to settle for anything less than what God sent him to do. What does Romans 12:2 say about settling for what the world offers? "Don't copy the world. Be a different person with a fresh newness in all you do and think. Then you will learn how his ways will really satisfy you."
4. Since Moses didn't take Pharaoh up on his offer, what was plague 8? Locusts. [A judgment against insect gods; the crops were cursed.]
5. Have you ever been inside a cave? It's very dark, isn't it? That's how dark the plague was that God sent. How long did the darkness last? And was it dark in the land of Goshen? verses 22,23: "So Moses did. And there was thick darkness over all the land for three days. During all that time the people scarcely moved. But all the people of Israel had light as usual." [This judgment shows the helplessness of the sun-god Ra.]
6. **CHALLENGE:** We have read about God's miracles in changing His original wonderful works. What are some of the wonderful works of God you see every day? Why not stop and thank Him for all His wonderful works? [Sunrise, sunset, trees, water, sun, moon, stars, animals, food, shelter, etc.]

EXODUS — LESSON 6

Before you begin your lesson:

- a. Pray for God's Holy Spirit to help you answer the questions.
- b. Some questions may be too hard; it's ok to write "I don't know."
- c. Think about what God's Word is telling you for today.
- d. With some questions, it might be helpful to write the scripture verse on your paper.

Read Exodus chapter 11, verses 1-10.

1. In Exodus 11:1 God told Moses to have the people ask for silver and jewelry from the Egyptians, even though He had already told Moses this would happen. What does Exodus 3:22 say?

2. Who would be included in the plague of death to the firstborn?

3. What will happen to the people of Israel?

4. This is not the first time the Lord set Israel apart from the Egyptians. They did not suffer the plagues of flies, (Exodus 8:22), diseased livestock (Exodus 9:4), boils (Exodus 9:11), hail (Exodus 9:26), locusts (Exodus 10:6), and darkness (Exodus 10:23). Christians are set apart for a special purpose. What does 1 Peter 2:9 say that purpose is?

5. **PERSONAL:** Do you belong to God? You can become His child and tell others about Him. What does John 1:12 say?

Read Exodus chapter 12, verse 1-27.

1. **RISKY:** Besides football games and parades, what is so important about January 1?

2. What did the Lord tell Moses and Aaron in Exodus 12:2?

NOTE: When you use a camera, you take a picture of a real thing or person. Your picture is just a copy, but when you look at it, you remember the real event, time, or person. The Passover celebration was a real event, but it was also a picture of something that was going to happen many years later. It is the picture of Jesus and His crucifixion and salvation for the world. In John 1:29, John the Baptist said when he saw Jesus coming towards him, “Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.” (NKJV)

3. **CHALLENGE:** Who was to get a lamb on the tenth day of this month every year?

4. What kind of lamb was to be used?

5. When was the lamb to be killed?

6. **HARD:** Why was the lamb’s blood put on the doorposts of the Jewish homes? See Exodus 12:12,13 for your answer.

NOTE: The blood on the doorposts was a sign of protection against death. Jesus said in John 5:24: “I have something serious to say. Anyone who listens to my message and believes in God who sent me has eternal life. Such a person will never be condemned. He has already passed out of death into life.” [Death does not mean when the body dies, but when the soul is forever apart from God. Life means our soul will forever be with God.] In 1 Corinthians 15:3, Paul said: “Christ died for our sins just as the Bible said he would.”

7. What does Hebrews 9:22b say about blood?

8. **PERSONAL:** Have you asked the Lord to forgive your sins? Do you believe Jesus died for you so you would be protected from the death of your soul? If not, why not ask Him now. Ask Jesus to come into your heart and live within you, to help you do as God wants you to, so that your soul will forever live with Him.

Read Exodus chapter 12, verses 28-36.

1. Did the people obey Moses and Aaron?
2. What does Hebrews 13:17 say about obedience?
3. Since parents are also leaders in the family, what does Ephesians 6:1 say?
4. What did Pharaoh say to Moses and Aaron in Exodus 12:31b,32, after the death of the first-born?

Read Exodus chapter 12, verses 37-51.

1. How many Israelite men are recorded in Exodus 12:37 who left Egypt?
2. Was it only the people of Israel who left Egypt? Give the verse where you found your answer.
3. In the Jewish religion Passover is celebrated as a remembrance of their deliverance out of Egypt and slavery. What are people in slavery to now, according to Romans 6:16,17?
4. According to Romans 10:13, how can someone obey the teaching of God that Paul talks about in Romans 6:17a?

5. When someone obeys God's teaching, and becomes saved, they are called Christians. What do Christians celebrate as their deliverance from slavery to sin? See 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 for your answer.

6. **PERSONAL:** When you take communion in your church are you remembering why you are doing it? The next time you take communion, remember, it is because Jesus Christ died so you could have forgiveness for your sins.

EXODUS — WEEK SEVEN

DISCUSSION — LESSON 6

15-20 min. free time — games, fellowship [You may wish to begin the craft project as the children enter to allow drying time]

15-20 min. snack and group recreation: SNATCH THE BACON

Divide group into two teams. Draw an imaginary center between the teams and their respective goal lines. Number players on either team with the same numbers. Example: you will have 2 ones, 2 twos, 2 threes, etc. Place the “bacon” in the center; call out a number. The players with that number must run to the center, pick up the “bacon” and return to his goal line before being tagged. Keep score of who makes it to their goal lines. The team with the most points wins. The “bacon” can be any object. Trying to out fox the opponent helps to keep the game exciting. You may wish to place obstacles between the center and goal lines.

15-20 min. discuss LESSON 6

to end of class CRAFT: PHYLACTERY *

brown paper bag
scissors
white glue diluted with water
shallow plastic containers
small cardboard jewelry gift box
felt tip pens
yarn, long enough for a tie
white paper, 2” x 3”
bias tape, 30 inches long

Before class, cut bias tape, yarn, and white paper. Pour diluted glue into containers. Tear brown paper into small pieces about 1x2 inches. Soak paper pieces in diluted glue. Smooth soaked paper pieces onto outside of box, and let dry. Have children write on white paper their memory verse; roll up and tie with yarn; place inside dried box. With bias tape, tie box to arm or forehead.

* *Bible Time Crafts*. “A phylactery is a little leather box containing God’s commandments written on rolls of parchment. In Bible Times, Jewish men wore phylacteries on their arms and foreheads to remind them of God’s words.”

EXODUS – LESSON 6 – ANSWERS

Read Exodus chapter 11, verses 1-10.

1. In Exodus 11:1 God told Moses to have the people ask for silver and jewelry from the Egyptians, even though He had already told Moses this would happen. What does Exodus 3:22 say? “Every woman will ask for jewels, silver, gold, and the finest of clothes. And her Egyptian master’s wife and neighbors will gladly give them. You will clothe your sons and daughters with the best of Egypt!”
2. Who would be included in the plague of death to the firstborn? verse 5: “And all the oldest sons shall die in every family in Egypt. This will include everyone. The oldest child of Pharaoh, heir to his throne, will die. So will the oldest child of his lowest slave. Even the firstborn of the animals will die.”
3. What will happen to the people of Israel? verse 7: “But not a dog shall move his tongue against any of the people of Israel. And none of their animals will die. Then you will know that the Lord makes a distinction between Egyptians and Israelites.”
4. This is not the first time the Lord set Israel apart from the Egyptians. They did not suffer the plagues of flies, (Exodus 8:22), diseased livestock (Exodus 9:4), boils (Exodus 9:11), hail (Exodus 9:26), locusts (Exodus 10:6), and darkness (Exodus 10:23). Christians are set apart for a special purpose. What does 1 Peter 2:9 say that purpose is? “But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.”
5. **PERSONAL:** Do you belong to God? You can become His child and tell others about Him. What does John 1:12 say? “But to all who received him, he gave the right to become God’s children. All they needed to do was to believe in him.”

Read Exodus chapter 12, verse 1-27.

1. **RISKY:** Besides football games and parades, what is so important about January 1? It’s the new year.
2. What did the Lord tell Moses and Aaron in Exodus 12:2? “This month will be the first and most important of the whole year.”

NOTE: When you use a camera, you take a picture of a real thing or person. Your picture is just a copy, but when you look at it, you remember the real event, time, or person. The Passover celebration was a real event, but it was also a picture of something that was going to happen many years later. It is the picture of Jesus and His crucifixion and salvation for the world. In

John 1:29, John the Baptist said when he saw Jesus coming towards him, “Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.” (NKJV)

3. **CHALLENGE:** Who was to get a lamb on the tenth day of this month every year? verse 3: “Announce this to all the people of Israel. Every year, on the 10th day of this month, each family shall get a lamb.”
4. What kind of lamb was to be used? verse 5: ‘This animal shall be a year-old male. It can be either a sheep or a goat. It cannot have any defects.’
5. When was the lamb to be killed? verse 6: “In the evening of the 14th day of this month, all these lambs shall be killed.”
6. **HARD:** Why was the lamb’s blood put on the doorposts of the Jewish homes? See Exodus 12:12,12 for your answer. “For I will pass through the land of Egypt tonight. I will kill all the oldest sons and first born male animals in all the land of Egypt. And I will bring judgment upon all the gods of Egypt. For I am the Lord. The blood you have placed on the doorposts will be proof that you obey me. When I see the blood I will pass over you. I will not destroy your first-born children when I smite the land of Egypt.”

NOTE: The blood on the doorposts was a sign of protection against death. Jesus said in John 5:24: “I have something serious to say. Anyone who listens to my message and believes in God who sent me has eternal life. Such a person will never be condemned. He has already passed out of death into life.” [Death does not mean when the body dies, but when the soul is forever apart from God. Life means our soul will forever be with God.] In 1 Corinthians 15:3, Paul said: “Christ died for our sins just as the Bible said he would.”

7. What does Hebrews 9:22b say about blood? “Unless blood is shed there is no forgiveness of sins.”
8. **PERSONAL:** Have you asked the Lord to forgive your sins? Do you believe Jesus died for you so you would be protected from the death of your soul? If not, why not ask Him now. Ask Jesus to come into your heart and live within you, to help you do as God wants you to, so that your soul will forever live with Him.

Read Exodus chapter 12, verses 28-36.

1. Did the people obey Moses and Aaron? Yes.
2. What does Hebrews 13:17 say about obedience? “Obey your leaders and be willing to do what they say. For their work is to watch over your souls. God will judge them on how well they do this. Give them reason to report joyfully to the Lord and not with sorrow. For if you don’t do this, then you will suffer for it.”

3. Since parents are also leaders in the family, what does Ephesians 6:1 say? “Children, obey your parents. This is the right thing to do.”
4. What did Pharaoh say to Moses and Aaron in Exodus 12:31b,32, after the death of the firstborn? “Leave us. Please go away, all of you. Go and serve the Lord as you said. Take your flocks and herds and be gone. But give me a blessing as you go.” [If Pharaoh would have agreed to let the people go when Moses first came to him none of the plagues would have happened.]

Read Exodus chapter 12, verses 37-51.

1. How many Israelite men are recorded in Exodus 12:37 who left Egypt? “There were 600,000 of them, besides all the women and children.”
2. Was it only the people of Israel who left Egypt? Give the verse where you found your answer. verse 38: No. “People of various sorts went with them. And there were flocks and herds—a vast exodus of cattle.”
3. In the Jewish religion Passover is celebrated as a remembrance of their deliverance out of Egypt and slavery. What are people in slavery to now, according to Romans 6:16,17? “Don’t you know that you can choose your own master? You can choose sin which ends in death. Or you can choose to obey. This will make you right and good. The one you choose will take you and be your master. You will be his slave. Once you chose to be slaves of sin. But, thank God, now you have obeyed. You have obeyed with all your heart the teaching God has given you.”
4. According to Romans 10:13, how can someone obey the teaching of God that Paul talks about in Romans 6:17a? “Anybody who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved.”
5. When someone obeys God’s teaching, and becomes saved, they are called Christians. What do Christians celebrate as their deliverance from slavery to sin? See 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 for your answer. “I have told you what the Lord told me about his Table. It was on the night when Judas betrayed him. The Lord Jesus took bread. When he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples. He said, ‘Take this and eat it. This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me.’ In the same way, he took the cup of wine after supper. He said, ‘This cup is the new promise God has given you. He will keep his promise because I shed my blood. Do this to remember me when you drink it.’ Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup you show the Lord’s death. Do this until he comes again.”
6. **PERSONAL:** When you take communion in your church are you remembering why you are doing it? The next time you take communion, remember, it is because Jesus Christ died so you could have forgiveness for your sins.

EXODUS — LESSON 7

Before you begin your lesson:

- a. Pray for God's Holy Spirit to help you answer the questions.
- b. Some questions may be too hard; it's ok to write "I don't know."
- c. Think about what God's Word is telling you for today.
- d. With some questions, it might be helpful to write the scripture verse on your paper.

Read Exodus chapter 13, verses 1-16.

1. According to Exodus 13:2, who belongs to the Lord?

2. In these verses who presented the firstborn and what was it?

Genesis 4:4a

Luke 2:22,23

3. Using your dictionary, what do these words mean?

consecrate

commemorate

redeem

4. **RISKY:** Why is it important for you to go to church, read the Bible, and talk about the Lord with your folks? Read Deuteronomy 6:2,4-9 for your answer, but write the verse where you found your answer.

Read Exodus chapter 13, verses 17-22.

1. Why didn't God lead the people along the shorter route?
2. God lead the Israelites by a pillar of cloud during the daytime and by a pillar of fire at night. How does God lead us according to 2 Timothy 3:16?

Read Exodus chapter 14, verses 1-9.

Find Rameses, Exodus 12:37, Succoth, Exodus 13:20, and Migdol on your map. Some places mentioned in the Bible are hard to locate today. What we know is that the Israelites camped between the Nile River and the Red Sea.

1. What reason did God give Moses to go back the way he came?
2. **HARD:** Why do you think Pharaoh and his officials changed their minds about letting the Israelites go? See Exodus 14:5 for your answer.

Read Exodus chapter 14, verses 10-18.

1. What did the Israelites do in Exodus 14:4b?

2. What did they do in Exodus 14:11,12?
3. Moses told the people not to be afraid. They should watch and see how the Lord was going to rescue them from their enemies. What does the Lord say He will do to His enemies in Isaiah 42:13?
4. Since the Lord will take care of His enemies, do we have to be afraid of anything? Remember, an enemy of God's is anything or anyone who hurts Him or His people. See Isaiah 43:2,3a.

Read Exodus chapter 14, verses 19-31.

1. **HARD:** Which side of the cloud had darkness and which side had light?
2. What happened to the Egyptians in Exodus 14:25?
3. In this one chapter we saw the Israelites trusted the Lord and Moses and obeyed, Exodus 14:5. We saw their lack of trust in Exodus 14:14. What do we see in Exodus 14:31?
4. What does Proverbs 3:5 say about trust?
5. It is good to memorize Bible verses. Memorizing Bible verses as young people, helps us to live the way God wants us to. As we grow older, we will meet people who do not know the Lord, and we might follow them instead of Him. But, with God's Word hidden in our heart, His Holy Spirit will call a verse to our mind at the time we need it to keep us from sin. Which verse in this lesson has helped you and you chose to memorize? One verse might be Proverbs 3:5.

EXODUS — WEEK EIGHT

DISCUSSION — LESSON 7

15-20 min. free time — games, fellowship; if making your own chalk, begin to prepare it now, or prepare at home before class

15-20 min. snack and group recreation: ANKLE TAG

A safe, indoor tag game. Set boundaries; choose “IT”, set time limit or other objective. When the signal is given, “IT” chases other players and tries to tag them. Players are safe by grabbing both ankles with their hands before being tagged. When all players have ankles held, and no one has been tagged, start over. HINT: Don’t let “IT” stay “IT” too long. The game can become tiresome if that happens. Players cannot stand in one spot, they must keep moving.

15-20 min. discuss LESSON 7

to end of class CRAFT: SIDEWALK CHALK PAINTING

Bible story suggestions for pictures
construction paper (if it’s not possible to draw outside)
side walk chalk-PURCHASED (Discount or craft supply store)
OR HOME MADE (directions below)

FOR HOME MADE CHALK:

plastic spoons	measuring spoons
plaster of paris	water
small paper cups	several choices colored dry tempera paint

Measure 4 teaspoons each: tempera paint, plaster of paris, into paper cups; mix. Slowly add water so mixture is like thick pudding. Allow to harden, about 2 hours. Peel paper cup from chalk. If weather allows, have each student (or if your class is large 2-3 students) pick a Bible suggestion and draw it on the sidewalk. Draw pictures in sequence. When parents come to get their children, they can show off their handiwork. This can be easily washed off at end of class. If weather does not permit outdoor painting, use dark construction paper for light colored chalk. This can be taken home.

Suggestions for chalk pictures:

Moses: as infant, shepherd, at the burning bush, meeting Aaron, in Pharaoh’s court.

One or all plagues.

Crossing the Red Sea; destruction of Egyptian army, victory dance.

The wilderness walk; Marah; Elim.

EXODUS — LESSON 7 ANSWERS

Read Exodus chapter 13, verses 1-16.

[The lamb was to be taken from the flock on the tenth day of the month (Exodus 12:3). It is to be killed on the fourteenth day (Exodus 12:6). Passover is a symbol of the death of our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 5:7,8). The day after Passover, began the celebration of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, or from the 15th-21st day of the month (Exodus 13:6). This feast “pictures the fact that after you have been saved by the blood of the Lamb, then you should put evil out of your life (2 Corinthians 7:1)” [WIERSBE]. The Feast of Firstfruits was to begin the day after the Sabbath after the Passover. The Sabbath was always the seventh day of the week, or our Saturday. We go to church on the first day of the week because that is the day Jesus rose from the grave (1 Corinthians 15:23).]

1. According to Exodus 13:2, who belongs to the Lord? The first born male of animal and man. [We are to give God first place in our lives. He wants our very best. We must serve God with our whole heart.]

2. In these verses who presented the firstborn and what was it?

Genesis 4:4a “But Abel brought fat portions from some of the first born of his flock.” (NIV)

Luke 2:22,23 “When the time of their purification according to the Law of Moses had been completed, Joseph and Mary took him (Jesus) to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, ‘Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord’).” (NIV)

3. Using your dictionary, what do these words mean?

consecrate “To set apart or dedicate as sacred.” (HOLT)

commemorate “To call to remembrance; to mark by some ceremony or observation.” (WEBSTER’S)

redeem “To buy back; regain possession of (something) by payment in money or action.” (HOLT)

[The Passover Feast and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. Leaven in the New Testament is figurative of impurity, or sinful. “Then Moses said to the people, ‘This is a day to remember forever. It is the day of leaving Egypt and your slavery. For the Lord has brought you out with mighty miracles. Now remember, during the yearly celebration of this event you are to use no yeast. Don’t even have any in your homes. Celebrate this day of your exodus at the end of March each year. You will observe this as soon as the Lord brings you into the land of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Hivites, and Jebusites. This is the land he promised your fathers, a land “flowing with milk and honey.”’” [We see the death of Christ in the Passover, Good Friday. Easter is the resurrection of Christ, Feast of Firstfruits, and the knowledge He strengthens us and helps us in our new life, Feast of Unleavened Bread, since we have put sinfulness behind us.]

4. **RISKY:** Why is it important for you to go to church, read the Bible, and talk about the Lord with your folks? Read Deuteronomy 6:2,4-9 for your answer, but write verse where you found your answer. verse 2: “The purpose of these laws is to cause you, your children, and your grandchildren to respect the Lord your God. You must do this by obeying all of his laws as long as you live. If you do, you will have long, good years ahead of you.’ O Israel, Listen! The Lord alone is our God. You must love him with all your heart, soul, and might. Keep thinking about my commandments. Teach them to your children. Talk about them at home or when you are out walking. Talk about them at bedtime and as soon as you get up in the morning. Tie them on your finger. Wear them on your forehead. And write them on the doorposts of your house!”

Read Exodus chapter 13, verses 17-22.

1. Why didn't God lead the people along the shorter route? verse 17: “So at last Pharaoh let the people go. God did not lead them through the land of the Philistines. That was the most direct route from Egypt to the Promised Land. God felt the people might become discouraged, for they would have to fight their way through. And even though they had left Egypt armed, he thought they might turn back to Egypt. So instead, God led them along a route through the Red Sea wilderness.”
2. God lead the Israelites by a pillar of cloud during the daytime and by a pillar of fire at night. How does God lead us according to 2 Timothy 3:16? The whole Bible was given to us by inspiration from God. It is useful to teach us what is true. It helps us to know what is wrong in our lives. It straightens us out and helps us do what is right.”

Read Exodus chapter 14, verses 1-9.

Find Rameses, Exodus 12:37, Succoth, Exodus 13:20, and Migdol on your map. Some places mentioned in the Bible are hard to locate today. What we know is that the Israelites camped between the Nile River and the Red Sea.

1. What reason did God give Moses to go back the way he came? verse 3: ““For Pharaoh will think “Those Israelites are trapped now. They are caught between the desert and the sea!””
2. **HARD:** Why do you think Pharaoh and his officials changed their minds about letting the Israelites go? See Exodus 14:5 for your answer. “When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, Pharaoh and his officials changed their minds about them and said, ‘What have we done? We have let the Israelites go and have lost their services!’”

Read Exodus chapter 14, verses 10-18.

1. What did the Israelites do in Exodus 14:4b? They did what Moses told them to do: turn back from the way they had come and set up camp.

2. What did they do in Exodus 14:11,12? “Then they turned against Moses. ‘Have you brought us out here to die in the desert?’ they whined. ‘Did you bring us here because there were not enough graves for us in Egypt? Why did you make us leave Egypt? Didn’t we tell you, while we were slaves, to leave us alone? We said it would be better to be slaves to the Egyptians than dead in the wilderness.’”
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4. Since the Lord will take care of His enemies, do we have to be afraid of anything? Remember, an enemy of God’s is anything or anyone who hurts Him or His people. See Isaiah 43:2,3a. “You might go through deep waters and great trouble. But I will be with you. You might go through rivers of hardship. But I won’t let you drown! You might walk through the fire of oppression. But you will not be burned up. The flames will not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, your Savior. I am the Holy One of Israel.”

Read Exodus chapter 14, verses 19-31.

1. **HARD:** Which side of the cloud had darkness and which side had light? verse 20: “it stood between the people of Israel and the Egyptians. And that night it changed to a pillar of fire. But it gave darkness to the Egyptians, even as it gave light to the people of Israel! So the Egyptians couldn’t find the Israelites!”
2. What happened to the Egyptians in Exodus 14:25? “Their chariot wheels began coming off. And their chariots scraped along the dry ground. ‘Let’s get out of here,’ the Egyptians yelled. ‘The Lord is fighting for them against us.’”
3. In this one chapter we saw the Israelites trusted the Lord and Moses and obeyed, Exodus 14:5. We saw their lack of trust in Exodus 14:14. What do we see in Exodus 14:31? “The people of Israel saw the mighty miracle the Lord had done for them against the Egyptians. and they were afraid and revered the Lord. They believed in him and in his servant Moses.”
4. What does Proverbs 3:5 say about trust? “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.” (NIV)
5. It is good to memorize Bible verses. Memorizing Bible verses as young people, helps us to live the way God wants us to. As we grow older, we will meet people who do not know the Lord, and we might follow them instead of Him. But, with God’s Word hidden in our heart, His Holy Spirit will call it to our mind at the time we need it to keep us from sin. Which verse in this lesson has helped you and you chose to memorize? One verse might be Proverbs 3:5.

EXODUS — LESSON 8

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Read Exodus chapter 15, verses 1-5.

1. What are the Israelites singing about in Exodus 15:1?

2. What were they doing in Exodus 14:11,12?

3. **PERSONAL:** Do you quickly complain when things don't go your way? Or do you stop and praise God that He knows what's happening? Now be honest with your answer, God sees your heart.

4. Is it easy to praise God when everything seems to be going wrong? What does Hebrews 13:15 say?

5. Using your dictionary, what do these words mean?

warrior

salvation

savior

6. Even though the promise in 2 Chronicles 20:15 is to the people of the Old Testament, we can also share this promise. What does this verse say, and who is our warrior, too?

There are wars going on in the world today, too. We have wars, or battles, going on inside of us. These are battles between good and evil, right and wrong. But, God reminds us in Ephesians 6:12 “We are not fighting against people made of flesh and blood. We are fighting against persons without bodies. They are the evil rulers of the unseen world. They are satanic beings and evil princes of darkness who rule this world. They are the huge numbers of wicked spirits in the spirit world.” We can’t fight these kinds of battles on our own, we need God’s help through Jesus Christ, His Son. Even if someone hurts us, we can remember 2 Chronicles 20:15 as one of the promises God gave us to help us.

7. **CHALLENGE:** These verses tell what God did for the Israelites and what He did to the Egyptian army. How would you tell a friend what happened?

Read Exodus chapter 15, verses 6-16.

1. What does Isaiah 41:10 say about God’s right hand?
2. What did the enemy brag about in Exodus 15:9?
3. Which verse tells what happened to the enemy, and what does it say?
4. Exodus 15:13 speaks about God’s love, or loving-kindness. What does Lamentations 3:22,23 say about His loving-kindness?

5. How did the other nations act when they heard what happened to the Egyptians?
6. The Egyptians were proud people. What does God say about pride in Proverbs 16:5?
7. **RISKY:** Sometimes Christians have trouble with bragging and boasting about how wonderful they are and the great things they can do. This is sin. But since God's loving-kindness is new each day, what promise is given to the believer in 1 John 1:9?

Read Exodus chapter 15, verses 17-27.

1. What did Miriam do?
2. Have you ever been to a desert or the beach in the summertime? With the sun shining down on the sand, you get pretty hot. Now, imagine there is no water around to swim in, and none to drink. Just sun, sand, and heat. Do you think you would be hot and thirsty? That's just what happened to the Israelites. They were hot and thirsty. On your map find the wilderness of Shur and Marah. After three days without water, what did the Israelites find?
3. The Israelites had just seen how God had defeated their enemy. They had just sang a song of praise to Him for the victory. So, what did they do next?
4. What did God do to help the people?
5. What did they find at Elim?
6. **PERSONAL:** Which of these verses did you choose to memorize, Hebrews 13:15, 2 Chronicles 20:15, Isaiah 41:10, Lamentations 3:22,23, or Proverbs 16:5?

EXODUS — WEEK NINE

DISCUSSION — LESSON 8

15-20 min. free time — games, fellowship

15-20 min. snack and group recreation: COTTON BALL FOOTBALL

Divide into two teams; mark goal lines. Place a cotton ball between the two goals. Each team gets on their hands and knees behind its goal line. At the signal, each team member crawls to the cotton ball and tries to blow it across the opponent's goal line. The first team to accomplish the feat wins the game.

15-20 min. discuss LESSON 8

to end of class CRAFT: TREE ORNAMENTS and PACKAGE TAGS

magazine pictures (any kind: animals, winter scenes, Christmas scenes, people, etc.)

old Christmas, or birthday cards

glue

construction paper, 4" x 2" strips

yarn

15 toothpicks per ornament

TREE ORNAMENT: If picture chosen is not a two-sided scene, choose two pictures, one for front, one for back; cut in the shape of a "Cape Cod" house. Glue the two pictures together. Glue a toothpick down left side of picture. Glue another across bottom, placing one end on top of the side toothpick. Layer another toothpick on top of the bottom one on right side of picture. Angle one toothpick across the top, resting on the right side toothpick; Angle another down left side, resting on the previous toothpicks to form house peak, glue. Layer two more rows of toothpicks and glue each into place before proceeding to next toothpick. Use a piece of yarn laced from the top to hang from the tree.

PACKAGE TAG: Fold construction paper in half. Glue small magazine picture onto front. Poke a tiny hole on corner of fold and string a small piece of yarn through it. Make as many as needed as supplies and time last.

EXODUS — LESSON 8 ANSWERS

Read Exodus chapter 15, verses 1-5.

1. What are the Israelites singing about in Exodus 15:1? [They are singing a song of victory to the Lord.]
2. What were they doing in Exodus 14:11,12? [They are complaining to Moses, and to God, that they are trapped; and they should have stayed in Egypt.]
3. **PERSONAL:** Do you quickly complain when things don't go your way? Or do you stop and praise God that He knows what's happening? Now be honest with your answer, God sees your heart.
4. Is it easy to praise God when everything seems to be going wrong? What does Hebrews 13:15 say? [Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that confess his name.”]
5. Using your dictionary, what do these words mean?

warrior “A man engaged or experienced in warfare.” (WEBSTER’S)

salvation “A saving or rescue, especially from evil, danger, or sin.” (HOLT)

savior “One that saves from danger or destruction.” (WEBSTER’S)

6. Even though the promise in 2 Chronicles 20:15 is to the people of the Old Testament, we can also share this promise. What does this verse say, and who is our warrior, too? [“Listen to me!” he said. ‘Listen, all you people of Judah and Jerusalem. And listen, O king Jehoshaphat. The Lord says, “Don’t be afraid! Don’t be frozen by this mighty army! For the battle is not yours, but God’s!”’”]

There are wars going on in the world today, too. We have wars, or battles, going on inside of us. These are battles between good and evil, right and wrong. But, God reminds us in Ephesians 6:12 “We are not fighting against people made of flesh and blood. We are fighting against persons without bodies. They are the evil rulers of the unseen world. They are satanic beings and evil princes of darkness who rule this world. They are the huge numbers of wicked spirits in the spirit world.” We can’t fight these kinds of battles on our own, we need God’s help through Jesus Christ, His Son. Even if someone hurts us, we can remember 2 Chronicles 20:15 as one of the promises God gave us to help us.

7. **CHALLENGE:** These verses tell what God did for the Israelites and what He did to the Egyptian army. How would you tell a friend what happened? [Allow all those who wish to share to do so. It might be interesting to hear their answers. Some may be very biblical, and others may use the current vernacular.]

Read Exodus chapter 15, verses 6-16.

1. What does Isaiah 41:10 say about God's right hand? "Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Do not be dismayed, For I am your God. I will strengthen you. I will help you. I will uphold you with my strong right hand." [The right hand symbolizes power.]
2. What did the enemy brag about in Exodus 15:9? "The enemy said, 'I will chase after them. Catch up with them, destroy them. I will cut them apart with my sword and divide the captured booty.'"
3. Which verse tells what happened to the enemy, and what does it say? verse 10: "But God blew with his wind, and the sea covered them. They sank as lead in the mighty waters."
4. Exodus 15:13 speaks about God's love, or loving-kindness. What does Lamentations 3:22,23 say about His loving-kindness? "The Lord never stops loving us. He keeps on showing us mercy. That alone has kept us from total destruction. Great is his faithfulness. His love and kindness begin fresh each day."
5. How did the other nations act when they heard what happened to the Egyptians? verses 14, 15, 16: "The nations heard what happened, and they trembled. Fear has gripped the people of Philistia. The leaders of Edom are appalled. The mighty men of Moab tremble. All the people of Canaan melt with fear. Terror and dread have overcome them. O Lord, because of your great power they won't attack us! Your people whom you bought will pass by them in safety."
6. The Egyptians were proud people. What does God say about pride in Proverbs 16:5? "The Lord hates pride. Take my word for it: proud people shall be punished."
7. **RISKY:** Sometimes Christians have trouble with bragging and boasting about how wonderful they are and the great things they can do. This is sin. But since God's loving-kindness is new each day, what promise is given to the believer in 1 John 1:9? "If we confess our sins, he can be depended on to forgive us. He will cleanse us from every wrong. It is proper for God to do this because Christ died for our sins."

Read Exodus chapter 15, verses 17-27.

1. What did Miriam do? verse 20: "Then Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a tambourine and led the women in dances." [This victory dance by the women was customary. Why she is mentioned as the "sister of Aaron", no reason could be found.]
2. Have you ever been to a desert or the beach in the summertime? With the sun shining down on the sand, you get pretty hot. Now, imagine there is no water around to swim in, and none to drink. Just sun, sand, and heat. Do you think you would be hot and thirsty? That's just what

happened to the Israelites. They were hot and thirsty. On your map find the wilderness of Shur and Marah. After three days without water, what did the Israelites find? verse 23: “They came to Marah. But they couldn’t drink the water because it was bitter. The place was called Marah, because it means “bitter.”

3. The Israelites had just seen how God had defeated their enemy. They had just sang a song of praise to Him for the victory. So, what did they do next? verse 24: “The people turned against Moses. ‘Must we die of thirst?’ they demanded.”
4. What did God do to help the people? verse 25b. “The Lord showed him a tree to throw into the water. As a result, the water became sweet.” [Some say it was the bark of the tree that produced the sweetness. “God is to be acknowledged, not only in the creating of things useful for man, but in discovering their usefulness.” (HENRY)]
5. What did they find at Elim? verse 27: “Then they came to Elim where there were 12 springs and 70 palm trees. They camped there beside the springs.” [It is believed that the 12 springs, or wells, were one for every tribe. Interesting to note, 12 sons, 70 people in all entered Egypt under Joseph’s protection (Genesis 46:26)]
6. **PERSONAL:** Which of these verses did you choose to memorize, Hebrews 13:15, 2 Chronicles 20:15, Isaiah 41:10, Lamentations 3:22,23, or Proverbs 16:5?

EXODUS — LESSON 9

Before you begin your lesson:

- a. Pray for God's Holy Spirit to help you answer the questions.
- b. Some questions may be too hard; it's ok to write "I don't know."
- c. Think about what God's Word is telling you for today.
- d. With some questions, it might be helpful to write the scripture verse on your paper.

Read Exodus chapter 16, verses 1-8.

1. What does Exodus 16:2 say they did when they reached the wilderness?

2. Who did Moses say the people were grumbling against?

3. What does Psalm 50:23 say about giving thanks?

4. What does Paul say in Philippians 4:11-12 about being satisfied?

5. What does Ephesians 5:20 say about giving thanks?

6. **PERSONAL:** Do you expect more things from your parents than they have already given you? Before we can be thankful, we need to think about what wonderful things we do have. We are loved; we have food; we have a nice warm bed to sleep in; hot and cold running water inside the house. We have electricity for lights, television, and even computers; we have shoes and clothes; we have books to read. Why not stop right now and think about the things you do have. Then, thank your parents for all they have given you. As parents like to give their children gifts, God, our heavenly Father, likes to give His children gifts, too. What have you thanked Him for recently?

7. **PERSONAL:** Have you ever thought that each time you complain about something or someone, you are complaining against God? If you have done that, why not confess your sin, and ask His forgiveness?

Read Exodus, chapter 16, verses 9-35.

The “glory of the Lord” is hard to explain. It means God’s love for His creation. The people would see His glory by the miracles He was about to do. Everything God does shows us His holiness and perfection, and that He is worthy of honor and our praise.

1. What came at night and what came in the morning?
2. What does God say in Exodus 16:4,5 about the amount of bread to be gathered?
3. **CHALLENGE:** If you and your family were traveling in this caravan, how much bread would your family need? You will need to do a little math with this question.
1 omer = about 2 quarts
1 quart = 4 cups
1 cup = 8 ounces
4. What happened when someone was greedy and picked up more bread than was needed? And in which verse did you find your answer?
5. What were they to do with the bread on the sixth day?
6. What happened to the bread in Exodus 16:24 that was different than what happened in verse 20?

7. **HARD:** What does the group in Exodus 16:20 have in common with the group in Exodus 16:27?

8. What were the people to do on the Sabbath according to Exodus 16:29,30?

9. Today we honor God by going to church. What does Psalm 118:24 say about this special day of the week?

10. What was to be done with the manna?

11. We know we need food and water in order to live. A person can go without food for about 40 days and live, but that same person can live for about three days without water. God gave the people good water in Exodus 15:25,27, and manna, or bread, in Exodus 16:14,15. The food we eat, and the water we drink keep our bodies alive. But, what keeps our soul, or spirit alive according to Deuteronomy 8:3?

12. Jesus also spoke about this act of God in these verses. What do they say?

John 4:7,10,13,14

John 6:32,33,35

John 6:47-51

EXODUS — WEEK TEN

DISCUSSION — LESSON 9

15-20 min. free time — games, fellowship

15-20 min. snack and group recreation: BASKETBALL RELAY

Form two equal teams for this relay game. Each team has a basketball, or any kind of ball. The front player passes the ball over her head to the player behind. The next player passes it between his legs to the player behind him. The next player passes the ball over his head, and so the play continues. Once the ball leaves a player's hands, he sits down. The first team sitting wins the game. You can make this interesting by adding balls or other objects.

15-20 min. discuss LESSON 9

to end of class CRAFT: STRING ART

creamy tempera paints
string, yarn, rickrack, bias tape: each 6" long with a knot at one end to clip inside clothespin
spring-type clothespins
paper — any type
paint brush

Using the end of the clothespin for a handle, dip one piece of string into paint. Allow excess paint to drip off or use paint brush to wipe off excess. Drop string onto paper in a variety of directions. Don't let go of the "handle" when dropping string. Use one string for one color. Use different size strings to create different affect. Experiment with creativity using a variety of strings and colors and techniques to create a picture.

EXODUS — LESSON 9

Read Exodus chapter 16, verses 1-8.

1. What does Exodus 16:2 say they did when they reached the wilderness? “There, too, the people spoke bitterly against Moses and Aaron.” [All through Exodus we will read about God’s care for the people, and how often they complained. We have read of their groaning for being slaves of Egypt, and God sent Moses to lead them out of slavery. They grumbled before crossing the Red Sea, and God pulled back the waters so they could walk on dry ground. Then they grumbled at Marah where the waters were bitter, and God made them sweet tasting. Now, here they are again, grumbling about not enough to eat. God will show His love and care and will answer, turning their complaints into thanksgiving. But, only for a short period of time.]
2. Who did Moses say the people were grumbling against? verse 8: “Moses also said, ‘You will know that it was the Lord when he gives you meat to eat in the evening and all the bread you want in the morning, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we? You are not grumbling against us, but against the Lord.’” (NIV)
3. What does Psalm 50:23 say about giving thanks? “He who sacrifices thank offerings honors me, and he prepares the way so that I may show him the salvation of God.” (NIV)
4. What does Paul say in Philippians 4:11-12 about being satisfied? “Not that I was ever in need. I have learned how to get along happily if I have much or little. I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned a secret. I can be content and happy in every situation. It doesn’t matter if I have a full stomach or am hungry. I am content if I have plenty or am in need.”
5. What does Ephesians 5:20 say about giving thanks? “Thank God for everything. Thank him in Jesus’ name.”
6. **PERSONAL:** Do you expect more things from your parents than they have already given you? Before we can be thankful, we need to think about what wonderful things we do have. We are loved; we have food; we have a nice warm bed to sleep in; hot and cold running water inside the house. We have electricity for lights, television, and even computers; we have shoes and clothes; we have books to read. Why not stop right now and think about the things you do have. Then, thank your parents for all they have given you. As parents like to give their children gifts, God, our heavenly Father, likes to give His children gifts, too. What have you thanked Him for recently?
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The “glory of the Lord” is hard to explain. It means God’s love for His creation. The people would see His glory by the miracles He was about to do. Everything God does shows us His holiness and perfection, and that He is worthy of honor and our praise.

1. What came at night and what came in the morning? verses 11-12: “And the Lord said to Moses, ‘I have heard their complaints. Tell them, “In the evening you will have meat. And in the morning you will be stuffed with bread. Then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.””
2. What does God say in Exodus 16:4,5 about the amount of bread to be gathered? “Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘Look, I’m going to rain down food from heaven for them. Everyone can go out each day and gather as much food as he needs. And I will test them in this to see whether they will do what I tell them or not. Tell them to gather twice as much as usual on the sixth day of each week.’”
3. **CHALLENGE:** If you and your family were traveling in this caravan, how much bread would your family need? You will need to do a little math with this question. [Answers will vary.]
1 omer = about 2 quarts
1 quart = 4 cups
1 cup = 8 ounces
4. What happened when someone was greedy and picked up more bread than was needed? And in which verse did you find your answer? verse 20: “But of course some of them wouldn’t listen, and left it until morning. When they looked, it was full of maggots and had a terrible odor. And Moses was very angry with them.”
5. What were they to do with the bread on the sixth day? verses 22,23: “And he told them, ‘Because the Lord has chosen tomorrow as a day of rest. It is a holy Sabbath to the Lord. On that day we must rest from doing our daily tasks. So cook as much as you want to today. And keep what is left for tomorrow.’”
6. What happened to the bread in Exodus 16:24 that was different than what happened in verse 20? “And the next morning the food was whole some and good. It had no maggots or odor.”
7. **HARD:** What does the group in Exodus 16:20 have in common with the group in Exodus 16:27? [Neither group followed the instructions, and disobeyed the Lord.]
8. What were the people to do on the Sabbath according to Exodus 16:29,30? ““Bear in mind that the Lord has given you the Sabbath; that is why on the sixth day he gives you bread for two days. Everyone is to stay where he is on the seventh day; no one is to go out’ So the people rested on the seventh day.”
9. Today we honor God by going to church. What does Psalm 118:24 say about this special day of the week? “This is the day the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.”

10. What was to be done with the manna? verses 32-34: “Then Moses gave them this further command from the Lord. They were to collect two quarts of it [manna]. It would be kept as a museum specimen forever. That way later generations could see the bread the Lord had fed them with in the wilderness. It would remind them of the time when he brought them from Egypt. Moses told Aaron to get a container and put two quarts of manna in it. He was to keep it in a holy place from generation to generation. Aaron did this, just as the Lord had told Moses. And eventually it was kept in the Ark in the Tabernacle.” [Some translation may use the word “jar” or “pot”. Before the invention of pottery, this container could have been animal skins, wood, stone or even glass. However, pottery appeared as early as 5000 B.C. Glass appeared about 2600 B.C. We do not know what this container was made of, but we know it had to keep its contents from spoiling.]
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12. Jesus also spoke about this act of God in these verses. What do they say?

John 4:7,10,13,14 “Soon a Samaritan woman came to draw water. Jesus asked her for a drink. He replied, ‘You don’t know who I am. And you don’t know God’s great gift for you. But if you knew these things you would ask me for some living water!’ [Again] Jesus replied, ‘People who drink this water soon become thirsty again. But those who drink the water I give them will never be thirsty. It becomes a spring of water inside them. And it waters them forever with eternal life.’”

John 6:32,33,35 “Jesus said, ‘Moses didn’t give it to them. My Father did. And now he offers you true Bread from Heaven. The true Bread is a person, the one sent by God from Heaven. And he gives life to the world.’ Jesus replied, ‘I am the Bread of Life. No one coming to me will ever be hungry again. Those believing in me will never thirst.’”

John 6:47-51 “How earnestly I tell you this. Anyone who believes in me already has eternal life! Yes, I am the Bread of Life! Your fathers in the wilderness ate manna. But they all died. The Bread from Heaven gives eternal life to everyone who eats it. I am that Living Bread that came down out of Heaven. Anyone eating this Bread will live for ever. This Bread is my flesh given for the sake of all people.”

EXODUS — LESSON 10

Before you begin your lesson:

- a. Pray for God's Holy Spirit to help you answer the questions.
- b. Some questions may be too hard; it's ok to write "I don't know."
- c. Think about what God's Word is telling you for today.
- d. With some questions, it might be helpful to write the scripture verse on your paper.

Read Exodus chapter 17, verses 1-7.

1. The Israelites haven't been gone very long from Egypt, yet, they have forgotten how unhappy they were in there. So, now they are complaining again. What is their complaint in Exodus 17:3?

2. What does Matthew 7:7,8 say?

3. For what are we to ask and how are we to ask it according to Philippians 4:6?

4. What does Philippians 4:7 say you will also receive from God if you tell Him what you need?

Read Exodus chapter 17, verses 8-16.

1. What did these people do in verses 8-16?

Amalekites

Joshua

Moses

Aaron

Hur

2. What happened when Moses kept his arms raised in prayer? See Exodus 17:11a.
3. What happened when he let his arms sag? See Exodus 17:11b.
4. How long did Moses stay with his hand held up?
5. What does 1 Thessalonians 5:17 say about prayer?
6. Who won the battle?
7. Moses used this staff, or rod, many times. What was so special about it? You'll find your answer in Exodus 4:17, and 20b.

Read Exodus chapter 18, verses 1-12.

1. **CHALLENGE:** What do we say someone is doing when they tell us about the things God is doing in their life? What was Moses telling his father-in-law Jethro in Exodus 18:8?
2. What did Jethro say about Moses' God in Exodus 18:11?

Read Exodus chapter 18, verses 13-27.

1. What suggestion did Jethro give in Exodus 18:21 that would help Moses with his duties for settling arguments?
2. **RISKY:** This was good advice, and it would help Moses a lot. But, who had Moses been listening to until now?
3. Who does Isaiah 58:11 say should be our guide?
4. The Israelites experienced many tough times. They complained a lot, too. The Bible tells us why God allowed this to happen. What does 1 Corinthians 10:11 say?
5. Which verse from this lesson did you choose to memorize? If you hide God's word in your heart, when you need to know what He wants you to do, He will help you to remember His instructions from the Bible. Did you chose Matthew 7:7,8; Philippians 4:6, or 4:7; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; or Isaiah 58:11? Or maybe a verse in Exodus 17 or 18 was important to you? Why not write it out here and then say it in class next time?

EXODUS — WEEK ELEVEN

DISCUSSION — LESSON 10

15-20 min. free time — games, fellowship

15-20 min. snack and group recreation: BROOM CATCH

Players form a circle and number off. “IT” is chosen, keeping his number. Players remain in the circle, with IT in the center holding a broom by the end in an upright position, with the bristles on the floor. “IT” calls a number as he lets go of the broom. The player whose number is called tries to catch the broom before it drops on the floor. If he catches it, he returns to his place in the circle. If he misses, he becomes “IT”, with the former “IT” returning to the circle and game is repeated.

15-20 min. discuss LESSON 10

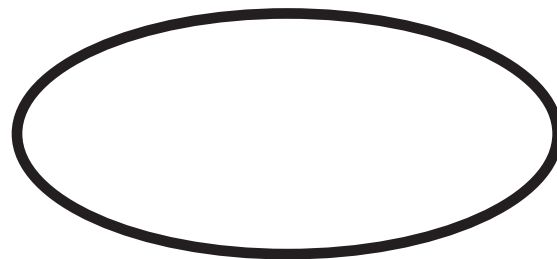
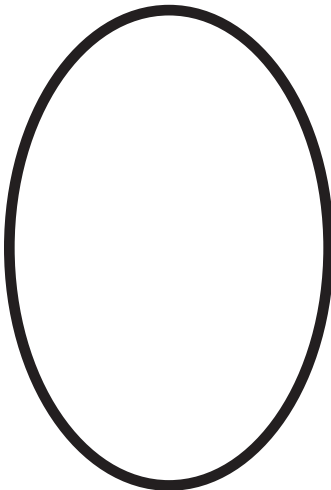
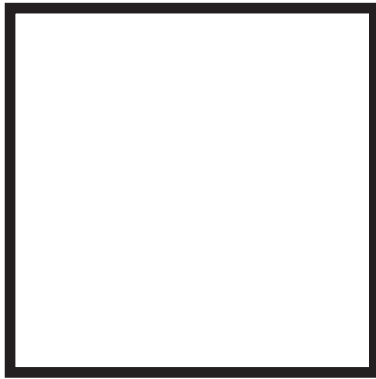
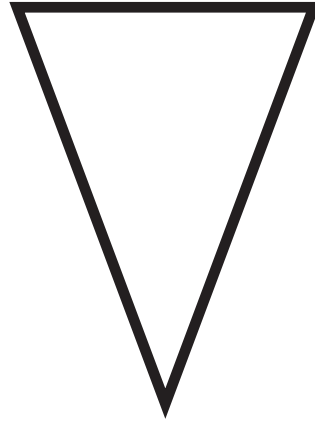
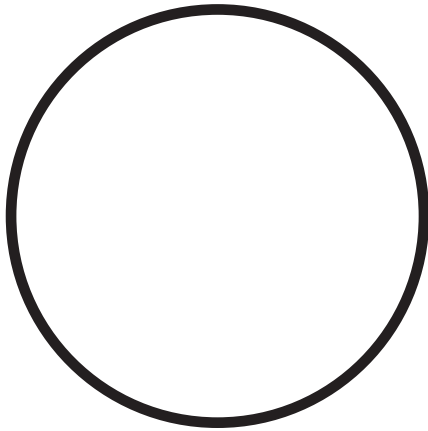
to end of class CRAFT: PAPER MACHE PROJECTS

newspaper cut into 1/4” strips
preprinted shapes (see next pages)
white glue and 1/2- & 1/4-cup measuring cups
OR instant papier mache
lightweight cardboard (from cereal boxes)
bowl
access to an oven (toaster or conventional)
acrylic paint & brushes
jewelry findings (pins, bolo clips found in craft stores)
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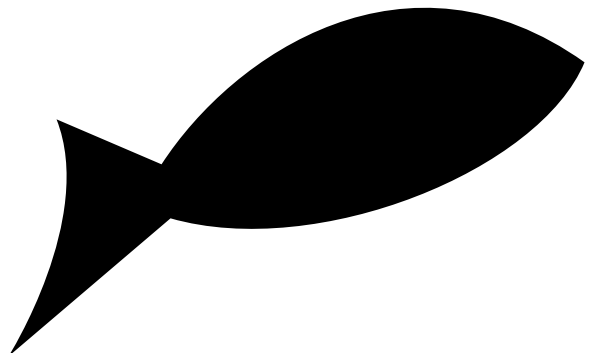
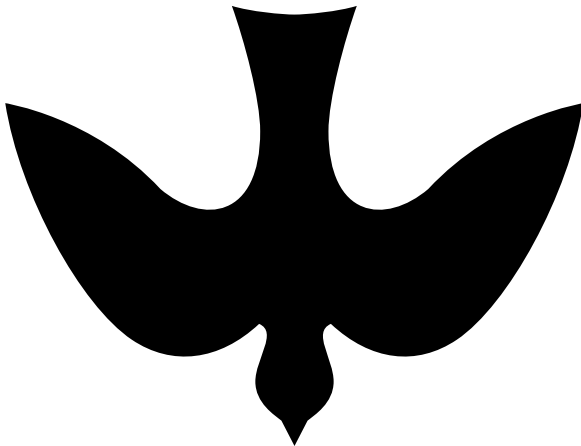
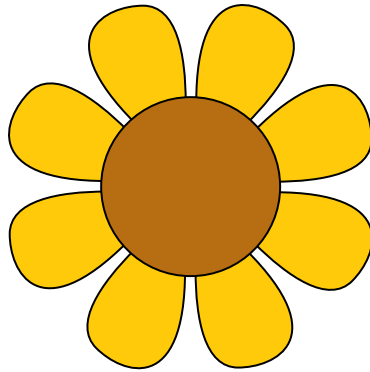
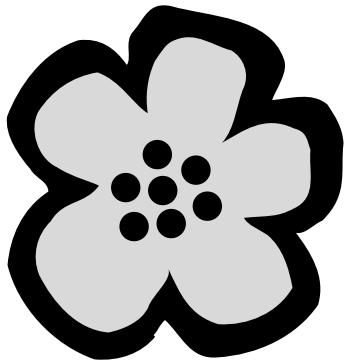
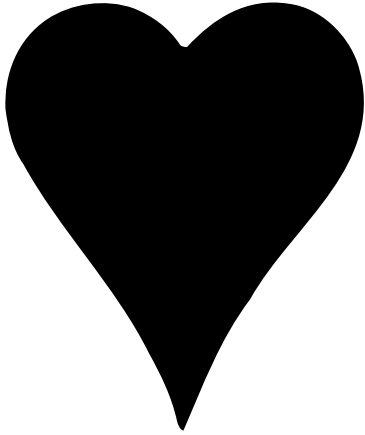
If not already in strips, tear or cut newspaper into 1/4” strips. Trace shapes onto cardboard. Dip newspaper strips into glue mixture of 1/2 cup white glue with 1/4 cup water; or use the instant papier mache. Cover cardboard shape with the treated strips until the shape has been covered 3 or 4 times. Put the shapes in a 200 degree oven until dry.

OPTIONAL: You can forego the game time in order to paint your pins. Or you can wait till the next class session and paint them then.

PREPRINTED SHAPES



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EXODUS — LESSON 10 ANSWERS

Read Exodus chapter 17, verses 1-7.

1. The Israelites haven't been gone very long from Egypt, yet, they have forgotten how unhappy they were in there. So, now they are complaining again. What is their complaint in Exodus 17:3? [There was no water to drink.] “But they were thirsty, so they cried out, ‘Why did you ever take us out of Egypt? Why did you bring us here to die, with our children and cattle too?’”
2. What does Matthew 7:7,8 say? “Ask, and you will be given what you ask for. Look hard, and you will find. Knock, and the door will be opened. For everyone who asks, receives. Anyone who looks, finds. If only you will knock, the door will open up.”
3. For what are we to ask and how are we to ask it according to Philippians 4:6? “Don't worry about anything. Instead, pray about every thing. Tell God your needs, and don't forget to thank him for his answers.”
4. What does Philippians 4:7 say you will also receive from God if you tell Him what you need? “If you do this, you will find God's peace. It is far more wonderful than the human mind can understand. God's peace will keep your thoughts and your hearts as you trust in Christ Jesus.”

Read Exodus chapter 17, verses 8-16.

1. What did these people do in verses 8-16?

Amalekites They attacked the Israelites. [This is the first time Israel had ever been in a war. The Amalekites were descendants of Esau, Jacob's brother. They were related to the Israelites, but were not God's chosen people.]

Joshua He led the Israelite army against the Amalekite attack.

Moses He stood and sat on the mountain with uplifted hands praying to God for victory.

Aaron He accompanied Moses up the mountain. He helped bring a stone for Moses to sit upon when he grew tired. He helped to hold Moses' arm in the air.

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2. What happened when Moses kept his arms raised in prayer? See Exodus 17:11a. “And as long as Moses held up the rod in his hands, Israel was winning.”

3. What happened when he let his arms sag? See Exodus 17:11b. “But when ever he rested his arms at his sides, the warriors of Amalek were winning.”
4. How long did Moses stay with his hand held up? verse 12b: “And they stood on each side, holding up his hands until sunset.”
5. What does 1 Thessalonians 5:17 say about prayer? “Always keep on praying.”
6. Who won the battle? verse 13: “As a result, Joshua and his troops crushed the army of Amalek. They put them to the sword.”
7. Moses used this staff, or rod, many times. What was so special about it? You’ll find your answer in Exodus 4:17, and 20b. ““Be sure to take your rod along. For with it you will perform the miracles I have shown you.” Then he went back to the land of Egypt, holding tightly to the ‘rod of God’!”

Read Exodus chapter 18, verses 1-12.

1. **CHALLENGE:** What do we say someone is doing when they tell us about the things God is doing in their life? What was Moses telling his father-in-law Jethro in Exodus 18:8? It’s called a testimony. [This is what Moses is giving in these verses.] “Moses told to his father-in-law all that had happened. He told him what the Lord had done to Pharaoh and the Egyptians in order to deliver Israel. He told about all the problems there had been along the way. He told how the Lord had rescued his people from all of them.”
2. What did Jethro say about Moses’ God in Exodus 18:11? ““I know now that the Lord is greater than any other god. For he has delivered his people from the proud and cruel Egyptians.””

Read Exodus chapter 18, verses 13-27.

1. What suggestion did Jethro give in Exodus 18:21 that would help Moses with his duties for settling arguments? ““But find some capable, godly, honest men who hate bribes to help you. Appoint them as judges, one judge for 1000 people. Each judge will have 10 judges under him, each in charge of 100. And under each of them will be two judges, each in charge of the affairs of 50 people. Each of these will have five judges beneath him, each helping 10 persons.””
2. **RISKY:** This was good advice, and it would help Moses a lot. But, who had Moses been listening to until now? God.
3. Who does Isaiah 58:11 say should be our guide? “And the Lord will guide you and satisfy you with all good things. He will keep you healthy too. And you will be like a well-watered garden. You will be like a spring that never runs dry.”

4. The Israelites experienced many tough times. They complained a lot, too. The Bible tells us why God allowed this to happen. What does 1 Corinthians 10:11 say? “All these things happened to them as examples to us. They warn us not to do the same things. They were written so we could learn from them as the world nears its end.”

5. Which verse from this lesson did you choose to memorize? If you hide God’s word in your heart, when you need to know what He wants you to do, He will help you to remember His instructions from the Bible. Did you chose Matthew 7:7,8; Philippians 4:6, or 4:7; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; or Isaiah 58:11? Or maybe a verse in Exodus 17 or 18 was important to you? Why not write it out here and then say it in class next time?

[There are 7 recorded experiences of the Israelites in chapters 15-18 that are pictures of the Christian life.

1. In chapter 15:1-22, we see in the song of Moses the happiness a person feels when they are first saved; they are full of the joy of the Lord. But, as mature Christians know, walking with the Lord is not soft and easy.
2. So, when we see the bitter water, we know the “bitter” things of life are “sweetened” because of the cross.
3. The bountiful supply of water at Elim, Exodus 15:27, is the picture of the fruitful Christian.
4. In chapter 16, God fed the Israelites with bread and quail. Jesus Christ is the Bread of Life.
5. When Moses strikes the rock in Exodus 17:1-7, this reminds us that Jesus Christ, our rock, was also struck, so that we might drink of the water He offers.
6. The Amalekites represent the “flesh”, so the battle with the Amalekites is our battle against the flesh, which is won through prayer.
7. Finally, Jethro depicts worldly wisdom in contrast to God’s revelation.]

EXODUS – LESSON 11

Before you begin your lesson:

- a. Pray for God's Holy Spirit to help you answer the questions.
- b. Some questions may be too hard; it's ok to write "I don't know."
- c. Think about what God's Word is telling you for today.
- d. With some questions, it might be helpful to write the scripture verse on your paper.

Read Exodus chapter 19, verses 1-8.

1. How long has it been since Israel left Egypt?

2. What will happen to the Israelites if they obey God? See Exodus 19:5,6.

3. How did the Israelites answer Moses when he told them what God said?

4. **CHALLENGE:** Read Galatians 3:19,24 to find out why the Law was given.

5. **HARD:** Can we do everything the Law tells us to do? Read James 2:10,11 for your answer.

6. How should we live according to the following verses?

Jeremiah 22:3

Zechariah 7:9,10

Matthew 7:12

Mark 12:33

Read Exodus chapter 19, verses 9-25.

1. The people had to get ready to hear God speak to them. What do these verses say we need to do to get ready to go to meet with God in church?

1 John 1:9

2 Corinthians 10:5b

Philippians 4:8

2. What would happen to any person or animal that touched the mountain?
3. Which verse tells when the people were to go near the mountain to hear the Lord speak? What does it say?

- 4. CHALLENGE:** How would you tell someone what happened on the mountain in Exodus 19:16-18?
- 5. PERSONAL:** If you were with the Israelites on this journey, how do you think you would act and feel if you were standing at the foot of the mountain? Remember, they didn't know what was going to happen. When we read God's written Word, we are reading something that has already happened. We know what's going to happen next.
- 6. PERSONAL:** God warned His people what would happen to them if they disobeyed Him. We have warnings today for our safety. Have you ever been told not to do something? Did you obey the warning? What happened when you obeyed? Or, did you just push a little bit to see if you would get caught disobeying? What happened when you disobeyed?
- 7. HARD:** Why, for a second time in Exodus 19:21, did the Lord tell Moses to warn the people not to come close to the mountain?
- 8.** Who was to come back up the mountain with Moses?

EXODUS — WEEK TWELVE

DISCUSSION — LESSON 11

15-20 min. free time — games, fellowship

15-20 min. snack and group recreation: EASY DODGE BALL

In order to make this a safe game, a sponge ball should be used. Mark a circle with masking tape. All players except “IT” are in the circle. With the soft ball, “IT” throws at the feet of those in the circle. The person hit leaves the circle and sits on the side lines. The last player to leave the circle becomes “IT”. If the ball is thrown in such a way that a player is hit above the knees, “IT” will be replaced, and have to sit along the sidelines. After the ball is thrown, it is retrieved and returned to “IT”. Play continues until all have a chance to be “IT”, or until leader stops the game.

15-20 min. discuss LESSON 11

to end of class CRAFT: PAPIER MACHE (continued from week 11)

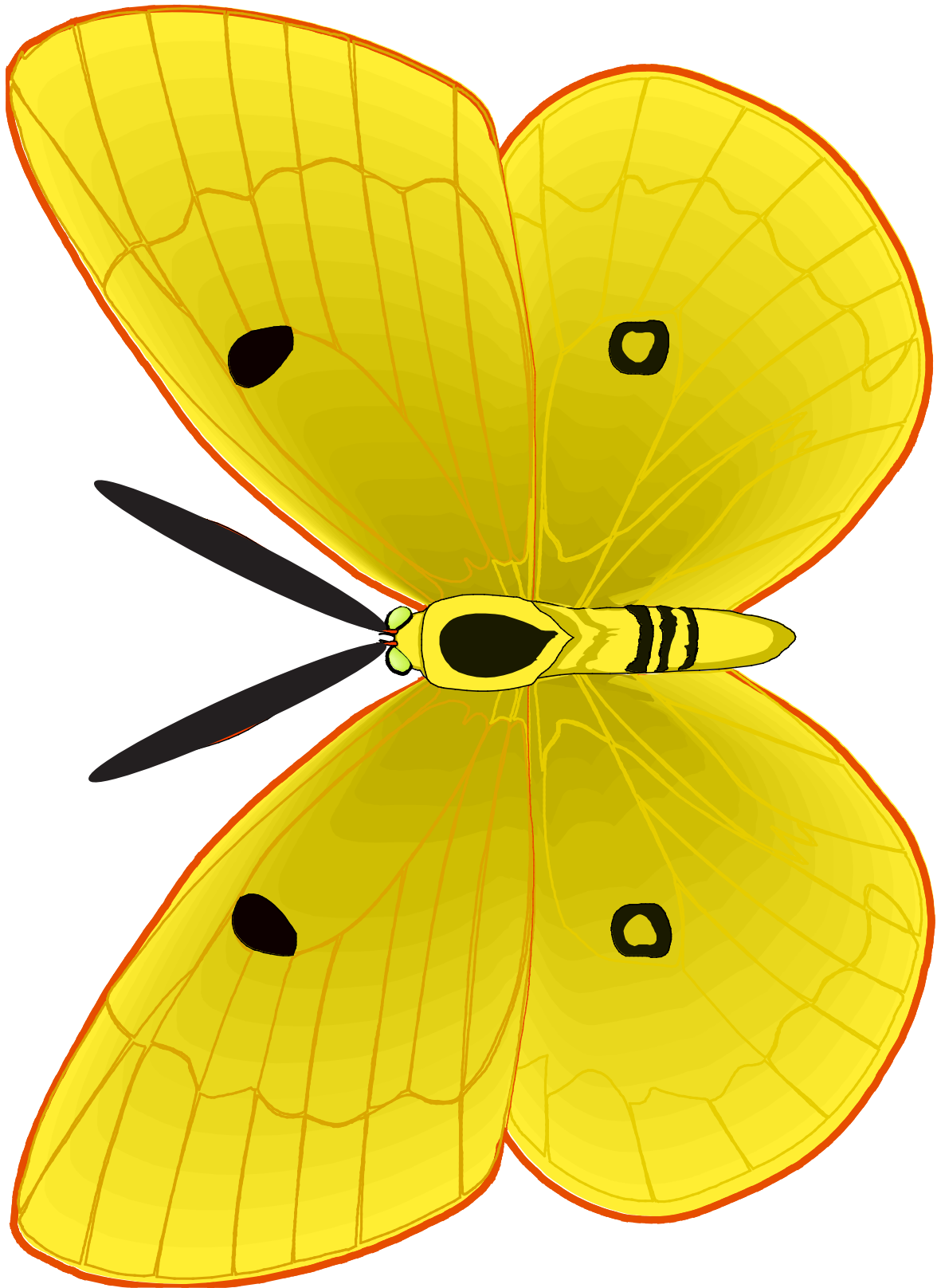
Finish painting the paper mache shapes from the previous lesson. Glue shapes to jewelry findings.

OR CRAFT: BUTTERFLY MAGNET

pretty magazine pictures
glue/hot glue gun
12” pipe cleaners — several colors that may appear in the pictures
small round magnet
small pieces of cardboard
thread

Fold pipe cleaner in half; bind together with thread so the folded halves do not come apart. Curl the loose ends slightly so they form a small loop for feelers. Cut out the butterfly pattern (next page). Fold it in half. Fold a magazine picture in half, and trace the butterfly half onto the back side of the picture. Accordion fold the picture. Carefully unfold the accordion pleats in order to cut out the butterfly. Staple or bind center of butterfly. Glue pipecleaner onto picture side of body and magnet onto underside of body.

BUTTERFLY SHAPE



EXODUS – LESSON 11 ANSWERS

Read Exodus chapter 19, verses 1-8.

1. How long has it been since Israel left Egypt? verse 1: “The Israelites arrived in the Sinai region three months after the night they left Egypt.” [The barren desert was given the Semitic name Sinai because of the numerous thorny bushes spread across it.]
2. What will happen to the Israelites if they obey God? See Exodus 19:5,6. “Now you must obey me and keep your part of my contract with you. If you do, you shall be my own little flock. You will be special among all the nations of the earth, for all the earth is mine. And you shall be a kingdom of priests to God, a holy nation”
3. How did the Israelites answer Moses when he told them what God said? verse 8: “They all replied in unison, ‘We will do all he asks of us.’ Moses then told the Lord what the people said.”
4. **CHALLENGE:** Read Galatians 3:19,24 to find out why the Law was given. “Well then, why were the laws given? They were added after the promise was given. They showed men that they are sinners when they break God’s laws. But the law was to last only until the coming of Christ. He was the Child to whom God’s promise was made. God gave his laws to angels to give to Moses. Moses then gave them to the people. Let me put it another way. The Jewish laws were our teacher and guide until Christ came. He gave us right standing with God through our faith.” [Until now the Israelites didn’t have to do a thing. God did it all for them under the Abrahamic covenant of faith (Genesis 15:6). God did not intend for them to exchange their faith-basis living to that of work-basis. Eventually, they used the Law for works and exchanged it for God’s gift of grace. The Lord gave them the choice to live by faith or law. They chose to live by law as expressed in their response to “do ALL He commanded”. We live by grace today; the Law shows us that natural man cannot keep the Law. In some texts, the word used is “school master”. A schoolmaster was not a teacher but like a governess or nanny. It was his responsibility to teach, punish, instruct, ready the child, and then lead him to school. “The Law ... takes us by the hand, like a little child, and leads us to the cross and says, ‘My little one, you need a Savior. You are a sinner and you need to be saved.’” (MCGEE)]
5. **HARD:** Can we do everything the Law tells us to do? Read James 2:10,11 for your answer. “What if someone keeps every law but makes one little slip? He is just as guilty as the person who has broken every law. God said you must not marry a woman who already has a husband. He also said you must not murder. You may not have broken the marriage laws. But if you have murdered someone, you have broken God’s laws. So you stand guilty before him.”

6. How should we live according to the following verses?

Jeremiah 22:3 “The Lord says, “Be fair-minded. Do what is right! Help those in need of justice! Quit your evil deeds! Protect the rights of immigrants, orphans, and widows. Stop murdering the innocent!””

Zechariah 7:9,10 “This is what the Lord Almighty says: “Administer true justice; show mercy and compassion to one another. Do not oppress the widow or the fatherless, the alien or the poor. In your hearts do not think evil of each other.”” (NIV)

Matthew 7:12 “Do for others what you want them to do for you. this is the meaning of the laws of Moses and the words of the prophets.”

Mark 12:33 “To love him (God) with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all the burnt offerings and sacrifice.” (NIV)

Read Exodus chapter 19, verses 9-25.

1. The people had to get ready to hear God speak to them. What do these verses say we need to do to get ready to go to meet with God in church?

1 John 1:9 “If we confess our sins, he can be depended on to forgive us. He will cleanse us from every wrong. It is proper for God to do this because Christ died for our sins.”

2 Corinthians 10:5b “And we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.” (NIV)

Philippians 4:8 “And now, brothers, as I close this letter, let me say one more thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true and good and right. Think about things that are pure and lovely. Dwell on the fine, good things in others. Think about all you can praise God for and be glad about.”

2. What would happen to any person or animal that touched the mountain? verse 12: “Set boundary lines the people may not pass. Tell them, “Beware! Do not go up into the mountain or even touch its borders. Whoever does shall die.””

3. Which verse tells when the people were to go near the mountain to hear the Lord speak? What does it say? verse 13b: “Stay away from the mountain until you hear a ram’s horn sounding one long blast. Then gather at the foot of the mountain!”

4. **CHALLENGE:** How would you tell someone what happened on the mountain in Exodus 19:16-18? “On the morning of the third day there was a terrific thunder and lightning storm. A

huge cloud came down upon the mountain. There was a long, loud blast as from a ram's horn. All the people trembled. Moses led them out from the camp to meet God. They stood at the foot of the mountain. All Mt. Sinai was covered with smoke because the Lord came down upon it in the form of fire. The smoke billowed into the sky as from a furnace. And the whole mountain shook with a violent earthquake."

5. **PERSONAL:** If you were with the Israelites on this journey, how do you think you would act and feel if you were standing at the foot of the mountain? Remember, they didn't know what was going to happen. When we read God's written Word, we are reading something that has already happened. We know what's going to happen next. [Fear should probably be the #1 emotion expressed. The sky probably grew dark; maybe like when a rain storm, tornado, or hurricane is about to happen. Smoke poured from the mountain, it probably looked as if it were on fire. Anyone who has ever seen a building on fire will know what that looks like. The ground shook, the Bible says like an earthquake. For those not ever experiencing an earthquake, it would be like a sonic boom, or being in a rocking boat, canoe, or on a train, only harder shaking.]
6. **PERSONAL:** God warned His people what would happen to them if they disobeyed Him. We have warnings today for our safety. Have you ever been told not to do something? Did you obey the warning? What happened when you obeyed? Or, did you just push a little bit to see if you would get caught disobeying? What happened when you disobeyed?
7. **HARD:** Why, for a second time in Exodus 19:21, did the Lord tell Moses to warn the people not to come close to the mountain? "But the Lord told Moses, 'Go back down and warn the people not to cross the borders. They must not come up here to try to see God. For if they do, many of them will die.'"
8. Who was to come back up the mountain with Moses? Aaron.

EXODUS — LESSON 12

Before you begin your lesson:

- a. Pray for God's Holy Spirit to help you answer the questions.
- b. Some questions may be too hard; it's ok to write "I don't know."
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Read Exodus chapter 20, verses 1-17.

1. How well do you know the Ten Commandments? The Commandments are not in order in the list below. Put them in the order God gave them to Moses. The first one (number 1) is done for you.

- ___ don't sleep with another person's spouse
- ___ don't lie
- ___ don't envy others
- ___ honor your parents
- 1. don't worship any other god
- ___ go to church and keep the day holy
- ___ don't steal
- ___ don't murder
- ___ don't have idols
- ___ don't misuse God's name

[“The Law is [like] a mirror. You have a mirror in your bathroom, [this] is a picture of the Law, and there is a basin [sink] underneath the mirror. You do not wash yourself with the mirror; it only reveals [shows you] the dirt.” You wash yourself in the sink.” Just so, the Law is the mirror that reveals [shows us] our sin. The Law never made man a sinner; it revealed [told] the fact that man was a sinner. The Law was given to bring a man to Christ. It was our schoolmaster to take us by the hand, lead us to the cross, and tell us, ‘Little man, you need a Savior because you are a sinner.’ (MCGEE) The shedding of Christ's blood on the cross “washes” us from the sin which the commandments told us we had committed.]

2. What does 1 Timothy 2:4-6 say about salvation?

3. Romans 3:20 tells us more about the Law. What does it say?

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9. **CHALLENGE:** What do you think people love and worship today if they don't love and worship God?

Reread Exodus chapter 20, verses 1-17.

1. What does Ephesians 6:1-3 tell us is the reason children are to honor their parents?
2. Some day you will be a father or a mother. What does Ephesians 6:4 tell you about how to treat your children?
3. Now don't start thinking you can do anything you want because you read Ephesians 6:4. What other instructions does God give parents in these verses?

Deuteronomy 6:6,7

Proverbs 13:24

4. **PERSONAL:** In Matthew 22:37-40 (question 6 above), we learned the greatest command was to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, and mind. In Ephesians 6:1 we learned we are to honor our parents. Are you living as God commanded? If you are, stop and thank Him for His help in keeping you obedient to His Word. If you are not, stop and ask for His help so you can please Him.

EXODUS — WEEK THIRTEEN

DISCUSSION — LESSON 12

15-20 min. free time — games, fellowship

15-20 min. snack and group recreation: INDOOR BASKETBALL

If you have access to a basketball hoop, use that. If not, use a trash can and basketball or volleyball. Divide into two teams behind the shooting line. Place trash can a fair distance away if there's no hoop. The team chosen to go first gets asked something they should know taken from the Bible, or questions from previous lessons. If that team is able to answer, they get 1 point and a chance to shoot a hoop. If they make the basket, they get 2 points. (Or as many points as you wish to hand out.) If the first team misses the question, they still get a chance to shoot and the same amount of points if a basket is made. Then it's the next team's turn. Set a time or point limit prior to beginning the game.

15-20 min. discuss LESSON 12

to end of class CRAFT: THE TEN COMMANDMENTS wall hanging

10 Commandments sheet (next pages; as is, or reduced 77-75%)
5 1/2" water-adhesive wallpaper border (purchased at discount
or a paint store, inexpensive type) OR a roll of clear con-tact paper, ribbon 3"
long
glue gun & glue
colored pencils or crayons
OPTIONAL: lace, flowers, or other decorations

Choose a 10 Commandments design. If you reduce, reduce to 77-75% so that from edge of trim to edge of trim measures approximately 5 1/2"; trim excess border. Have child color as desired. Cut the wallpaper 6" longer than needed. Follow the hanging instructions on the wallpaper border and paste 10 Commandments so that 3" are left on each end. Roll 3" up from each end so that it looks like a scroll and hot glue the curled piece to poster, being careful not to cover the words. You may wish to hot glue lace or other trim to the edges. Do so before making the scroll effect. Hot glue a piece of 3" ribbon to back for hanging. OR if using clear contact paper, cut it 6" longer and 4" wider than 10 Commandments. Glue the Commandments to construction paper for added color, then follow the same procedure as for the wallpaper directions.

The Ten Commandments

You shall not worship any god but Me.

You must not make any idols for yourself.

You must not misuse the name of the LORD
your God.

Remember to keep the Sabbath as a holy day.

Honor your father and mother.

You must not murder.

You must not commit adultery.

You must not steal.

You must not lie.

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EXODUS — LESSON 12 ANSWERS

Read Exodus chapter 20, verses 1-17.

1. How well do you know the Ten Commandments? The Commandments are not in order in the list below. Put them in the order God gave them to Moses. The first one (number 1) is done for you.

- 7. don't sleep with another person's spouse
- 9. don't lie
- 10. don't envy others
- 5. honor your parents
- 1. don't worship any other god
- 4. go to church and keep the day holy
- 8. don't steal
- 6. don't murder
- 2. don't have idols
- 3. don't misuse God's name

[“The Law is [like] a mirror. You have a mirror in your bathroom, [this] is a picture of the Law, and there is a basin [sink] underneath the mirror. You do not wash yourself with the mirror; it only reveals [shows you] the dirt.” You wash yourself in the sink. “Just so, the Law is the mirror that reveals [shows us] our sin. The Law never made man a sinner; it revealed [told] the fact that man was a sinner. The Law was given to bring a man to Christ. It was our schoolmaster to take us by the hand, lead us to the cross, and tell us, ‘Little man, you need a Savior because you are a sinner.’” (McGEE) The shedding of Christ’s blood on the cross “washes” us from the sin which the commandments told us we had committed.]

2. What does 1 Timothy 2:4-6 say about salvation? “He [God] longs for all to be saved and to understand the truth. God is on one side and all the people are on the other side. The man Christ Jesus is between them to bring them together. He did this by giving his life for all man kind. This is the message that God gave to the world. And he gave this message at just the right time.”
3. Romans 3:20 tells us more about the Law. What does it say? “Now do you see it? No one can be right in God’s sight by doing what the law commands. The more we know God’s laws, the more we see that we aren’t obeying them. His laws only show us that we are sinners.”
4. **RISKY:** If the Law can’t save us, what does according to these verses in Galatians?

Galatians 2:16 “Yet we know that we can’t become right with God by obeying our Jewish laws. We know that our sins are forgiven only by faith in Jesus Christ. So we have trusted Jesus Christ, too. Now we are welcomed by God because of faith. He doesn’t welcome us because we obey the Jewish laws. For no one will ever be saved by obeying them.”

Galatians 3:11 “It is clear that no one can win God’s favor by keeping the Jewish laws. God has said that the only way we can be right in his sight is by faith. The prophet Habakkuk says, ‘The man who finds life will find it by trusting God.’”

5. **HARD:** Reread the Ten Commandments in your Bible. The first 4 talk about our relationship to whom? The next 6 talk about our relationship to whom? First 4 to God. The next 6 to other people.
6. Matthew 22:37-40 gives you more information about the two groups of people you found in question 2. What do these verses say? “Jesus said, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind.” This is the first and greatest command. The second most important is similar: “Love your neighbor as much as you love yourself.” All the other commands come from these two laws. And all the demands of the prophets come from them, too. Keep only these two and you will find that you are obeying all the others.”
7. What does Exodus 20:4 say? “You shall not make any idols. Make no images of animals, birds, or fish.”

The dictionary says an idol is “an object of passionate (powerful) devotion.” (WEBSTER’S) Some Bibles use the word “jealous” to describe God’s feeling about His people. In the dictionary, jealous is defined as being “afraid of losing someone’s affection or love (HOLT); and (unwilling to accept) “rivalry or unfaithfulness” (WEBSTER’S).

8. What does Habakkuk 2:18,19 say? “What help can be found in worshipping all your man-made idols? How stupid it is to think that they could help! What fools you were to trust what you yourselves had made. How terrible it will be for you! For you command your wooden idols to rise up and save you. How terrible it will be for those who call out to stone idols for answers. Can images speak for God. They are covered with gold and silver. But there is no life at all inside!”
9. **CHALLENGE:** What do you think people love and worship today if they don’t love and worship God? Recreation; outdoor sports; TV; Nintendo; their looks; cars; clothes; other people; etc.

Reread Exodus chapter 20, verses 1-17.

1. What does Ephesians 6:1-3 tell us is the reason children are to honor their parents? “Children, obey your parents. This is the right thing to do. Honor your father and mother. This is the first of God’s Ten Commandments that ends with a promise. The promise is that you will have a long life, full of blessing.”

2. Some day you will be a father or a mother. What does Ephesians 6:4 tell you about how to treat your children? “And now a word to you parents. Don’t keep scolding and nagging your children. This makes them angry and bitter. Rather, bring them up with the Lord’s loving discipline and godly advice.”

3. Now don’t start thinking you can do anything you want because you read Ephesians 6:4. What other instructions does God give parents in these verses?

Deuteronomy 6:6,7 “Keep thinking about my commandments. Teach them to your children. Talk about them at home or when you are out walking. Talk about them at bedtime and as soon as you get up in the morning.”

Proverbs 13:24 “If you refuse to discipline your son, it proves you don’t love him. For if you love him, you will be prompt to punish him.”

4. **PERSONAL:** In Matthew 22:37-40 (question 6 above), we learned the greatest command was to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, and mind. In Ephesians 6:1 we learned we are to honor our parents. Are you living as God commanded? If you are, stop and thank Him for His help in keeping you obedient to His Word. If you are not, stop and ask for His help so you can please Him.

EXODUS — LESSON 13

Before you begin your lesson:

- a. Pray for God's Holy Spirit to help you answer the questions.
- b. Some questions may be too hard; it's ok to write "I don't know."
- c. Think about what God's Word is telling you for today.
- d. With some questions, it might be helpful to write the scripture verse on your paper.

Read Exodus chapter 20, verses 18-26.

1. What did the people hear and see according to Exodus 20:18?

2. What did Moses tell them in verse 20?

3. The Bible often speaks of fearing the Lord. This is not the fear we feel when we see something scary. We are not to be afraid of God with that same feeling. But we are to be afraid of displeasing Him. To fear the Lord means we are to worship, honor, and respect God for who He is and what He has done for us. Knowing this, what do these verses say about fearing the Lord?

Psalm 19:9

Psalm 34:11

Psalm 111:10

4. What are the two kinds of altars God said the people could build?

5. If they ever did use stones, what kind were they supposed to be?

6. God offered the people an opportunity to make sacrifices to Him for the sins they committed. But, He really wanted their love and obedience. That's what He wants from us today. We don't make sacrifices today because the Lord Jesus Christ made the final and complete sacrifice. So, what does God want according to these verses?

1 Samuel 15:22

Hosea 6:6

Read Exodus chapter 21, verses 1-11.

1. Some Bibles use the words "servant" or "slave" to describe someone who works for someone else, usually without payment. These verses tell how people became slaves. What do they say?

Leviticus 25:47

Deuteronomy 20:10,11

Matthew 18:24,25

2. How long did a person stay a slave?

3. What was done when a slave wanted to stay with his master? See verses 5,6 for your answer.

Read Exodus chapter 21, verses 12-21.

1. What happens if someone kills another person by accident?
2. The 5th Commandment is “Honor your father and mother.” What does Exodus 21:15,17 say happens to a child if they don’t treat their parents right?
3. What happens to the master who beats his servant to death?

Read Exodus chapter 21, verses 22-32.

1. If two men are fighting and a pregnant woman gets in the way and the baby dies, the man who hurt her pays a fine. If the woman dies, what happens?
2. Exodus 21:23-25 says “But if there is serious injury, you are to take life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, burn for burn, wound for wound, bruise for bruise.” (NIV) But what did Jesus teach in Matthew 5:39-42?

EXODUS — WEEK FOURTEEN

DISCUSSION — LESSON 13

15-20 min. free time — games, fellowship

15-20 min. snack and group recreation: CAR LOT

Choose teams, or each player is a team. One person is “IT”. Set boundaries, goal lines, and time limit. The teams choose the make of car they wish to be. IT is told the makes of cars, and then calls that name. The team named tries to reach the goal line without stepping out of bounds or being tagged. If tagged, the player must sit in that spot. He is eligible to tag other “racing cars”, but cannot move from the sitting position. He tries to reach as far as possible to tag the runners. IT can run anywhere to tag a racer. To make the game more exciting, IT calls “CAR LOT” and all cars run to the opposite goal line.

15-20 min. discuss LESSON 13

to end of class CRAFT: MINI SLATE PLAQUE

small mini slate board 3” x 3” (found at craft supply stores)
OR 4” x 6”
magnet strip
tempra paint and brushes
glue
stencils (optional)
miscellaneous decorations: flowers, ribbon, straw, etc.
glue gun

Give each child a board, brush, and stencil if desired. Paint a design on the slate. It can be words, picture, drawn free hand or with stencil. Glue magnet piece to back for hanging. Decorate as desired. Allow for creativity.

NOTE: You may wish to use the “Hebrew Calendar and Selected Events” found in *Reproducible Maps, Charts & Timelines* (Regal Books) as a hand out for Lesson 14.

EXODUS — LESSON 13 ANSWERS

Read Exodus chapter 20, verses 18-26.

1. What did the people hear and see according to Exodus 20:18? “All the people saw the lightning and the smoke rising from the mountain. They heard the thunder and the long trumpet blast. And they stood at a distance, shaking with fear.”
2. What did Moses tell them in verse 20? “‘Don’t be afraid,’ Moses told them. ‘For God has come in this way to show you his awesome power. That way, from now on you will be afraid to sin against him!’”
3. The Bible often speaks of fearing the Lord. This is not the fear we feel when we see something scary. We are not to be afraid of God with that same feeling. But we are to be afraid of displeasing Him. To fear the Lord means we are to worship, honor, and respect God for who He is and what He has done for us. Knowing this, what do these verses say about fearing the Lord?

Psalm 19:9 “The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever. The ordinances of the Lord are sure and altogether righteous.” (NIV)

Psalm 34:11 “Sons and daughters, come and listen. Let me teach you the importance of fearing the Lord.”

Psalm 111:10 “How can men be wise? The only way to begin is by respecting God. For growth in wisdom comes from obeying his laws. Praise his name forever.”

4. What are the two kinds of altars God said the people could build? Earth and stone.
5. If they ever did use stones, what kind were they supposed to be? Uncut stones and boulders; not chipped or shaped with tools.
6. God offered the people an opportunity to make sacrifices to Him for the sins they committed. But, He really wanted their love and obedience. That’s what He wants from us today. We don’t make sacrifices today because the Lord Jesus Christ made the final and complete sacrifice. So, what does God want according to these verses?

1 Samuel 15:22 “Samuel replied, ‘What pleases the Lord the most? Does he want your burnt offerings and sacrifices? Or does he want your obedience? It is much better to obey the Lord than to give him an offering. It is much better to listen to him than to offer him some thing.’”

Hosea 6:6 “I don’t want your sacrifices. I want your love. I don’t want your offerings. I want you to know me.”

Read Exodus chapter 21, verses 1-11.

1. Some Bibles use the words “servant” or “slave” to describe someone who works for someone else, usually without payment. These verses tell how people became slaves. What do they say?

Leviticus 25:47 “A foreigner living among you might become rich. And an Israelite might become poor. He might sell himself to the foreigner or to the foreigner’s family.” [Sell oneself to another.]

Deuteronomy 20:10,11 “As you come near a city to attack it, first offer it a treaty. It might accept the treaty and open its gates to you. If so, then all its people shall become your servants.” [A conquering nation enslaves the other nation.]

Matthew 18:24,25 “One of his servants was brought in who owed him \$10 million! He couldn’t pay. So the king ordered him to be sold to pay back what he owed. he also ordered the man’s wife and children and all he owned to be sold.” [To pay off a debt. Something like the indentured servants early in our country’s civilization.]

2. How long did a person stay a slave? verse 2: “If you buy a Hebrew slave, he shall serve only 6 years. He will be freed in the seventh year. He need pay nothing to regain his freedom.”
3. What was done when a slave wanted to stay with his master? See verses 5,6 for your answer. “The man might plainly declare, ‘I prefer my master, my wife, and my children. I would rather not go free.’ If he does this, then his master shall bring him before the judges. He shall publicly bore his ear with an awl. After that he will be a slave forever.”

Read Exodus chapter 21, verses 12-21.

1. What happens if someone kills another person by accident? verse 13: “But it might have been accidental—an act of God—and not intentional. If this is true, then I will appoint a place where he can run for safety.”
2. The 5th Commandment is “Honor your father and mother.” What does Exodus 21:15,17 say happens to a child if they don’t treat their parents right? “Anyone who hits his father or mother shall surely be put to death. Anyone who reviles or curses his mother or father shall surely be put to death.”

3. What happens to the master who beats his servant to death? verses 20,21: “A man might beat his slave to death. This is true whether the slave is male or female. But if he does, he shall be punished. How ever, if the slave does not die for a couple of days, then the man shall not be punished. This is because the slave is his property.”

Read Exodus chapter 21, verses 22-32.

1. If two men are fighting and a pregnant woman gets in the way and the baby dies, the man who hurt her pays a fine. If the woman dies, what happens? verse 23: “But if any harm comes to the woman and she dies, he shall be killed.”
2. Exodus 21:23-25 says “But if there is serious injury, you are to take life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, burn for burn, wound for wound, bruise for bruise.” (NIV) But what did Jesus teach in Matthew 5:39-42? “But I say don’t stand against violence! If you are slapped on one cheek, turn the other one, too. Someone might order you to come to court. And your shirt might be taken from you. If this happens, give your coat, too. A soldier might demand that you carry his gear for a mile. If this happens, carry it for two. Give to those who ask. Don’t turn away from those who want to borrow.”

EXODUS — LESSON 14

Before you begin your lesson:

- a. Pray for God's Holy Spirit to help you answer the questions.
- b. Some questions may be too hard; it's ok to write "I don't know."
- c. Think about what God's Word is telling you for today.
- d. With some questions, it might be helpful to write the scripture verse on your paper.

Read Exodus chapter 22, verses 1-15.

1. **RISKY:** Which verse tells how a thief becomes a slave, and what does it say?

2. **CHALLENGE:** In Exodus 22:5, we are told about grazing animals ruining another farmer's crop. Let's say you are riding a friend's bike. You accidentally ride it over glass and put holes in the tire. How should you return the bike to your friend? Choose the correct answer from the list below. The last phrase in verse 5 is the clue to your answer.
 - a. Do you return it with the flat tires?
 - b. Do you return it with the tires repaired?
 - c. Do you buy new tires?

Read Exodus chapter 22, verses 16-31.

1. The 1st Commandment says "You shall have no other gods before me." (NIV) What does Exodus 22:20 say about sacrificing to other gods?

2. Verse 28 says we are not to curse the government, or those who rule over us. What does Romans 13:1,3 say?

Read Exodus chapter 23, verses 1-13.

1. The 9th Commandment says, “You shall not give false testimony”. (NIV) God is telling us not to lie. Also, we are not to say anything that could twist the truth. What does Proverbs 19:5 say about lies?
2. What does Exodus 23:3 say about playing favorites?
3. What does James 2:1 say about playing favorites?
4. How many years was a farmer to sow his crops?
5. What was he to do with his land when the planting years ended?

Read Exodus chapter 23, verses 14-33.

1. What are the three feasts mentioned?
2. What did the Lord again warn the people against in Exodus 23:24?
3. Christians aren't supposed to be copy cats of the world. What does Ephesians 5:1,2 say about being copy cats?

4. **RISKY:** Do you think you can be true to God and have real close friends who are always doing wrong things? Read 1 Corinthians 15:33a to find out what God says about that.

Read Exodus chapter 24, verses 1-15.

1. Why did he put 12 pillars around the altar?
2. **CHALLENGE:** See how many you can name of the 12 sons of Jacob before you look up the verse. When you need help, turn to Genesis 49:1-27. Jacob's 12 sons are also called the 12 tribes.
3. What did Moses do with the blood of the sacrificed animals?

The dictionary says a covenant is: "A written agreement or promise usually under seal between two or more parties especially for the performance of some action.." (Webster's) Today, people and companies sign pieces of paper promising to do some thing. This is called a contract. Let's say, you want to have a contractor build a house for you. You agree to pay the contractor for the house he promised to build. You sign a piece of paper called a contract where both of you promise something to each other. Each of you has to live up to your part of the contract. If one of you breaks the contract, that one will be in trouble.

4. What did Moses do with the blood in the basins?
5. What did Jesus say in Matthew 26:28 about His blood?

EXODUS — WEEK FIFTEEN

DISCUSSION — LESSON 14

15-20 min. free time — games, fellowship

15-20 min. snack and group recreation: EGG ROLL

Choose teams, equal in size if possible. Set goal lines. First person on each team has a hard cooked egg placed in front of him. At the signal, the leader kneels down and with the tip of the nose pushes the egg to the other goal line. When reached, he picks up the egg and races back to his team and places the egg in front of the next team player who kneels down who begins to push it, and the runner goes to the end of the line. The last player leaves the egg at the goal line, races back to the end of his team line and they all sit down. The first team to sit wins.

15-20 min. discuss LESSON 14

to end of class CRAFT: CHALK/CRAYON POSTER

2 sheets of drawing paper per child
2 paper clips per child
colored chalk
dark crayons
ball point pen (not fine tip)
pencils
newspaper

Cover work area with newspaper. Cover both sheets of drawing paper with a thick layer of chalk in stripes, squares, or another type pattern or design. Use compatible colors of chalk to make these sections of color. Color heavily over the chalk on one sheet of chalked paper with dark crayon. Clip the colored sides of the sheets together. On the back of the crayoned sheet, draw a picture or design with the ball point pen using hard pressure. Use the flat side of the pencil to shade in sections of the picture. Unclip, and you have two similar, yet opposing, pictures.

Dear Elementary Leader,

If your class has a limited budget, the craft materials for the next several lessons will require the children to supply some of them. You may wish to include a note of reminder with each take home lesson the items needed in upcoming weeks.

For Lesson Week 17, purple, blue and red felt, purple seam binding, and 12 1/2 inch acrylic jewels, flat on one side and in various shapes, in gold, purple, blue, red.

Lesson Week 20 will need crushed egg shells. This Lesson would be appropriate to ask them to start gathering them. Each child will need crushed shells from 12 eggs and one glass bottle, or tin can.

The craft for Lesson Week 21 may be the most expensive and difficult to collect. You may wish to go to a used clothing store and purchase enough pairs of tennis shoes so that each child will have one shoe. Or, you may ask the children to bring in an old pair of shoes, any size. Canvas shoes work best, but leather is ok too.

Lesson Week 22 will require old matchbook covers that can be picked up from restaurants or hotels, or from family members who smoke.

You will need cardboard, heavy and light weight. Used file folders or cereal boxes work well for the lighter weight cardboard. Felt, paint, paint brushes, needles, thread, and yarn are needed for most of these projects. It is suggested you gather a supply early so that you don't find yourself running around at the last minute.

OPTIONAL: You may want to have a sign-up sheet for those who want to pay in advance for the teacher to purchase the materials for Lesson Weeks 17 and 21.

To recoup then, you will need:

Lesson Week 17: purple, blue, red felt; purple seam binding and purple thread; 12, 1/2 inch acrylic jewels, flat on one side and various shapes, in gold, purple, blue, red for each child.

Lesson Week 20: crushed egg shells from 12 eggs per child, glass bottle, or tin can.

Lesson Week 21: one tennis shoe per child.

Lesson Week 22: matchbook covers, with or without matches.

EXODUS — LESSON 14 ANSWERS

Read Exodus chapter 22, verses 1-15.

1. **RISKY:** Which verse tells how a thief becomes a slave, and what does it say? Verse 3b: “If a thief is captured, he must pay back all that he stole. If he can’t, then he must be sold as a slave for his debt.”
2. **CHALLENGE:** In Exodus 22:5, we are told about grazing animals ruining another farmer’s crop. Let’s say you are riding a friend’s bike. You accidentally ride it over glass and put holes in the tire. How should you return the bike to your friend? Choose the answer you think God would want you to give from the list below. The last phrase in verse 5 is the clue to your answer.
 - a. Do you return it with the flat tires? [No]
 - b. Do you return it with the tires repaired? [No]
 - c. Do you buy new tires? [Yes. According to verse 5b: “He must give the owner of the field or vineyard (bike) an equal amount of the best of his own crop (equal amount for new tires).”

Read Exodus chapter 22, verses 16-31.

1. The 1st Commandment says “You shall have no other gods before me.” (NIV) What does Exodus 22:20 say about sacrificing to other gods? “Anyone sacrificing to any other god than the Lord shall be killed.” [Verses 21-27 shows God’s special concern for the powerless and vulnerable peoples. Child labor laws, orphanages, and other charitable organizations were not founded by Godless people. They are the result of Christian concerns and care.]
2. Exodus 22:28 says we are not to curse the government, or those who rule over us. What does Romans 13:1,3 say? “Obey the rulers because God is the one who has put them there. There are no rulers anywhere that God has not put in power. For the policeman does not scare people who are doing right. But people who do evil will always fear him. So if you don’t want to be afraid, keep the laws.”

Read Exodus chapter 23, verses 1-13.

1. The 9th Commandment says, “You shall not give false testimony”. (NIV) God is telling us not to lie. Also, we are not to say anything that could twist the truth. What does Proverbs 19:5 say about lies? “Punish false witnesses. Track down liars.”
2. What does Exodus 23:3 say about playing favorites? “And do not show favoritism to a poor man in his lawsuit.” (NIV)
3. What does James 2:1 say about playing favorites? “My brothers, as believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ, don’t show favoritism.” (NIV)
4. How many years was a farmer to plant crops? Six years.

5. What was he to do with his land when the planting years ended? verse 11: “But let the land rest and lie fallow [still].

Read Exodus chapter 23, verses 14-33.

1. What are the three feasts mentioned?

#1. The Feast of Unleavened Bread, or the Feast of the Passover. The distinction is the sacrifice of the lamb when the Angel of Death passed over those houses that displayed the blood on the doorposts, just before the Exodus from Egypt. The meal eaten after the Angel passed, and the celebration that lasted for 7 days is designated as the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

#2. The Harvest Feast, or Feast of Pentecost. This celebration happened on the 50th day after Passover. The beginning of the grain harvest, the best, or first of the product harvested was an offering presented to God.

#3. The Feast of Ingathering or Tabernacles was a celebration in the fall, or the autumn harvest. In later times, the people lived in booths for 7 days. This was a reminder of the wanderings in the wilderness.

2. What did the Lord again warn the people against in Exodus 23:24? “You must not worship the gods of these other nations. You must never sacrifice to them in any way. And you must not follow the evil example of these heathen people. You must fully conquer them and break down their shameful idols.”
3. Christians aren't supposed to be copy cats of the world. What does Ephesians 5:1,2 say about being copy cats? “Follow God's example in everything you do. Be like a much loved child who follows his father. Be full of love for others. Follow the example of Christ. He loved you and gave himself to God as a sacrifice for your sins. And God was pleased about this. Christ's love for you was like sweet perfume to him.”
4. **RISKY:** Do you think you can be true to God and have real close friends who are always doing wrong things? Read 1 Corinthians 15:33a to find out what God says about that. “Do not be misled: ‘Bad company corrupts good character.’”

Read Exodus chapter 24, verses 1-11.

[These chapters could be confusing since we don't really know when Moses took Aaron up the mountain. Chapter 19 suggests he went at that time; and now chapter 24 suggests Aaron, his sons, and 70 elders returned with Moses. It would appear Moses made several trips up Mt. Sinai. He went up for the first time according to chapter 19, to receive the Ten Commandments. Moses returned to the people with those laws for them to ratify, and then he returned with Aaron. The laws recorded in chapters 21-23 expand the Law already given. It would seem they returned to the people again for another ratification. Moses returned to God after this ratification and sacri-

lices offered awaiting further instruction. At this time he returned to the mountain with Aaron, his sons, and the 70 elders. Unless asked, it would be in the children's best interest not to bring this up, since it could be more confusing to them.]

1. Why did Moses put 12 pillars around the altar? verse 4b: "He put 12 pillars around the altar because there were 12 tribes of Israel."
2. **CHALLENGE:** See how many you can name of the 12 sons of Jacob before you look up the verse. When you need help, turn to Genesis 49:1-27. Jacob's 12 sons are called the 12 tribes. Genesis 49:3: Reuben; 49:5: Simeon and Levi; 49:8: Judah; 49:13: Zebulun; 49:14: Issachar; 49:16: Dan; 49:19: Gad; 49:20: Asher; 49:21: Naphtali; 49:22: Joseph [1/2 tribe of Manasseh and the 1/2 tribe of Ephraim]; 49:27: Benjamin.
3. What did Moses do with the blood of the sacrificed animals? verse 6: "Moses took half of the blood of these animals. He drew it off into basins. The other half he splashed against the altar."

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4. What did Moses do with the blood in the basins? verse 8: "Then Moses threw the blood from the basins toward the people. Then he said, "This blood confirms the covenant. It seals the covenant the Lord has made with you in giving you these laws."
5. What did Jesus say in Matthew 26:28 about His blood? "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins." (NIV) ["A covenant was sealed by solemn oaths [promise] in which each party called down retribution upon his own head if he broke the agreement. These oaths were sealed in blood. The blood thrown on the altar symbolized God's oath, while that thrown on the people (v.8) symbolized theirs. In such covenants both parties called upon God to strike them dead if they broke their oath." (NKJV, Children's Ministry Resource Edition) There is no one greater than God. Hebrews 6:13 says: "For when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself." (NKJV) "The bread and wine of the Passover commemorated deliverance from Egypt. Jesus' body (v. 26) and blood (v. 28) are now identified as the true Passover sacrifice of the new covenant (v. 28) that brings deliverance from sins." (NKJV, Children's Ministry Resource Edition)]

EXODUS — LESSON 15

Before you begin your lesson:

- a. Pray for God's Holy Spirit to help you answer the questions.
- b. Some questions may be too hard; it's ok to write "I don't know."
- c. Think about what God's Word is telling you for today.
- d. With some questions, it might be helpful to write the scripture verse on your paper.

Read Exodus chapter 24, verses 11-18.

1. Who went up the mountain with Moses in Exodus 24:13?
2. How long did Moses wait to hear God speak?
3. How long was Moses on the mountain?

Read Exodus chapter 25, verses 1-9.

1. Using your dictionary, what does offering mean?
2. What did God say about the offering the people were to give Him in Exodus 25:1,2?
3. **CHALLENGE:** Slaves usually did not have lots of money to buy jewels or expensive material. Since the Israelites were slaves in Egypt, where did they get the things God was asking them to bring for the Tabernacle? See Exodus 3:22.

4. How did Moses know how to build the Tabernacle?

Read Exodus chapter 25, verses 10-30.

1. What kind of wood was the chest to be made of?

2. What covered the wood?

3. What does Exodus 25:14 say the poles were used for?

4. Exodus 25:21 says that the Ten Commandments were to go inside the ark. According to Hebrews 9:4b, what two other items were to be in there?

5. God sent the people manna from heaven. What does Exodus 16:33,34 say about the manna?

6. What does Numbers 17:8 say happened to Aaron's rod that made it an important item to be kept in the Ark?

[These items were symbolic, a future picture of Jesus Christ. The Ten Commandments were to remind the Israelites of God's holy standard of living. Jesus was the only one to live according to this standard. He fulfilled the Law in all points and the prophecies spoken of Him. God miraculously preserved the manna He had given the Israelites as food given daily for nourishment, strength and life to the Israelites in the wilderness. Jesus calls Himself the Bread of Life.

Aaron's rod, once dead, now budded with new life, is a picture of Jesus' death and resurrection.]

7. The table and shewbread in Exodus 25:23-30 point to the Lord Jesus Christ. What do these verses say about the Lord Jesus and the bread of life?

John 6:33

John 6:51

Read Exodus chapter 25, verses 31-40.

1. How was the lampstand to be made?
2. Each lampstand was to have a base, shaft, and branches, with flower-like cups with buds and blossoms. Place the number amount of each item needed on the line space below.

_____ lampstands

_____ branches, on each lampstand

_____ cups, shaped like almond flowers, on each branch

_____ cups on the shaft, under each pair of branches

3. When we think of the lampstand, we think of candles and light. What does John 8:12 say about Jesus' light?
4. **PERSONAL:** Is Jesus your light? Do you have fellowship with Him? Why not ask Him today, to lead, guide, and have fellowship with you? You can begin with your confession of sin. See 1 John 1:3-10.

EXODUS — WEEK SIXTEEN

DISCUSSION — LESSON 15

15-20 min. free time — games, fellowship

15-20 min. snack and group recreation: PAPER CLIP RELAY

Form teams sitting on the floor in a horizontal row, arms' length apart. The first player has a paper clip placed on the floor on his left hand side. At the signal, he is to pick it up, place it in his right hand, and lay it on the floor next to the left hand of the second player. This player repeats the movement. When last player is reached, he reverses the play. The first player to replace the clip in the first position stands, and that team is the winner. Players may not touch the paper clip until it has been placed on the floor.

If your class seems to be too active, have them run a few laps around the room or outside before and after the relay.

15-20 min. discuss LESSON 15

to end of class CRAFT: SEE-THROUGH DRAWINGS

drawing paper
black permanent markers
fluorescent colored crayons
baby oil or cooking oil
rags/cotton balls
newspapers

OPTIONAL:

construction paper/craft sticks
scissors
yarn
tape

Using a black marker. Draw or trace a picture on drawing paper, being sure the drawing has plenty of spaces. Color in the spaces with crayons. Some space can remain uncolored, if desired. Turn the drawing over onto the newspaper. Rub oil over the back of the picture. The oil makes the picture transparent.

OPTIONAL: With the construction paper form a frame for the picture. Place around picture and tape corners to the back. Use yarn to hang picture in window.

EXODUS — LESSON 15 ANSWERS

Read Exodus chapter 24, verses 11-18.

1. Who went up the mountain with Moses in Exodus 24:13? Joshua.
2. How long did Moses wait to hear God speak? verse 16: “The glory of the Lord rested upon Mt. Sinai. And the cloud covered it six days. The seventh day he called to Moses from the cloud.”
3. How long was Moses on the mountain? verse 18: “And Moses vanished into the cloud-covered mountain top. He was there for 40 days and 40 nights.”

Read Exodus chapter 25, verses 1-9.

1. Using your dictionary, what does offering mean? “Something offered or given; especially, a religious gift, contribution, or sacrifice.” (Holt)
2. What did God say about the offering the people were to give Him in Exodus 25:1,2? “The Lord said to Moses, ‘Speak to the people of Israel. Tell them that all who want to may bring me an offering.’” [The people were given a choice to give, it was not mandatory.]
3. **CHALLENGE:** Slaves usually did not have lots of money to buy jewels or expensive material. Since the Israelites were slaves in Egypt, where did they get the things God was asking them to bring for the Tabernacle? See Exodus 3:22. “Every woman will ask for jewels, silver, gold, and the finest of clothes. And her Egyptian master’s wife and neighbors will gladly give them. You will clothe your sons and daughters with the best in Egypt!”
4. How did Moses know how to build the Tabernacle? verse 9: “This home of mine shall be called a Tabernacle. I will give you a drawing that shows you how to make it and everything in it.”

Read Exodus chapter 25, verses 10-30.

1. What kind of wood was the chest to be made of? Acacia (or shittim) wood. [Shittim wood was almost indestructible by insects, much like the California Redwood. It grows in the deserts of Sinai and around the Dead Sea. The wood was also used for tanning leather, fuel, and for parts of mummy cases.]
2. What covered the wood? Gold.
3. What does Exodus 25:14 say the poles were used for? “Insert the poles into the rings on the sides of the chest to carry it.” (NIV)

4. Exodus 25:21 says that the Ten Commandments were to go inside the ark. According to Hebrews 9:4b, what two other items were to be in there? “Inside the Ark were the tablets of stone with the Ten Commandments written on them. There was a golden jar with manna in it. Aaron’s rod that budded was also there.”
5. God sent the people manna from heaven. What does Exodus 16:33,34 say about the manna? “Moses told Aaron to get a container and put two quarts of manna in it. He was to keep it in a holy place from generation to generation. Aaron did this, just as the Lord had told Moses. And eventually it was kept in the Ark in the Tabernacle.”
6. What does Numbers 17:8 say happened to Aaron’s rod that made it an important item to be kept in the Ark? “Moses went in the next day. And he found that Aaron’s rod, from the tribe of Levi, had budded! It had blossoms on it! And it had ripe almonds hanging from it!”

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7. The table and shewbread in Exodus 25:23-30 point to the Lord Jesus Christ. What do these verses say about the Lord Jesus and the bread of life?

John 6:33 “The true Bread is a person, the one sent by God from Heaven. And he gives life to the world.”

John 6:51 [Jesus said] “I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.”

Read Exodus chapter 25, verses 31-40.

1. How was the lampstand to be made? verse 31: “Make a lampstand of pure, beaten gold. The entire lampstand and its decorations shall be one piece—the base, shaft, lamps, and blossoms.”
2. Each lampstand was to have a base, shaft, and branches, with flower-like cups with buds and blossoms. Place the number amount of each item needed on the line space below.

7 lampstands

6 branches, on each lampstand

3 cups, shaped like almond flowers, on each branch

4 cups on the shaft, under each pair of branches

3. When we think of the lampstand, we think of candles and light. What does John 8:12 say about Jesus' light? "Later, Jesus spoke to the people. He said, 'I am the Light of the world. If you follow me, you won't stumble through the darkness. Living light will guide your path.'"
4. **PERSONAL:** Is Jesus your light? Do you have fellowship with Him? Why not ask Him today, to lead, guide, and have fellowship with you? You can begin with your confession of sin. See 1 John 1:3-10.

EXODUS – LESSON 16

Before you begin your lesson:

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- c. Think about what God’s Word is telling you for today.
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From the last lesson we know God provided the Israelites with all sorts of materials, jewels, gold, metals and other items before they left Egypt. In the beginning of their journey, the Israelites may not have known why God allowed them to take so much from their Egyptian captors. Now, we see, one of the reasons was for them to build a Tabernacle for the Lord.

1. What type of material, and colors were used in making the curtains of the Tabernacle?

2. **CHALLENGE:** How many kinds of materials did you find were used for the curtains covering the Tabernacle? Write the verse where you found your answer.

3. **PERSONAL:** After the Tabernacle was built, it became the center of worship for the Israelites. Is worship to the Lord the center of your life as you begin each day?

4. Verse 6 says “This will make the Tabernacle a single unit”. What does 1 Corinthians 12:12,13 say about believers being one in Jesus Christ?

Read Exodus chapter 26, verses 15-30.

1. The frames of the Tabernacle were about 15 feet high and 2 1/4 feet wide, and stood upright. There were 20 stands on the north side and 20 on the south side. Each frame had two bases. How many bases did that make for each side, and what metal was used to make them?
2. How many frames and silver bases were made for the west end of the tent?
3. What was to cover the wood frames, crossbars, and rings?

Read Exodus chapter 26, verses 31-35.

1. We have just finished the outside of the Tabernacle. A curtain divided the inside into two parts. What was to go behind this dividing curtain? See Exodus 26:33 for your answer.
2. What was the reason for this curtain? See Exodus 26:33 for your answer.

Leviticus 16:2 says “Warn your brother Aaron. Tell him not to enter into the Holy Place behind the veil, where the Ark and the place of mercy are, just whenever he chooses. The penalty for entering is death. For I myself am present in the cloud above the place of mercy.” In other words, this was where God met with the High Priest. Once a year, only the high priest could enter this place, to make atonement for the sins of the people.

3. What does Isaiah 59:2 say keeps people from God?

4. What does 1 John 1:9 say we can do with our sin?

5. What does Matthew 27:50,51 say happened to the veil?

6. Now that the veil that kept Old Testament people from coming directly to God has been torn down, what does Hebrews 4:14,16 say about our coming directly to God?

7. Where were the lampstand and the table to stand?

Read Exodus chapter 27, verses 1-21.

1. What was the next thing Moses was to make?

2. Silver was used for the bases in making the Tabernacle. Gold was used to cover the wood frames and rings. What metal was used for the bases and utensils in the outer court?

3. The Tabernacle in Exodus 26:1,2 was 42 feet long and 6 feet wide. According to Exodus 27:18 how big was the outer court?

4. The oil lamps were to be kept burning all the time. What do these verses say about a lamp and light?

Psalm 119:105

John 8:12

5. **PERSONAL:** It is wise to hide God's word in our hearts. Which of the following verses did you choose to memorize this week? Psalm 119:105; John 8:12; 1 Corinthians 12:12,13; Isaiah 59:2; Matthew 27:50,51; Hebrews 4:14,16.

REMINDER: If you didn't prepay for materials, **DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR ACRYLIC JEWELS FOR NEXT WEEK'S CRAFT.** You are to bring 12 half inch stones, which are flat on one side, 4 each in gold, purple, blue, red.

EXODUS — WEEK SEVENTEEN

DISCUSSION — LESSON 16

15-20 min. free time — games, fellowship

15-20 min. snack and group recreation: SQUEEZE-OH-RUN

The players stand in a line with their backs toward the goal, holding hands behind their backs. “IT” stands facing the line of player about 10 feet away. The first child in the line squeezes the hand of his neighbor and calls “Squeeze”. The squeeze is passed from one player to the next until it reaches the last player in line. When the last player receives the squeeze, he yells “OH!”. This is the signal for the players to drop hands and run to the goal line to the opposite end of the play area before “IT” can tag anyone. The first child tagged becomes “IT” and play continues.

15-20 min. discuss LESSON 16

to end of class CRAFT: PRIEST’S BREASTPLATE *

gold, purple, blue, red felt
yard stick
scissors
pencil
needles/purple thread
purple seam binding
tacky glue

Before class begins, cut purple felt into 6x8 1/2 inch rectangles, one for each child. Cut blue, gold and red felt into 1x1 1/2 inch rectangles, 12 for each child (four of each color). Cut seam binding into 2-foot lengths, four per child.

Have each child arrange the 12 small felt pieces on the purple rectangle; glue to secure. Glue an acrylic jewel in the center of each small felt piece. Lay the stones on the felt pieces to see how they would like the colors to appear before gluing. Thread needle. If some children are unable to sew, adult supervision is needed. Fold under end of one length of seam binding and stitch to back corner of purple felt rectangle. Do the same for the remaining three corners.

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OPTIONAL: If cost for stones/felt is prohibitive, use construction paper, or drawing paper. Plain paper can be colored or painted; glitter can be used for “sparkle”. Follow the same directions as if using material.

EXODUS — LESSON 16 ANSWERS

Read Exodus chapter 26, verses 1-14.

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From the last lesson we know God provided the Israelites with all sorts of materials, jewels, gold, metals and other items before they left Egypt. In the beginning of their journey, the Israelites may not have known why God allowed them to take so much from their Egyptian captors. Now, we see, one of the reasons was for them to build a Tabernacle for the Lord.

1. What type of material, and colors were used in making the curtains of the Tabernacle? verse 1: "Make the tent for the Tabernacle from 10 colored sheets of fine linen. Dye it blue, purple, and red."
2. **CHALLENGE:** How many kinds of materials did you find were used for the curtains covering the Tabernacle? Write the verse where you found your answer. There are 4 kinds. Verse 1: linen dyed blue, purple, and red. Verse 7: goat hair. Verse 14: red dyed ram skins; and hides of sea cows (NIV), badgers skins (KJV), or goatskins (SLBT), [depending upon translation. This last covering was for preserving the other materials, and was more likely to be "a marine animal of the whale order". (UNGER'S BIBLE DICTIONARY). Although it became ragged and torn from exposure to the weather, for 40 years, it was probably the strongest material God provided for the protecting the other coverings.]
3. **PERSONAL:** After the Tabernacle was built, it became the center of worship for the Israelites. Is worship to the Lord the center of your life as you begin each day?
4. Verse 6 says "This will make the Tabernacle a single unit". What does 1 Corinthians 12:12,13 say about believers being one in Jesus Christ? "Our bodies have many parts. Those many parts make up only one body when they are all put together. It is the same with the 'body' of Christ. Each of us is a part of the one body of Christ. Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles. Some are slaves, and some are free. But the Holy Spirit has fitted us all together into one body. We have been baptized into Christ's body by the one Spirit. We have all been given that same Holy Spirit."

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1. The frames of the Tabernacle were about 15 feet high and 2 1/4 feet wide, and stood upright. There were 20 stands on the north side and 20 on the south side. Each frame had two bases.

How many bases did that make for each side, and what metal was used to make them? Forty bases for each side made of silver.

2. How many frames and silver bases were made for the west end of the tent? verse 25: “In all, there will be eight frames on that end [west] of the building. Sixteen silver bases will support the frames. These are two bases under each frame.”
3. What was to cover the wood frames, crossbars, and rings? verse 29: “Cover the frames with gold. Make gold rings to hold the bars. Also cover the bars with gold.”

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[The importance of the instructions to build the tabernacle has more meaning than just words. “God planned [the Tabernacle] to contain rich pictures, or ‘types,’ of the Lord Jesus Christ and the salvation we have through Him. A ‘type’ is a symbolic picture designed by God to illustrate an important Scripture truth.” (CMRE, KJV). “Everything in the tabernacle speaks of either the person or work of Christ.” (McGEE). The different colored curtains covering the tabernacle had special meanings, even though the Israelites didn’t fully understand them at the time. Blue is a heavenly color; the scarlet speaks of Christ’s blood. Blue mixed with red makes purple which is the color of royalty. The wood overlaid with gold speaks of the deity, or Supreme Being, of the Lord Jesus Christ.]

1. We have just finished the outside of the Tabernacle. A curtain divided the inside into two parts. What was to go behind this dividing curtain? See Exodus 26:33 for your answer. “Behind this curtain place the Ark that holds the stone tablets with God’s laws.”
2. What was the reason for this curtain? See Exodus 26:33 for your answer. “It was to divide the Holy Place and the Most Holy Place.”

Leviticus 16:2 says “Warn your brother Aaron. Tell him not to enter into the Holy Place behind the veil, where the Ark and the place of mercy are, just whenever he chooses. The penalty for entering is death. For I myself am present in the cloud above the place of mercy.” In other words, this was where God met with the High Priest. Once a year, only the high priest could enter this place, to make atonement for the sins of the people.

3. What does Isaiah 59:2 say keeps people from God? “But the trouble is that your sins have cut you off from God. Because of sin, he has turned his face away from you. And now he won’t listen anymore.”
4. What does 1 John 1:9 say we can do with our sin? “If we confess our sins, he can be depended on to forgive us. He will cleanse us from every wrong. It is proper for God to do this because Christ died for our sins.”

5. What does Matthew 27:50,51 say happened to the veil? “Then Jesus shouted out again, gave up his spirit, and died. Right then, the curtain in the Temple was torn apart from top to bottom. The earth shook, and rocks broke apart.”
6. Now that the veil that kept Old Testament people from coming directly to God has been torn down, what does Hebrews 4:14,16 say about our coming directly to God? “But Jesus the Son of God is our great High Priest. He has gone to Heaven itself to help us. Therefore let us never stop trusting him. So let us come boldly to the throne of God. There he will give us his mercy. And there we will find grace to help in times of need.”
7. Where were the lampstand and the table to stand? verse 35: “Place the table and lampstand across the room from each other. They must be on the outer side of the veil. The lampstand should stand to the south. The table should stand to the north.”

Read Exodus chapter 27, verses 1-21.

1. What was the next thing Moses was to make? A square altar.
2. Silver was used for the bases in making the Tabernacle. Gold was used to cover the wood frames and rings. What metal was used for the bases and utensils in the outer court? Bronze.
3. The Tabernacle in Exodus 26:1,2 was 42 feet long and 6 feet wide. According to Exodus 27:18 how big was the outer court? “So the entire court will be 150 feet long and 75 feet wide. The curtain walls will be 7 1/2 feet high. Make them from fine-twisted linen.”
4. The oil lamps were to be kept burning all the time. What do these verses say about a lamp and light?

Psalm 119:105 “Your words are a lamp to light the path ahead of me. They keep me from stumbling and falling.”

John 8:12 “Later, Jesus spoke to the people. He said, ‘I am the Light of the world. If you follow me, you won’t stumble through the darkness. Living light will guide your path.’”

5. **PERSONAL:** It is wise to hide God’s word in our hearts. Which of the following verses did you choose to memorize this week? Psalm 119:105; John 8:12; 1 Corinthians 12:12,13; Isaiah 59:2; Matthew 27:50,51; Hebrews 4:14,16.

EXODUS — LESSON 17

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Read Exodus chapter 28, verses 1-29.

1. Who does God call to be His first priests?

2. What will Aaron have to wear when he is doing his job as priest?

3. What is engraved on the two onyx stones, and where will they be placed? See Exodus 28:9,10,12 for your answer.

4. There are to be four rows of stones, with three stones in a row on the chestpiece. What does Exodus 28:21,29 say each stone represents and the reason they were put there?

In Hebrews 5:1-4, we have God's description of the High Priest and what he is to do. *The Bible for Children, Simplified Living Bible Text* says: "The Jewish High Priest is a man like anyone else. But he is chosen to speak for all other men in their dealings with God. He presents their gifts to God. He offers to him the blood of animals that are sacrificed. This blood is for the sins of the people and his own sins too. And because he is a man, he can deal gently with other men. It doesn't matter that they are foolish and ignorant. He, too, has the same temptations. So he understand their problems very well. No one can be a High Priest just because he wants to be. He must be called by God in the same way God chose Aaron." Exodus 28:30-31 talks about the Urim and Thummim. No one knows what the Urim and Thummim were. What is known is that they had something to do with determining the will of God. But, how this was done is unknown.

Read Exodus chapter 28, verses 30-43.

1. When did Aaron wear the ephod, and why were bells put on it? See Exodus 28:35 for your answer.
2. What did the gold plate Aaron wore on his turban say?
3. Why did Aaron have to wear this plate?
4. Who makes us accepted by God according to Ephesians 1:4-6?
5. The garments worn by the priests were ordered by God so the people could see them. What does 1 Samuel 16:7 say that God looks at?
6. Our mind tells us to please God and do right, or disobey God and sin. What does Romans 8:6-8 say about the mind?
7. How can we do what God wants instead of the bad things we want to do sometimes? Read Romans 8:9 for your answer.

8. What does John 7:39a say to show us how God's Spirit lives in us?

Read Exodus chapter 29, verses 1-27.

1. The priest's dedication ceremony seems to be bloody and gory compared to how we worship the Lord today. In Exodus 29:10-14, a young bull was to be offered for sacrifice. Its whole body was the sacrifice. What do these verses say we should offer to God as a sacrifice?

Psalm 51:16-17

Romans 12:1

2. The breast and thigh of one ram was the Israelites' contribution to the Lord. What does Malachi 3:10 say about giving to the Lord?

3. How long did the ordination last before the High Priest began his duties? See Exodus 29:30,35 for your answer.

Read Exodus chapter 29, verses 38-46.

1. **CHALLENGE:** What was offered twice a day according to Exodus 29:40,41?

2. How are these verses like Exodus 29:40,41?

John 1:29

Matthew 26:26-28

3. The Exodus offering of the lamb was pleasing to God. What does Ephesians 5:2 say about Jesus offering?

4. **PERSONAL:** Do you have a better understanding about the Old Testament account of the Tabernacle, Priests, and sacrifices, and how they are a picture of the New Testament account of Jesus' life, death, resurrection, and the way we are to live? Is there something new you would like to share with your class?

EXODUS — WEEK EIGHTEEN

DISCUSSION — LESSON 17

15-20 min. free time — games, fellowship

15-20 min. snack and group recreation: FREEZE OUT

You will need a basketball, and hoop. If you don't have either, use a nerf ball, small ball, and a trash can. Players line up behind the goal line, facing the basket. Each player takes one turn to make a basket. Whenever a player is successful in making a basket, the player who follows him in the line-up must also make a basket or drop out of the game. The players each try to be the last one remaining in the game.

15-20 min. discuss LESSON 17

to end of class CRAFT: ANCIENT SCROLL

black markers, wide tip
small plastic containers
yarn or jute
newspapers
scissors
ruler
1 brown paper grocery bag per child
plain paper
pen or pencil

Lay newspapers over work surface. Cut yarn or jute into 1 foot lengths, one per child. Cut the brown paper bag into a rectangular sheet of paper. Crumple sheet and then smooth out again. Repeat crumbling process several times. (This gives the sheet an ancient look.) Have child write out a scripture verse, one that has been memorized, or one from the Psalms onto plain paper before writing it on the brown paper. When ready, paint the message on the brown paper. Allow to dry. Roll up sheet and tie with yarn or jute.

EXPERIMENT: Print your message before crumbling the paper. Then crumble the paper and print your messages. Is there any difference?

EXODUS — LESSON 17 — ANSWERS

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1. Who does God call to be His first priests? verse 1: “Set apart Aaron your brother, and his sons Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar as holy. They will be priests, to serve me.”
2. What will Aaron have to wear when he is doing his job as priest? verse 4: “They shall make him a special wardrobe. It will include a chestpiece, an ephod, a robe, and embroidered shirt, a turban, and a sash. They shall also make special clothes for Aaron’s sons.” [These sections of Exodus describing the construction of the Tabernacle, the anointing of the priests, and the descriptions of the offerings are not very exciting to young readers. However, they are pictures that reveal Christ to us. God has so arranged the Bible to be a picture book in order to learn His truths. Although the garments used by the priests were not holy because of what they looked like, they were holy because they were set apart to be used by God. Anything that is set apart for God’s service is considered holy.]
3. What is engraved on the two onyx stones, and where will they be placed? See Exodus 28:9,10,12 for your answer. “Take two onyx stones. Engrave on them the names of the tribes of Israel. Six names shall be on each stone. That way all the tribes are named in the order of their births. Fasten the two stones upon the shoulders of the ephod. These will be memorial stones for the people of Israel. Aaron will carry their names before the Lord as a constant reminder.”
4. There are to be four rows of stones, with three stones in a row on the chestpiece. What does Exodus 28:21,29 say each stone represents and the reason they were put there? “Each stone will represent one of the tribes of Israel. The name of that tribe will be engraved upon it like a seal. In this way Aaron shall carry the names of the tribes of Israel on the chestpiece. They will be over his heart (it is God’s oracle) when he goes into the Holy Place. Thus the Lord will be reminded of them always.” [The placing of the two stones on the shoulders with the names of the twelve tribes and again the twelve stones for the twelve tribes on the breastplate pictures two things for us. Someone has painted a picture of Jesus carrying a sheep across His shoulders. This picture is reminding us that our Shepherd has the ability and power to care for us. Also, there is another picture of Jesus carrying a sheep in His arms, next to his heart. This shows us His deep love for us. Luke 15:5 is the scripture reference for the picture of the Shepherd carrying the sheep on His shoulders: “And then you would joyfully carry it home on your shoulders.” Isaiah 40:11 is the scripture reference for the Shepherd carrying the sheep in His arms: “He will feed his flock like a shepherd. He will carry the lambs in his arms. And he will gently lead the mothers with their young.”]

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2. What did the gold plate Aaron wore on his turban say? verse 36: "Next, make a plate of pure gold. Engrave on it, just as you would upon a seal, "Holy to the Lord.""
3. Why did Aaron have to wear this plate? verse 38: "In this way Aaron will wear it upon his forehead. And thus he will bear the guilt connected with any errors regarding the offerings of the people of Israel. It shall always be worn when he goes into the presence of the Lord. That way the people will be accepted and forgiven."
4. Who makes us accepted by God according to Ephesians 1:4-6? "Long ago, before he made the world, God chose us to be his very own. He did this because of what Christ would do for us. He decided then to make us holy in his eyes, without a single fault. We stand before him covered with his love. His plan has always been to adopt us into his own family. He would do this by sending Jesus Christ to die for us. And he did this because he wanted to! Now all praise to God for his wonderful kindness to us! He poured his favor upon us because we belong to his dearly loved Son."

[The undergarments mentioned in Exodus 28:42 are not just thrown in as an afterthought. "Ritual nakedness, especially for priests was a feature of some ancient religions; it was to be quite otherwise in Israel." (F.F. BRUCE)]

5. The garments worn by the priests were ordered by God so the people could see them. What does 1 Samuel 16:7 say that God looks at? “But the Lord said to Samuel, ‘Don’t judge by a man’s face or height. This is not the man I have chosen. I don’t make decisions the way you do! People accept others by the way they look on the outside. But I look inside a person. I look at a person’s heart and thoughts.’”
6. Our mind tells us to please God and do right, or disobey God and sin. What does Romans 8:6-8 say about the mind? “The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace; the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God’s law, nor can it do so. Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God.” (NIV)
7. How can we do what God wants instead of the bad things we want to do sometimes? Read Romans 8:9 for your answer. “But you are not like that. Your new nature controls you. Why? Because you have the Spirit of God living in you. Anybody who doesn’t have the Spirit of Christ living in him is not a Christian.”
8. What does John 7:39a say to show us how God’s Spirit lives in us? “By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive.” (NIV)

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1. The priest’s dedication ceremony seems to be bloody and gory compared to how we worship the Lord today. In Exodus 29:10-14, a young bull was to be offered for sacrifice. Its whole body was the sacrifice. What do these verses say we should offer to God as a sacrifice?

Psalm 51:16-17 “You don’t want me to pay for my sin. If you did, how gladly would I pay for it! You don’t want offerings burned before you on the altar. It is a broken spirit you want. You want me to be sorry for my sin. A broken heart, O God, you will not ignore.”

Romans 12:1 “And so, dear brothers, I beg with you to give your bodies to God. Let them be a holy, living sacrifice, the kind he can accept. When you think of what he has done for you, is this too much to ask?”

2. The breast and thigh of one ram was the Israelites’ contribution to the Lord. What does Malachi 3:10 say about giving to the Lord? “Bring all of your tithes into the storehouse for me. Then there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do, I will open up the windows of Heaven for you. I will pour out great blessings. You won’t have enough room to take it all in!”
3. How long did the ordination last before the High Priest began his duties? See Exodus 29:30,35 for your answer. Seven days.

Read Exodus chapter 29, verses 38-46.

1. **CHALLENGE:** What was offered twice a day according to Exodus 29:40,41? A lamb, bread, and wine.
2. How are these verses like Exodus 29:40,41?

John 1:29 [Lamb] “The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, ‘Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.’” (NIV)

Matthew 26:26-28 [Flour and wine.] “As they were eating, Jesus took a small loaf of bread. He blessed it and broke it apart. Then he gave it to the disciples. He said, ‘Take it and eat it, for this is my body.’ And he took a cup of wine. He gave thanks for it. Then he gave it to them to drink. He said, ‘Each one of you drink from it. For this is my blood which will seal the New Covenant. It is poured out to forgive the sins of many.’”

3. The Exodus offering of the lamb was pleasing to God. What does Ephesians 5:2 say about Jesus’ offering? “Be full of love for others. Follow the example of Christ. He loved you and gave himself to God as a sacrifice for your sins. And God was pleased about this. Christ’s love for you was like sweet perfume to him.”
4. **PERSONAL:** Do you have a better understanding about the Old Testament account of the Tabernacle, Priests, and sacrifices, and how they are a picture of the New Testament account of Jesus’ life, death, resurrection, and the way we are to live? Is there something new you would like to share with your class?

EXODUS — LESSON 18

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- a. Pray for God's Holy Spirit to help you answer the questions.
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Read Exodus chapter 30, verses 1-10.

1. The altar in Exodus 30:1 is a picture of a place of worship, and is different than the Altar of Sacrifice in Exodus 27:1. How often is Aaron supposed to burn incense on the altar of worship?

2. **CHALLENGE:** In the Bible, incense is a symbol of prayer. Prayer is talking with God, and conversation with God is very important in a believer's life. The Bible has lots of guidelines about praying. Some verses give us hints on how to pray; other verses tell us how God responds to our prayers; and still other verses tell us why some of our prayers may not get answered.
 - Place an "h" by the verse, or verses that tell "how to pray."
 - Place a "g" by the verse or verses that tell "God's response."
 - Place a "u" by the verse or verses that say why some prayers are "unanswered."
 - Some verses will have more than one letter.

_____ Psalm 66:18 "He would not have listened if I had not confessed my sins."

_____ Psalm 141:2 "Think of my prayer as my evening sacrifice. View it as incense blowing up to you."

_____ Isaiah 65:24 "I will answer them before they even call to me. While they are still talking to me about their needs, I will go ahead and answer their prayers!"

_____ 1 Thessalonians 5:17 "Always keep on praying."

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3. **PERSONAL:** After you have prayed, been to church, read your Bible, or did your Bible study, did you feel differently? Did anyone say you seemed different? Well, when we have spent time talking with the Lord Jesus Christ, we are different. Aaron smelled different after he spent time in prayer at the altar of incense. The people could smell the incense on him and they knew he had been talking with God. What does 2 Corinthians 2:14-16a say about believers when Christ indwells them?

4. Using your dictionary, what does atonement mean?

5. Exodus 30:10 says “Once a year Aaron must sanctify the altar. He must place upon its horns the blood of the sin offering for atonement.” What does Hebrews 9:27 say about blood sacrifice?

Read Exodus chapter 30, verses 11-38.

1. Using your dictionary, what does ransom mean?

2. In Exodus 30:11, each person counted was to give a ransom for his own soul. But, in Mark 10:45 who gave the ransom, and for how many?

3. Sometimes we might think we are pretty good. We haven't done anything REALLY bad. So, maybe, we didn't clean our room as soon as Mom asked, but that's not as bad as hitting, or calling names. But, what does Isaiah 64:6 say about the things we think aren't REALLY bad things?

4. **HARD:** Sin makes us dirty in God's sight. What do these verses say cleans us from sin?

Psalm 51:7

Isaiah 1:18

1 John 1:9

5. What metal made the laver, or wash basin?

6. A special oil was to be made for anointing the Tabernacle, the Ark, the table and all its instruments, the incense altar, the burnt offering altar and its instruments, the washbasin and its pedestal, as well as Aaron and his sons. What warning does God give in Exodus 30:31,32 about the use of this oil?

7. **PERSONAL:** The burnt offering altar was the place where sacrifices were made. It is at this altar sinners asked God's forgiveness. The cross on which Jesus died was the New Testament Altar of Sacrifice. He sacrificed His life for sinners. A sinner must come to this altar to ask forgiveness for his sins. Have you asked God's forgiveness for your sins? If you have, now you can come to the altar of incense: the place where you worship the Lord, where you praise Him, thank Him, and offer your requests to Him. Today, have you praised the Lord Jesus Christ for His sacrifice, love and mercy?

Read Exodus chapter 31, verses 1-11.

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4. According these verses what is this Good News?

Luke 24:47

1 Corinthians 15:3,4

5. Which verse did you memorize? Why not write it here and repeat it for your class?

EXODUS — WEEK NINETEEN

DISCUSSION — LESSON 18

15-20 min. free time — games, fellowship: You may wish to begin craft since time for drying is needed.

15-20 min. snack and group recreation: TOUCH & FORM

Divide into teams. Players stand in line, one behind the other. Teacher gives commands to touch objects in the room: i.e. tables, colors (red shirt), books, etc. At teacher command, all players race about the room touching the commanded objects. When all items have been touched by all players, they race back into their original places in line. The first team in position receives 1 point. First team scoring 5 points wins.

15-20 min. discuss LESSON 18

to end of class CRAFT: PERSONALIZED STATIONERY

1/2 or full sheet white typing paper

newspaper

white envelopes

clean rags

pan, larger than paper

tweezers

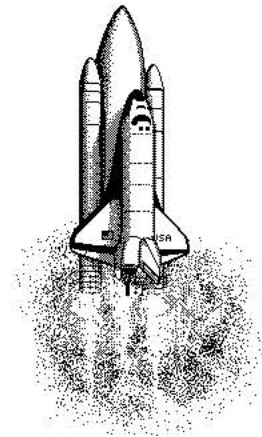
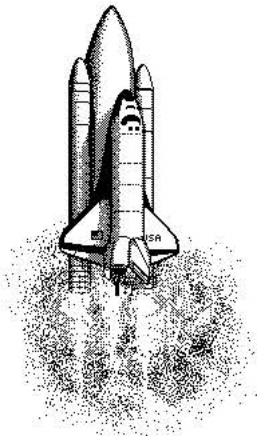
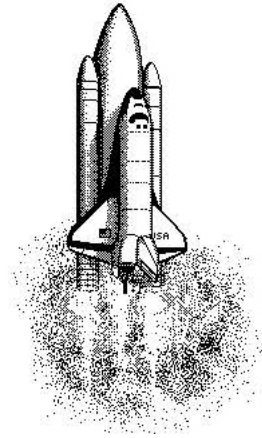
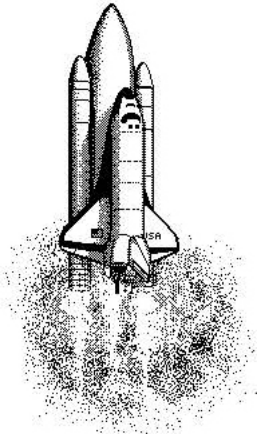
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enamel oil paints (Tectors found @ Discount, Hobby shops, etc.)

Lay newspapers on table. Place baking pan on paper; filled 3/4 full with water. Choose color oil paint; more than 3 colors will muddy the paper. Dip pointed end of a pencil into paint; hold pencil over pan of water and dribble paint into the water. Repeat this procedure for each color used. “Pull” the paint into different shapes by lightly running the pointed end of a clean pencil (one without paint on it) through the water. Swirl or twist until you have the design you want. * Carefully lay a sheet of paper on top of the water. Wait a few seconds; using tweezers, pick up one corner of the paper and pull it out of the water. Lay colored paper, paint side up, on a clean rag till dry, over night is best, before writing on it. Write on the side without the marble design. To marbleize the envelope, repeat from *. To marbleize only the flap, bend it up, hold envelope at bottom, lay the flap on the water and paint mixture; pull it out.

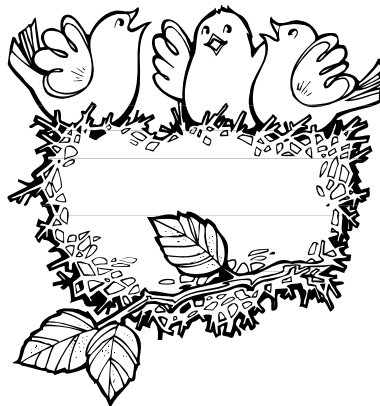
OPTIONAL: You may wish to reduce, and/or color the following pages instead of marbleizing. Use crayons, pencil, or markers.

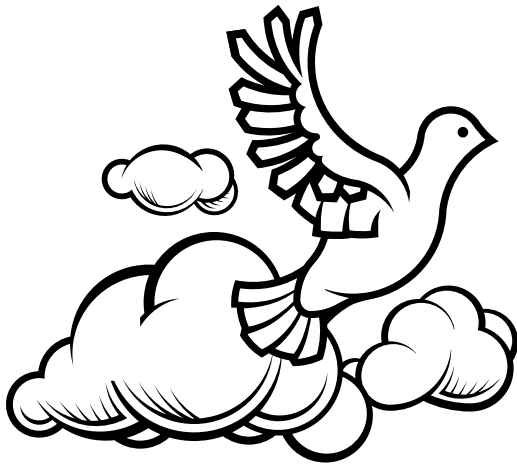
REMINDER: Each child needs crushed egg shells from 12 eggs for next week’s craft.

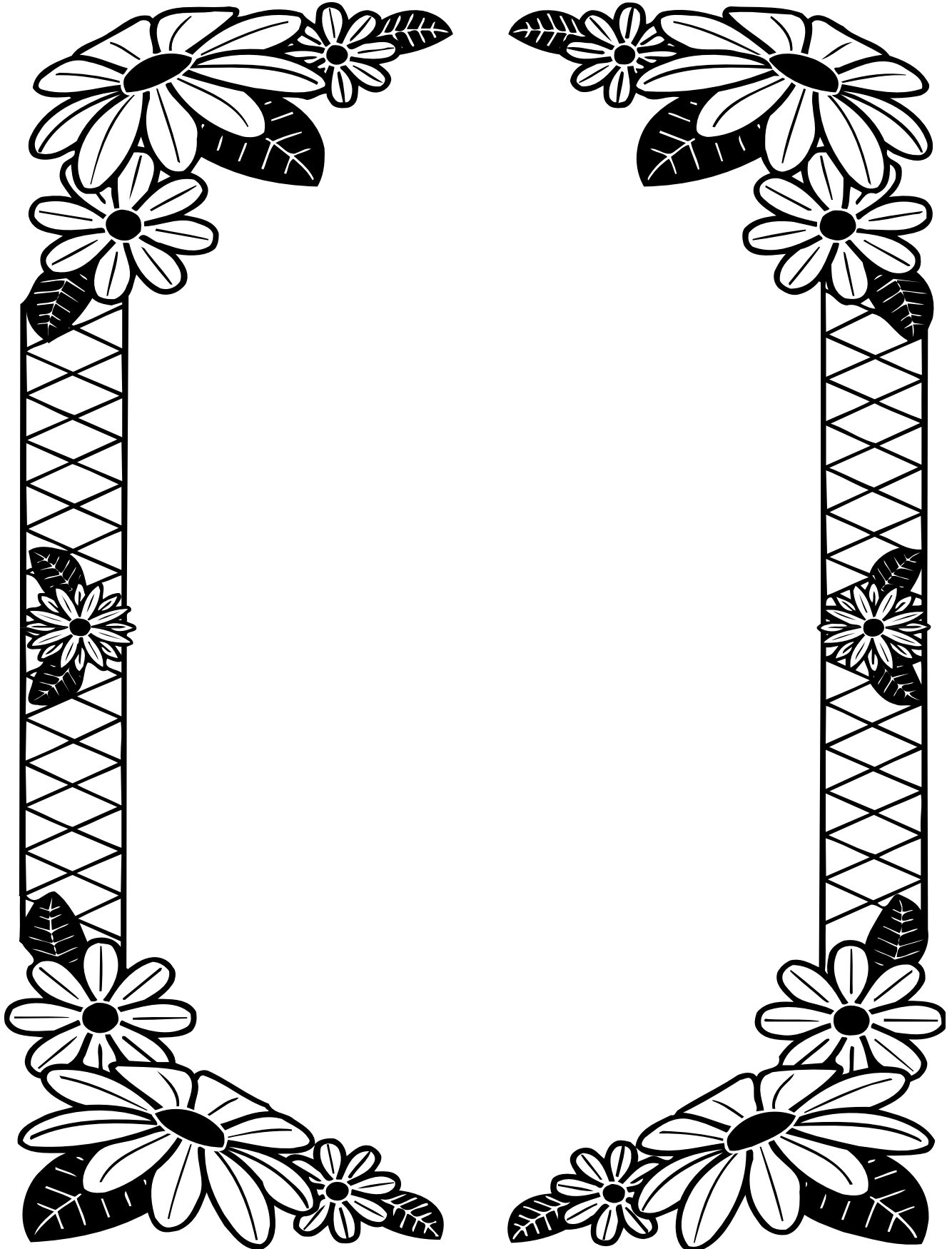


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EXODUS — LESSON 18 — ANSWERS

Read Exodus chapter 30, verses 1-10.

1. The altar in Exodus 30:1 is a picture of a place of worship, and is different than the Altar of Sacrifice in Exodus 27:1. How often is Aaron supposed to burn incense on the altar of worship? “Every morning when Aaron trims the lamps, he shall burn sweet spices on the altar. Each evening when he lights the lamps, he shall burn the incense before the Lord. This shall go on from generation to generation.”
2. **CHALLENGE:** In the Bible, incense is a symbol of prayer. Prayer is talking with God, and conversation with God is very important in a believer’s life. The Bible has lots of guidelines about praying. Some verses give us hints on how to pray; other verses tell us how God responds to our prayers; and still other verses tell us why some of our prayers may not get answered. Place an “h” by the verse, or verses that tell “how to pray”; place a “g” by the verse or verses that tell “God’s response”; and an “u” by the verse or verses that say why some prayers are “unanswered”. Some verses will have more than one letter.

Psalm 66:18 “He would not have listened if I had not confessed my sins.” H, G. [Confession, the “how” must be made, before “God responds”.]

Psalm 141:2 “Think of my prayer as my evening sacrifice. View it as incense blowing up to you.” H, G. [Sacrifice is the “how”, receiving the ascending incense is “God’s response”.]

Isaiah 65:24 “I will answer them before they even call to me. While they are still talking to me about their needs, I will go ahead and answer their prayers!” G. [“God’s response” is immediate as long as we are praying according to His will.]

1 Thessalonians 5:17 “Always keep on praying.” H. [Constant prayer is the “how”.]

Hebrews 13:15 “With Jesus’ help we will always offer our sacrifice of praise to God. We will do this by telling others of the glory of his name.” H. [Praise can be a hard “how” during difficult times, therefore it is a sacrifice.]

James 4:3 “When you do ask you don’t get it because your whole aim is wrong. You want only what will make you happy.” U. [If we don’t ask according to God’s will, our prayers will go “unanswered” until we pray according to His will.]

1 John 5:14,15 “We are sure he will hear us when we ask in line with his will. We know he is listening when we talk to him and make our requests. So we can be sure that he will answer us.” H, G. [Asking according to God’s will is “how” we get “God’s response” to our prayers.]

3. **PERSONAL:** After you have prayed, been to church, read your Bible, or did your Bible study, did you feel differently? Did anyone say you seemed different? Well, when we have spent time talking with the Lord Jesus Christ, we are different. Aaron smelled different after he spent time in prayer at the altar of incense. The people could smell the incense on him and they knew he had been talking with God. What does 2 Corinthians 2:14-16a say about believers when Christ indwells them? “But thanks be to God because of what Christ has done! He is the winner over us. Now, wherever we go he uses us to tell others about the Lord. We spread the Good News like a sweet perfume. God is a sweet smell in our lives. It is the scent of Christ within us. It is an aroma to both the saved and the unsaved all around us. Those who are not being saved smell death and doom. But to those who know Christ we are a life-giving perfume.”
4. Using your dictionary, what does atonement mean? “Reconciliation; the reconciliation of God and man through the death of Jesus Christ.” (WEBSTER’S)
5. Exodus 30:10 says “Once a year Aaron must sanctify the altar. He must place upon its horns the blood of the sin offering for atonement.” What does Hebrews 9:27 say about blood sacrifice? “In the old agreement almost everything was cleansed by sprinkling it with blood. Unless blood is shed there is no forgiveness of sins.”

Read Exodus chapter 30, verses 11-38.

1. Using your dictionary, what does ransom mean? “To deliver, especially from sin or its penalty; to free from captivity or punishment by paying a price.” (WEBSTER’S)
2. In Exodus 30:11, each person counted was to give a ransom for his own soul. But, in Mark 10:45 who gave the ransom, and for how many? [Jesus] “For even I, the Messiah, am not here to be served. I have come to help others, and to give my life as a ransom for many.”
3. Sometimes we might think we are pretty good. We haven’t done anything REALLY bad. So, maybe, we didn’t clean our room as soon as Mom asked, but that’s not as bad as hitting, or calling names. But, what does Isaiah 64:6 say about the things we think aren’t REALLY bad things? “We are infected and impure with sin. We put on our robes of righteousness, but we find they are dirty rags. Like the leaves in fall, we fade, dry up, and fall down. And our sins, like the wind, blow us away.”
4. **HARD:** Sin makes us dirty in God’s sight. What do these verses say cleans us from sin? Psalm 51:7 “Sprinkle me with the cleansing blood. Then I shall be clean again. Wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.”

Isaiah 1:18 “Come, let’s talk this over!’ says the Lord. ‘No matter how deep the stain of your sins, I can take it out. I can make you as clean as freshly fallen snow. Even if you are stained as red as crimson, I can make you white as wool!’” [What is the Lord talking about when He says “Come, let’s talk this over”? He’s telling us we need to discuss our sin with Him, even when we think we haven’t done anything wrong. When we know His word, we soon find out, we have sinned. We can’t get out of it. The talking it over is His way of showing us our sin by verbal communication. And, then asking His forgiveness and cleansing. Knowing what the Bible says about sin is the only way we can confess ours.]

1 John 1:9 “If we confess our sins, he can be depended on to forgive us. He will cleanse us from every wrong. It is proper for God to do this because Christ died for our sins.”

5. What metal made the laver, or wash basin? Bronze. [The bronze came from the women’s mirrors, which were highly polished. They didn’t have mirrors as we know them today. When the priest washed in the laver, he could see himself, which reminded him that he needed be clean before he served the Lord. The Bible is our mirror to remind us we need to be clean of sin before we can serve the Lord.]
6. A special oil was to be made for anointing the Tabernacle, the Ark, the table and all its instruments, the incense altar, the burnt offering altar and its instruments, the washbasin and its pedestal, as well as Aaron and his sons. What warning does God give in Exodus 30:31,32 about the use of this oil? “And say to the people of Israel, “This shall always be my holy anointing oil. It must never be poured upon an ordinary person. You shall never make any of it yourselves, for it is holy. And it shall be treated by you as holy.””
7. **PERSONAL:** The burnt offering altar was the place where sacrifices were made. It is at this altar sinners asked God’s forgiveness. The cross on which Jesus died was the New Testament Altar of Sacrifice. He sacrificed His life for sinners. A sinner must come to this altar to ask forgiveness for his sins. Have you asked God’s forgiveness for your sins? If you have, now you can come to the altar of incense: the place where you worship the Lord, where you praise Him, thank Him, and offer your requests to Him. Today, have you praised the Lord Jesus Christ for His sacrifice, love and mercy?

Read Exodus chapter 31, verses 1-11.

1. Who were the men God named as the boss and his helper to build the Tabernacle and its contents? Bezalel and Oholiab.
2. What was so special about Bezalel? See Exodus 31:3 for your answer. “I have filled him with the Spirit of God. I have given him great wisdom, ability, and skill in building the Tabernacle and all it contains.” [He was filled with the Holy Spirit, and God gave him the gifts needed to do God’s work.]

3. Through the Holy Spirit, God gives gifts to believers today. What is the gift found in Mark 16:15? “And then he told them, ‘You are to go into all the world. You are to preach the Good News to everyone, everywhere.’” [The gift to tell others about Jesus.]

4. According these verses what is this Good News?

Luke 24:47 “It is said that this message of salvation should be taken from Jerusalem to all the nations. Yes, there is forgiveness of sins for all who turn to me!”

1 Corinthians 15:3,4 “I passed on to you from the first what had been told to me. Christ died for our sins just as the Bible said he would. He was buried, and three days later he rose from the grave. This happened just as the prophets said it would.”

5. Which verse did you memorize? Why not write it here and repeat it for your class?

EXODUS – LESSON 19

Before you begin your lesson:

- a. Pray for God's Holy Spirit to help you answer the questions.
- b. Some questions may be too hard; it's ok to write "I don't know."
- c. Think about what God's Word is telling you for today.
- d. With some questions, it might be helpful to write the scripture verse on your paper.

Read Exodus chapter 31, verses 12-18.

1. What did Moses receive after God finished talking with him?

Read Exodus chapter 32, verses 1-14.

1. How long was Moses on the mountain with God? See Exodus 24:18 for your answer.

2. When Moses went up the mountain, who did he leave in charge of the people? See Exodus 24:14 for your answer.

3. The people wanted Aaron to make them an idol. Remember, there were others besides the Israelites who left Egypt (Exodus 12:38). What does 1 Corinthians 15:33 say about the friends we hang around?

4. The people said this calf led them out of Egypt. But what does Exodus 13:21 say the Israelites followed out of Egypt?

5. **HARD:** What the people said in Exodus 32:4 was not the way they were really lead out of Egypt. What clue does John 8:44 give that could explain how the Israelites had been deceived?

6. What does Proverbs 12:22 say about lies?

7. **PERSONAL:** Do you ever find yourself telling a lie? Or maybe, it's not quite the truth, but not really a lie? Have you confessed this sin to the Lord? 1 John 1:9 tells us to confess our sins and be cleansed. But, what else are we to do according to Ezekiel 33:11,19?

Read Exodus chapter 32, verses 15-35.

1. The people in the camp were so noisy, Joshua thought they were planning for war. But, what did Moses do when he saw what was really going on in the camp?

2. What did Aaron tell Moses about the creation of the calf?

Aaron didn't tell the truth, and we know how God feels about telling the truth (see question 6 above). But, God hates all sin. The people had committed a terrible sin, and God had to take care of it right away. Have you ever thrown a rock into a pool of water and seen the circles it makes? The circles keep going and growing until they are stopped.

That's how sin is, it keeps going and growing until it is stopped. God wanted to stop the sin the Israelites had committed before it grew so large everyone was included in it. There were some

people who did not take part in the idol worship. When sin is not confessed and punished, it just keeps getting bigger and bigger, so that it involves many people, not just the one who first sinned.

What if you wanted something that cost a lot of money? You knew your folks didn't have the money to buy it, but you asked for it anyway. When you were told there wasn't enough money for it right now, you got upset. Then one day you saw a wad of money in your mom's purse and you took it. You didn't know what it was for, all you knew was that with it you could buy the thing you wanted. When your mom found out you took the money, what did she do? Did she give you a big hug, and say "Oh, that's okay. The money in my purse was for food, but I knew you wanted that thing. We'll just have to make other plans for eating." OR, would you be severely punished at that moment, and later suffer the consequences for stealing? For instance, would you have to take the item back to the store for a refund?

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1. God told Moses to continue to the Promised Land, but that He would not travel among them. What did the people do when they heard this?

2. **CHALLENGE:** Moses went to the tent and spoke to God face to face, "as a man speaks to a friend". How can we get to God according to these verses?

John 3:3

John 3:36

John 14:6

Read Exodus chapter 34, verses 1-14.

1. **RISKY:** Why did Moses return to Mount Sinai with two blank stone tablets?
2. What does God say about Himself in Exodus 34:6,7?

Read Exodus chapter 34, verses 15-35.

1. **RISKY:** Why did God warn Moses ““Be very, very careful never to compromise with the people there in the land where you are going. If you do, you will soon be following their evil ways.””?
2. The people were afraid to come near to Moses after he came down the mountain because “his face was shining”. This was proof he had spent time with God. Does your life show you spend time with God? How do these verses show you how to be a shining Christian?

Daniel 12:3

Philippians 2:14,15

3. **PERSONAL:** Which of these verses did you choose to memorize this week?

Proverbs 12:22 “The Lord detests lying lips, but he delights in men who are truthful.” (NIV)

Ezekiel 33:11,19 “Tell them, ‘I make this promise to you. I am not happy when the wicked die. I want the wicked to TURN from their evil ways and live. Turn, turn from your wickedness. For why do you want to die, O Israel?’ But the wicked man might turn from his sins. He might choose to do what is fair and just. If this happens, then he shall live.”

John 14:6 “Jesus said, ‘I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one can get to the Father except through me.’”

1 Corinthians 15:33 “Do not be misled. ‘Bad company corrupts good character.’” (NIV)

Philippians 2:14,15 “Don’t complain or argue in anything you do. Then no one will be able to speak a word of blame against you. You are to live pure lives as children of God around tough and crooked people. Shine out among them like beacon lights.”

REMINDER: Bring crushed egg shells from 12 eggs for next week’s craft.

EXODUS — WEEK TWENTY

DISCUSSION — LESSON 19

15-20 min. free time — games, fellowship

15-20 min. snack and group recreation: CATCH THE POLE

Players stand in circle formation with “IT” in the center holding the pole. This could be a stick, cane, broom, etc. All players, including “IT” are given a number. With the tip of his finger holding the pole in an upright position with one end on the floor, “IT” calls out a number as he lets the pole fall. The player whose number is called attempts to catch the pole before it drops to the floor. If he fails to catch the pole, he becomes “IT” and the game is repeated. If he catches the cane, he returns to his place in the circle and the first “IT” calls a new number and game continues.

15-20 min. discuss LESSON 19

to end of class CRAFT: EGGSHELL HOLDER

crushed eggshells from 12 eggs
glass bottle, can, or other container
needle
newspaper
tempra paint, brush
glue
rolling pin

Spread newspaper on work surface. Put eggshells on top and cover with more newspaper. Crush the shells with rolling pin. Remove top paper. Spread glue all over container and roll while still wet, in the crushed egg shells. Be sure container is completely covered. Set aside and let glue dry. When dry, paint eggshells with tempra paints. Make stripes, polka dots, geometric shapes, or picture. Allow time to dry before taking home.

EXODUS — LESSON 19 — ANSWERS

Read Exodus chapter 31, verses 12-18.

1. What did Moses receive after God finished talking with him? “Then God finished speaking with Moses on Mount Sinai. And he gave him two tablets of stone. On them, the Ten Commandments were written with the finger of God.”

Read Exodus chapter 32, verses 1-14.

1. How long was Moses on the mountain with God? See Exodus 24:18 for your answer. “And Moses vanished into the cloud-covered mountain top. He was there for 40 days and 40 nights.”
2. When Moses went up the mountain, who did he leave in charge of the people? See Exodus 24:14 for your answer. “He told the elders, ‘Stay here and wait for us until we come back. If there are any problems while I am gone, consult with Aaron and Hur.’”
3. The people wanted Aaron to make them an idol. Remember, there were others besides the Israelites who left Egypt (Exodus 12:38). What does 1 Corinthians 15:33 say about the friends we hang around? “Do not be misled. ‘Bad company corrupts good character.’” (NIV)
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5. **HARD:** What the people said in Exodus 32:4 was not the way they were really lead out of Egypt. What clue does John 8:44 give that could explain how the Israelites had been deceived? “For you are the children of your father the devil. You love to do the evil things he does. He was a murderer from the beginning. There is no truth in him. When he lies, it is perfectly normal. For he is the father of lies.”
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Read Exodus chapter 32, verses 15-35.

1. The people in the camp were so noisy, Joshua thought they were planning for war. But, what did Moses do when he saw what was really going on in the camp? “When they came near the camp, Moses saw the calf and the dancing. In terrible anger he threw the tablets to the ground. And they lay broken at the foot of the mountain.” [Although dancing in itself is not wrong, or sinful, it was the religious significance related to idol worship of the calf. In pagan religions, as those practiced by the Egyptians, the religious dance also included scenes of debauchery. Which means “to lead (someone) away from virtue; corrupt; seduce. To overindulge in eating, drinking, etc.; dissipate. [A] drunken orgy; also, any excessive indulgence in sensual pleasures” (HOLT) [sex].
2. What did Aaron tell Moses about the creation of the calf? verse 24: “So I told them “Bring me your gold earrings” and they brought them to me. I threw them into the fire, and this calf came out!”

Aaron didn't tell the truth, and we know how God feels about telling the truth (see question 6 above). But, God hates all sin. The people had committed a terrible sin, and God had to take care of it right away. Have you ever thrown a rock into a pool of water and seen the circles it makes? The circles keep going and growing until they are stopped. That's how sin is, it keeps going and growing until it is stopped. God wanted to stop the sin the Israelites had committed before it grew so large everyone was included in it. There were some people who did not take part in the idol worship. When sin is not confessed and punished, it just keeps getting bigger and bigger, so that it involves many people, not just the one who committed the sin first.

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3. What did God have Moses do according to Exodus 32:27,28? “He told them, ‘The Lord the God of Israel says, “Get your swords. Go back and forth from one end of the camp to the other. Kill even your brothers, friends, and neighbors.”’ So they did. And about 3000 men died that day.”

Read Exodus chapter 33, verses 1-23.

1. God told Moses to continue to the Promised Land, but that He would not travel among them. What did the people do when they heard this? verse 4: “When the people heard these stern words, they went into mourning. They took off all of their jewelry and ornaments.” [These ornaments and earrings were considered part of Egyptian worship and the people knew God saw this as their desire to still worship Egyptian idols.]
2. **CHALLENGE:** Moses went to the tent and spoke to God face to face, “as a man speaks to a friend.” How can we get to God according to these verses?

John 3:3 “Jesus replied, ‘I tell you the truth. Unless you are born again, you can never see the Kingdom of God.’”

John 3:36 “And all who trust God’s Son to save them have eternal life. Those who don’t believe and obey him will never see life. But the anger of God will stay upon them.”

John 14:6 “Jesus said, ‘I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one can get to the Father except through me.’”

Read Exodus chapter 34, verses 1-14.

1. **RISKY:** Why did Moses return to Mount Sinai with two blank stone tablets? [He had thrown the original set down and broken them when he saw the Israelites worshipping the calf, Exodus 32:19. He was now going to get a duplicate copy made by God’s hand, Exodus 34:1.]
2. What does God say about Himself in Exodus 34:6,7? “He passed in front of him and announced the meaning of his name. ‘I am the Lord, the merciful and gracious God,’ he said. ‘I am slow to anger and rich in steadfast love and truth. I, the Lord, show this steadfast love to many thousands by forgiving their sins. Or else I refuse to clear the guilty. I require that a father’s sins be punished in the sons and grandsons and even later generations.’”

Read Exodus chapter 34, verses 15-35.

1. **RISKY:** Why did God warn Moses “‘Be very, very careful never to compromise with the people there in the land where you are going. If you do, you will soon be following their evil ways.’”? verse 15: “‘No, do not make a peace treaty of any kind with the people living in the land. They are not faithful to me because they make sacrifices to other gods. If you become friendly with them and one of them invites you to go with him to worship his idol, you are likely to do it.’”

2. The people were afraid to come near to Moses after he came down the mountain because “his face was shining”. This was proof he had spent time with God. Does your life show you spend time with God? How do these verses show you how to be a shining Christian?

Daniel 12:3 “And those who are wise, the people of God, shall shine as brightly as the sun. And those who turn many to righteousness will glitter like stars forever.”

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5. **PERSONAL:** Which of these verses did you choose to memorize this week?

Proverbs 12:22 “The Lord detests lying lips, but he delights in men who are truthful.” (NIV)

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John 14:6 “Jesus said, ‘I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one can get to the Father except through me.’”

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EXODUS — LESSON 20

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Exodus 35:10a

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1. Who brought the gifts Moses needed?
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1. Moses gave the people's gifts to those building the Tabernacle. What did the craftsmen tell Moses in Exodus 36:4,5?

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Read Numbers 1:50-54.

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2. What would happen if someone else tried to move the Tabernacle?

3. Where will the Levite tents be set up?

4. What did God say in Numbers 2:1,2 about the tents of the other tribes?

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7. God has a plan and order to the way He wants things done. He created the world with a plan and order. He told Moses how to build and set up the Tabernacle. His plan for the Tabernacle was to give certain jobs to certain people. He even has a plan in the way He wants the tribes to camp while on their journey. God’s plan is always orderly. Nothing is crazy or out of whack in God’s plan. Even when Jesus fed the 5,000 in Luke 9:12-17, He told the disciples in verse 17 to have everyone sit down. Then He took the loaves and fishes, gave thanks and divided them before He handed them to the disciples to give to the people. God has plan and order in all His creation.

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8. Read Numbers 4:15,20. After Aaron and his sons finished covering all the things in the Tabernacle, who was to carry them?

9. What would happen if anyone but the priests saw the holy things?

10. **Read Numbers 7:7-9.** Why didn’t the Kohathites have wagons?

11. There was a lot of reading in this lesson. Did you think about memorizing a Bible verse? Why not try this one? Hebrews 13:16 “Don’t forget to do good. Share what you have with those in need. Such sacrifices are very pleasing to God.”

REMINDER: Bring an old tennis shoe for next week’s craft. Size doesn’t matter. If you have two, let your teacher know in case others do not have any old shoes. One place to look if you don’t have any at home, is second hand stores. More than \$3.00 is too much. Try to spend only \$1.00.

EXODUS — WEEK TWENTY-ONE

DISCUSSION — LESSON 20

15-20 min. free time — games, fellowship; you may wish to start craft when children arrive.

15-20 min. snack and group recreation: CAR LOT

Make two goal lines. Divide into teams. Each team chooses to be a different kind of car. “IT” is chosen, and stands between the goal lines. “IT” calls out the name of a car or “CAR LOT”. Players try to run to opposite one goal line without being tagged. Tagged player must sit down at spot tagged. Tagged players can help “IT” get the remaining players. However, only “IT” has freedom of movement, tagged players must tag runners from their sitting position. Game ends whenever the time limit has been set.

15-20 min. discuss LESSON 20

to end of class CRAFT: SHOE FLOWER POT

old shoe, tennis type is best, leather ok
liquid laundry starch
newspaper, cut some into strips for papier-mâché
tempra paint/brushes
colored tissue paper
cup or bowl
scissors
florist’s wire stem and tape
pencil, ruler, stapler
straight pins
styrofoam form to fit inside shoe

Lay newspaper, not cut into strips, on working surface. Mix 2/3 liquid starch with 1/3 water. Remove shoe laces; put shoe on newspaper; place cut strip of newspaper over shoe; “paint” strip; continue putting strips on shoe and “painting” until entire shoe is covered. Allow to dry; apply second layer of papier-mâché in same manner as first. Allow to dry. Paint shoe when completely dry and stiff.

While first layer is drying, make tissue paper flowers.

Using different colored tissue paper, trace circle patterns. Darkest color paper for largest circle, and lighter for smaller circles. Cut out; stack according to size. Do this for each flower. Stick straight pin in the center dot and pull down through all three layers. Bring the “petals” up over the pin head. Cut wire stem long enough so that when flower is stuck into styrofoam form inside the shoe, the flower will stick up over the shoe top several inches; hold pin tightly against wire stem, wrap florist tape snugly around pin and wire as well as bottom of “petals”. For different shaped flowers, cut curvy “petals” or fringes. Place styrofoam form into dry shoe and stick flowers into it.

EXODUS — LESSON 20 — ANSWERS

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Exodus 35:5b “Everyone who is willing is to bring to the Lord an offering of gold, silver and bronze.”

Exodus 35:10a “Come, all of you who are skilled craftsmen having special talents. Build what God has commanded us.”

2. Did the people act right away after hearing Moses’ request? Yes, verse 20: “So all the people went to their tents to prepare their gifts.”

Read Exodus chapter 35, verses 21-35.

1. Who brought the gifts Moses needed? verse 21,22: “Those whose hearts were stirred by God’s Spirit came with their offerings. They brought materials for the Tabernacle, its equipment, and for the holy clothing. Both men and women came, all who had willing hearts. They brought to the Lord their offerings of gold jewelry — earrings, rings from their fingers, necklaces. They brought gold objects of every kind.”

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2 Corinthians 9:7c,8 “God loves cheerful givers. God is able to make it up to you. He can give you all you need and more. Then there will be enough for your needs. There will be plenty left over to give joyfully to others, too.”

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Read Numbers 1:50-54.

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3. Where will the Levite tents be set up? verse 53: "The Levites' tents shall be pitched around the Tabernacle. They will be like a wall between the people of Israel and God's wrath. They will protect them from his fierce anger against their sins."
4. What did God say in Numbers 2:1,2 about the tents of the other tribes? "The Lord gave these other commands to Moses and Aaron. 'Each tribe shall have its own tent area. Each shall have its own flagpole and flag. The Tabernacle will be at the center of these tribal areas.'"

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9. What would happen if anyone but the priests saw the holy things? “Otherwise they must never enter the sanctuary for even a moment. If they do, they will look at the holy objects there and die.”
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Isaiah 30:21

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Read Numbers chapter 12, verses 1-15.

1. Who criticized Moses?

REMEMBER: Moses was younger than both Miriam and Aaron. (Exodus 2:4; 7:7; 15:20) Moses lived 120 years. (Deuteronomy 34:7; Acts 7:23,30,36) They could have been between 100 and 120 years old at this time. Miriam was punished with leprosy because she criticized Moses. "The biblical leprosy is a whiteness which disfigured its victim, but did not disable him. Leprosy is described in Leviticus as a white spot, spreading or disappearing, sometimes with a reddish base, or as raw spots." (UNGER'S BIBLE DICTIONARY)

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Read Numbers chapter 13, verses 1,2,16-20,23,25,27-33.

1. How many men did the Lord tell Moses to send to spy out the Land of Canaan?
2. **CHALLENGE:** The spies spent 40 days spying out the land. The number 40 occurs many times in scripture. From memory, can you name at least 3 times this number has appeared and why?
3. What did the spies tell Moses in Numbers 13:27-29,32?
4. Caleb responded differently than the other spies. He said in Numbers 13:30 "Let us go up at once and possess it! For we are well able to conquer it!" And the Lord had told Moses in Numbers 13:2 He was giving them this land. Yet, some of the spies were afraid. What do these verses say about their fear?

Leviticus 26:6

Deuteronomy 1:29,30

5. What do these verses say we are to do when we are afraid?

Isaiah 41:10

Isaiah 41:13

2 Timothy 1:7

EXODUS — WEEK TWENTY-TWO

DISCUSSION — LESSON 21

15-20 min. free time — games, fellowship

15-20 min. snack and group recreation: JUMP THE ROPE

Draw a circle and have players stand on the circle line drawn. Tie a towel onto the end of a piece of rope, this is to weigh the rope down. “IT” squats in the middle of the circle holding the rope. He turns the rope so that the towel end is under the feet of the players in the circle. The circle players must jump over the rope. Any one touching it is “out” and he leaves the circle. A player cannot step back from the circle to avoid touching the rope. The player who remains in the circle longest turns the rope. Play continues until time set is up.

15-20 min. discuss LESSON 21

to end of class CRAFT: TRAVEL SEWING KIT

1 used matchbook per child
gift wrap
glue
scissors
cardboard (flattened cereal box works well)
felt
black, white, red, navy, tan spools of thread
needles, pins, safety pins
stapler, staples

Remove any staples and flint panel from matchbook; open matchbook out flat. Cut gift wrap same size as matchbook so that it covers the entire back and top half of the inside. Glue into place. Cut cardboard and a piece of felt each a little smaller than the lower half of the matchbook. Cut parallel notches on each side of the card board. (Make the same number of notches as you have thread.) Wind the different colors of thread around the notches. Place the felt on top of the cardboard. Slip both cardboard and felt inside the narrow fold at the bottom of matchbook (where the flint panel had been). Staple through all the folded panel, felt, cardboard, back of matchbook (four layers) to hold in place. Stick pins, needles, safety pins into felt.

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REMEMBER: Moses was younger than both Miriam and Aaron. (Exodus 2:4; 7:7; 15:20) Moses lived 120 years. (Deuteronomy 34:7; Acts 7:23,30,36) They could have been between 100 and 120 years old at this time. Miriam was punished with leprosy because she criticized Moses. “The biblical leprosy is a whiteness which disfigured its victim, but did not disable him. Leprosy is described in Leviticus as a white spot, spreading or disappearing, sometimes with a reddish base, or as raw spots.” (UNGER’S BIBLE DICTIONARY)

2. We shouldn’t talk mean about other people. We should try to see some thing good in them. How does Philippians 4:8 support that idea? “And now, brothers, as I close this letter, let me say one more thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true and good and right. Think about things that are pure and lovely. Dwell on the fine, good things in others. Think about all you can praise God for and be glad about.”

Read Numbers chapter 13, verses 1,2,16-20,23,25,27-33.

1. How many men did the Lord tell Moses to send to spy out the Land of Canaan? verse 2: “Send spies into the land of Canaan. This is the land I am giving to Israel. Send one leader from each tribe.” [12]

2. **CHALLENGE:** The spies spent 40 days spying out the land. The number 40 occurs many times in scripture. From memory, can you name at least 3 times this number has appeared and why?

More well known 40:

rain on the earth during the time of Noah — Genesis 7:4,17

Moses was 40 years old when he killed the Egyptian — Acts 7:23

the Israelites ate manna for 40 years, or traveled in the desert 40 years — Exodus 16:35, Deuteronomy 8:2

Moses was on the mountain 40 days and nights — Exodus 24:18, twice

Jesus spent 40 days and nights in the desert — Matthew 4:2

Less known 40:

40 days after the rain stopped, Noah let out a raven — Genesis 8:6,7

Isaac was 40 years old when he married Rebekah — Genesis 25:20

Esau was 40 when he married Judith — Genesis 26:34

it took the Egyptians 40 days to embalm the dead — Genesis 50:3

the Israelites' clothes didn't wear out for 40 years — Deuteronomy 29:5

Joshua was 40 when he spied out the land — Joshua 14:7

Eli judged Israel 40 years — 1 Samuel 4:18

David ruled for 40 years — 2 Samuel 5:4

Jonah predicted the destruction of Nineveh in 40 days from the day he started preaching — Jonah 3:4,5

3. What did the spies tell Moses in Numbers 13:27-29,32? “This was their report: ‘We came to the land you sent us to see. It is indeed a wonderful country! It is a land “flowing with milk and honey.” Here is some fruit we have brought as proof. But the people living there are powerful. Their cities have walls around them, and they are very large. What’s more, we saw Anakim giants there! The Amalekites live in the south. In the hill country there are the Hittites, Jebusites, and Amorites. Down along the coast of the Mediterranean Sea and in the Jordan River valley live the Canaanites.’ So most of the spies were afraid. ‘The land is full of warriors,’ they said. ‘The people are too strong.’”
4. Caleb responded differently than the other spies. He said in Numbers 13:30 ‘Let us go up at once and possess it! For we are well able to conquer it!’” And the Lord had told Moses in Numbers 13:2 He was giving them this land. Yet, some of the spies were afraid. What do these verses say about their fear?

Leviticus 26:6 “I will grant peace in the land, and you will lie down and no one will make you afraid.” (NIV)

Deuteronomy 1:29,30 “Then I said to you, ‘Do not be terrified; do not be afraid of them. The Lord your God, who is going before you, will fight for you, as he did for you in Egypt, before your very eyes.’” (NIV)

5. What do these verses say we are to do when we are afraid?

Isaiah 41:10 “Don’t be afraid, for I am with you. Do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you. I will help you. I will uphold you with my strong right hand.”

Isaiah 41:13 “I am holding you by your right hand. It is I, the Lord your God. And I tell you not to be afraid. I am here to help you.”

2 Timothy 1:7 “For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.”

EXODUS — LESSON 22

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EXODUS — WEEK TWENTY-THREE

DISCUSSION — LESSON 22

15-20 min. free time — games, fellowship;

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Place about 25 objects around the room, or rooms if you have more than one room, in plain view. Each object is given a number attached to it. Each player is given a list of the objects; the idea is to be the first to find the objects on the list and write the numbers attached. No one can move or touch an object when it is found, but must simply record the number attached to it. The winner might receive one of the items on the list. A sample list might look like this:

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|------------|----------------|
| 1. earring | 11. poster |
| 2. sock | 12. paper clip |
| 3. button | 13. ring |
| 4. pin | 14. key |
| 5. Bible | 15. ball |
| 6. plant | 16. dime |
| 7. video | 17. brush |
| 8. comb | 18. penny |
| 9. candy | 19. gum |
| 10. spoon | 20. bat |

15-20 min. discuss LESSON 22

to end of class CRAFT: BAKING CUP PICTURE

construction paper, various colors
baking cups, various colors
rug yarn
stones, rocks, seeds, buttons, sequins, glitter, beads, etc.
glue
scissors

Use the neutral colored construction paper for background, or base, of picture. A picture example would be helpful to give ideas for individual picture. One idea would be of flowers, or something scenic, a family picture, however, any type picture to promote the child's creativity.

Any picture idea chosen, should first be drawn lightly on the construction paper so there is a pattern to follow. Next would come the background of the picture. In other words, you are working from the back forward. For instance, if a flower picture is chosen, the stem is to be made of green rug yarn and glued to the construction paper before the flowers are added. The flower centers can be made from the colored rock, glitter, buttons, etc. Glue green leaves to the stem.

If a family picture is decided upon, make baking cup clothing, faces, with button eyes, glitter mouths, and drawn nose; rug yarn hair, or as accent to the “clothing”. A variety of ideas using these simple items can make for creative pictures. But, samples are help to get the creative juices flowing.

When picture is finished, using contrasting construction paper, make a frame. Caution: don't make the picture too heavy with accessories, or it won't be able to hang on the refrigerator as a badge of accomplishment, or art project.

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2. **CHALLENGE:** Which verse or verses gives you a clue as to how God felt about their complaining? verses 11,12: “The Lord said to Moses, ‘How long will these people despise me? Will they never believe me, even after all the miracles I have done among them? I will disown them. I will destroy them with a plague. I will make your family into a nation far greater than they are!’” [The glory spoken of in verse 10b seems to have been a flash of light at the entrance of the sanctuary since the glory of the Lord was continually over the Tabernacle.]

3. Moses asked the Lord to forgive the people's sin, but what is the promise God made to Moses in Numbers 14:22,23? “But it is just as true that you will suffer this punishment. All these men saw my glory. And all of them saw the miracles I did both in Egypt and in the wilderness. Ten times they refused to trust me and obey me. Because of this, not one of them shall even see the land I promised to their ancestors.”
4. What did God tell them to do in Numbers 14:25? “The Amalekites and the Canaanites live in the valleys. Since you are afraid of them, tomorrow you must turn back into the wilderness. You will travel in the direction of the Red Sea.”

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1. God said in Numbers 14:29,30 that what they feared about themselves would happen. How does Deuteronomy 7:14,15 back up God's promise? “So it took us 38 years to get across Zered Brook from Kadesh! For the Lord had promised that this could not happen until all the men had died. This included all the men who 38 years earlier were old enough to fight in battle. Yes, the hand of the Lord was against them until finally all were dead.” [Remember in Numbers 1:1, they had been in the wilderness 2 years.]
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2. What does Numbers 15:30 say? “But anyone who sins defiantly, whether native-born or alien, blasphemes the Lord, and that person must be cut off from his people.” [“God was willing to forgive those who made unintentional errors if they realized their mistakes quickly and corrected them. However, those who defiantly and deliberately sinned received a harsher judgment. Intentional sin grows out of an improper attitude toward God. A child who knowingly disobeys his parents challenges their authority and dares them to respond. Both the act and the attitude have to be dealt with.” (LAB notes, NIV translation)]

3. How are we to know if we are sinning or not? See 2 Timothy 3:16,17 for your answer. “The whole Bible was given to us by inspiration from God. It is useful to teach us what is true. It helps us to know what is wrong in our lives. It straightens us out and helps us do what is right. It makes us well prepared and fully equipped to do good to everyone.”
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3. What happened to the 250 men who held the censers? verse 35: “Then fire came from the Lord. It burned up the 250 men who were offering incense.” [Korah was not swallowed up with the others, Numbers 16:27, but burned with these men.]

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1. How was God going to stop the people from complaining according to Numbers 17:5? “I will use these rods to show you the man I have chosen. Buds will grow on his rod! Then at last this complaining against you will stop.”
2. Whose rod grew flowers? verse 8: “Moses went in the next day. And he found that Aaron’s rod, from the tribe of Levi, had budded! It had blossoms on it! And it had ripe almonds hanging from it.” [Remember these rods were dead pieces of wood. They couldn’t grow anything any more.]
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1. What was the people’s complaint in Numbers 20:5c?

2. What did their ancestors complain about in Exodus 17:1,2?

3. What did God tell Moses to do in Exodus 17:5,6?

4. What did God tell Moses to do in Numbers 20:8?

5. Did Moses obey God's command in Numbers 20:8? See Numbers 20:11 for your answer.

6. What does 1 Samuel 15:22,23a say about disobeying God?

7. Can we ignore God and His Word? See Galatians 6:7,8 for your answer.

Read Numbers chapter 20, verses 14-29.

1. **HARD:** Read Genesis 25:24-26, 30. How are the nations of Edom and Israel related?

2. What did God tell Moses and Aaron at the border of Edom in Numbers 20:24?

Read Numbers chapter 21, verses 1-9.

1. Another complaint. God had given them so much. He showed them miracle after miracle, and answered their requests over and over again. Yet, here they are complaining again. Do you think God was tired of their selfish behavior? So, what happened according to Numbers 21:6?

In many parts of the country, there are poisonous snakes, animals, and plants. We need to learn which ones to avoid so when we are warned to stay away from them, we will obey. However, we have a choice to obey or do our own thing, and rebel. But, with disobedience comes the consequences. Sometimes, touching a poisonous plant will cause a very itchy rash, or worse. A doctor may have to be seen and medicine given in order to get better. How much easier it would be if the warning had been obeyed in the first place.

2. **RISKY:** What kind of “medicine” did the Lord provide for snakebite?
3. All the people had to do to get well, and live, was to look at the serpent on the pole. What does Jesus say about this pole in John 3:14,15?
4. **HARD:** What pole do you think Jesus was talking about when He said the words of John 3:14,15? You will find help for with your answer in John 12:32.

The remaining verses of Numbers 21 deal with the people trying to get into the Promised Land. They fought and won two battles. Beginning in Numbers 22:1, the Israelites are on the border of Moab. God had warned Moses not to fight with the Moabites. (Deuteronomy 2:9) The Moabites are distant cousins of the Israelites. They descended from Lot, Abraham’s nephew.

Have you ever heard an animal talk in your language? In the next chapter that is exactly what happened!

Read Numbers chapter 22, verses 1-35.

1. King Balak asked Balaam to come to Moab to curse the Israelites. What was Balaam's answer in Numbers 22:13?
2. The messengers returned to King Balak with Balaam's answer. But, the king wasn't happy, so he sent a larger group of messengers back to Balaam. What did the Lord say to Balaam in Numbers 22:20?
3. What happened after Balaam hit the donkey the third time?
4. Would you be surprised if your pet began talking to you? But, Balaam doesn't seem surprised by his talking animal. In fact he even answers her. What does he say in verse 29?
5. What did the angel tell Balaam in verses 32,33?
6. God sends angels to protect those who belong to Him. What do these verses say about God's angels?

Psalm 91:11

Hebrews 1:14

In the remaining section of Numbers 22, and all of chapter 23, Balaam has King Balak build seven altars for sacrifices in three different places (the third place is mentioned in Numbers 24, next lesson). Balaam asks the Lord about cursing the Israelites. How do these verses show that God won't allow the curse?

Numbers 23:8

Numbers 23:19,20

7. **PERSONAL:** Has there ever been a time when you were in danger and you felt the Lord's protection through His angels? Would you like to share that with your group?

EXODUS — WEEK TWENTY-FOUR

DISCUSSION — LESSON 23

15-20 min. free time — games, fellowship

15-20 min. snack and group recreation: NOAH'S ARK

Divide into groups of 2 or 3. Each group takes the name of an animal. One team member is chosen to be "IT". Goal and boundary lines are drawn so that everyone knows the area in which they can run. "IT" is given the names of the animals and calls out one. The object is to get to the opposite goal line, within the boundaries, without being tagged. Once tagged, player must sit where tagged and helps "IT" from the sitting position to tag other players. When "IT" calls NOAH'S ARK, all players run to opposite goal line. Set own time limit for completing the game.

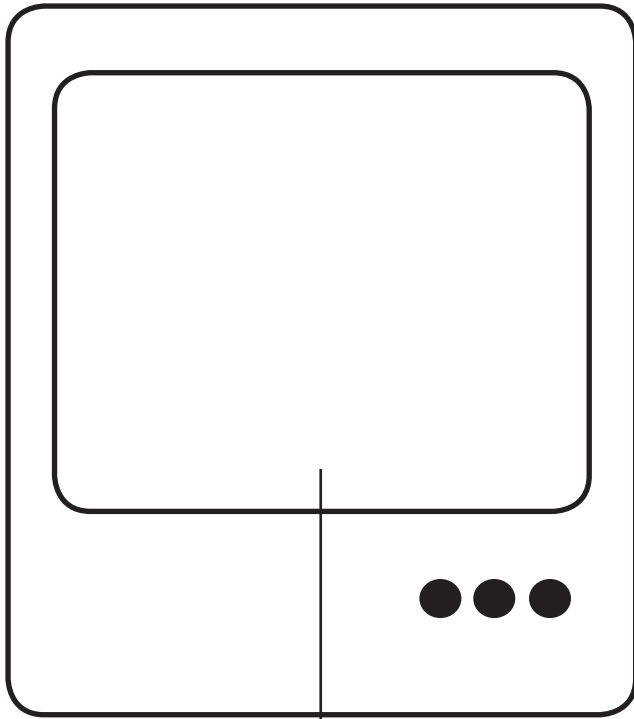
15-20 min. discuss LESSON 23

to end of class CRAFT: TELEVISION PIN

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student pictures, or instant camera to take pictures in class
3 rhinestones, small buttons, sequins
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watercolor paper, 140 lb weight
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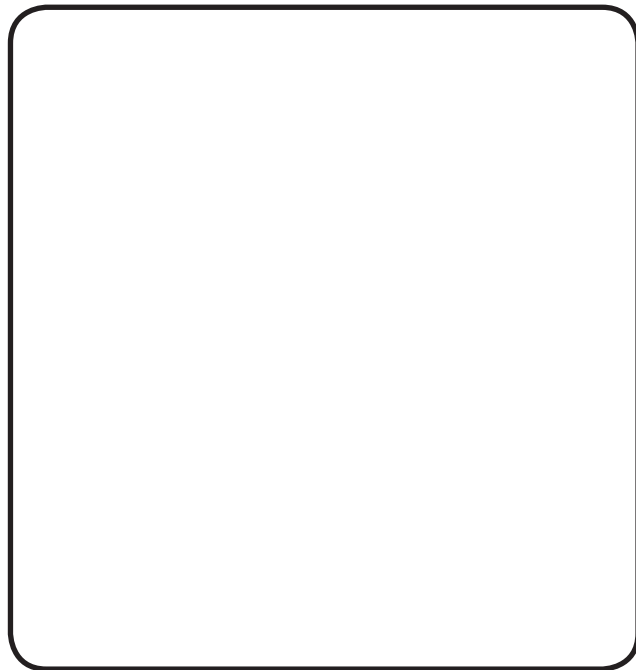
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T.V. Front



Screen for Pictures

T.V. Back



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1. What was the people's complaint in Numbers 20:5c? “Why, there isn't even water enough to drink!”
2. What did their ancestors complain about in Exodus 17:1,2? “Now, at God's command, the people of Israel left the Sihh desert. They went by easy stages to Rephidim. But upon arrival, there was no water!. So once more the people growled and complained to Moses. ‘Give us water!’ they wailed.”
3. What did God tell Moses to do in Exodus 17:5,6? “Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘Take the elders of Israel with you. Then lead the people out to Mt. Horeb. I will meet you there at the rock. Strike it with your rod—the same one you struck the Nile with. Water will come pouring out, enough for everyone!’ Moses did as he was told, and the water gushed out!”
4. What did God tell Moses to do in Numbers 20:8? “Get Aaron's rod. Then you and Aaron must call the people. As they watch, speak to that rock over there. Tell it to pour out its water! You will give them water from a rock. There will be enough for all the people and all their cattle!” [The rock spoken about in Exodus and Numbers is a type of Christ, 1 Corinthians 10:4 says “And drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ.” (NIV) The rock had been hit, or smitten in Exodus, it didn't need to be struck a second time. Jesus Christ died once, that's the meaning of the smitten rock; He didn't need to die a second time, that's the meaning of speaking to the rock. Although Moses acted in error, God did not keep the water from the people. This shows God's graciousness in spite of our disobedience.]

5. Did Moses obey God's command in Numbers 20:8? See Numbers 20:11 for your answer. [No. Moses struck the rock instead of speaking to it.] "Then Moses lifted the rod. He struck the rock twice. And water gushed out. The people and their cattle drank."
6. What does 1 Samuel 15:22,23a say about disobeying God? "Samuel replied, 'What pleases the Lord the most? Does he want your burnt offerings and sacrifices? Or does he want your obedience? It is much better to obey the Lord than to give him an offering. It is much better to listen to him than to offer him something. Refusing to obey is as bad as the sin of witchcraft. Being stubborn is as bad as worshipping idols. You have not obeyed the word of the Lord.'"
7. Can we ignore God and His Word? See Galatians 6:7,8 for your answer. "Don't fool yourself! Remember, you can't ignore God and get away with it. A man will always harvest the kind of crop he plants! If he plants to please his own desires, he is planting seeds of evil. He will surely harvest a crop of spiritual decay and death. But if he plants the things of the Spirit, he will harvest eternal life."

Read Numbers chapter 20, verses 14-29.

1. **HARD:** Read Genesis 25:24-26, 30. How are the nations of Edom and Israel related? Genesis 25:24-26: "And sure enough, she had twins. The first was born so covered with reddish hair that one would think he was wearing a fur coat! So they called him "Esau". Then the other twin was born with his hand on Esau's heel! So they called him Jacob (meaning "Grabber"). Isaac was 60 years old when the twins were born." Genesis 25:29,30: "One day Jacob was cooking stew when Esau came home tired from the hunt. ESAU: 'Boy, am I starved! Give me a bite of that red stuff there!' (From this came his nickname "Edom," which means "Red Stuff.") [They were twin brothers, but they didn't look anything alike.]
2. What did God tell Moses and Aaron at the border of Edom in Numbers 20:24? "The time has come for Aaron to die," he said. 'Aaron shall not enter the land I have given the people of Israel. The two of you did not fully obey my commands about the water at Meribah.'" [This mention refers to the events recorded in Numbers 20:1-13. His death is not one of dishonor. In Numbers 20:26 are recorded the words "Aaron will be gathered to his people" (NIV) indicates he died a somewhat "natural death." As opposed to the words "cut off from his people" which is an expression for divine justice as is found in Exodus 31:14: "Observe the Sabbath, because it is holy to you. Anyone who desecrates it must be put to death; whoever does any work on that day must be cut off from his people." (NIV)

Read Numbers chapter 21, verses 1-9.

1. Another complaint. God had given them so much. He showed them miracle after miracle, and answered their requests over and over again. Yet, here they are complaining again. Do you think God was tired of their selfish behavior? So, what happened according to Numbers 21:6? "So the Lord sent deadly snakes among them to punish them. Many of them were bitten and they died."

In many parts of the country, there are poisonous snakes, animals, and plants. We need to learn which ones to avoid so when we are warned to stay away from them, we will obey. However, we have a choice to obey or do our own thing, and rebel. But, with disobedience comes the consequences. Sometimes, touching a poisonous plant will cause a very itchy rash, or worse. A doctor may have to be seen and medicine given in order to get better. How much easier it would be if the warning had been obeyed in the first place.

2. **RISKY:** What kind of “medicine” did the Lord provide for snakebite? verse 8: “Then the Lord told him, ‘Make a bronze copy of one of these snakes. Put it at the top of a pole. Anyone who is bitten shall live if he simply looks at it!’”
3. All the people had to do to get well, and live, was to look at the serpent on the pole. What does Jesus say about this pole in John 3:14,15? “Moses in the wilderness lifted up the bronze image of a serpent on a pole. Even so I must be lifted up on a pole. I will do this so that anyone who believes in me will have eternal life.”
4. **HARD:** What pole do you think Jesus was talking about when He said the words of John 3:14,15? You will find help for with your answer in John 12:32. “And when I am lifted up on the cross, I will draw everyone to me.”

The remaining verses of Numbers 21 deal with the people trying to get into the Promised Land. They fought and won two battles. Beginning in Numbers 22:1, the Israelites are on the border of Moab. God had warned Moses not to fight with the Moabites. (Deuteronomy 2:9) The Moabites are distant cousins of the Israelites. They descended from Lot, Abraham’s nephew.

Have you ever heard an animal talk in your language? In the next chapter that is exactly what happened!

Read Numbers chapter 22, verses 1-35.

1. King Balak asked Balaam to come to Moab to curse the Israelites. What was Balaam’s answer in Numbers 22:13? “The next morning Balaam told the men ‘Go home! The Lord won’t let me do it.’”
2. The messengers returned to King Balak with Balaam’s answer. But, the king wasn’t happy, so he sent a larger group of messengers back to Balaam. What did the Lord say to Balaam in Numbers 22:20? “That night God told Balaam, ‘You may get up and go with these men. But be sure to say only what I tell you to.’”
3. What happened after Balaam hit the donkey the third time? verse 27: “Then the Lord caused the donkey to speak! ‘What have I done that deserves your beating me these three times?’ she asked.”

4. Would you be surprised if your pet began talking to you? But, Balaam doesn't seem surprised by his talking animal. In fact he even answers her. What does he say in verse 29? “Because you have made me look like a fool!” Balaam shouted. ‘I wish I had a sword with me. If I did, I would kill you.’”
5. What did the angel tell Balaam in verses 32,33? “‘Why did you beat your donkey those three times?’ the angel asked. ‘I have come to stop you because you are headed for doom. Three times the donkey saw me, but she shied away from me. If she had not, I would have killed you by now and spared her.’”
6. God sends angels to protect those who belong to Him. What do these verses say about God's angels?

Psalm 91:11 “For he orders his angels to protect you.”

Hebrews 1:14 “The angels are spirits who serve God. They are messengers sent to care for those who will receive his salvation.”

In the remaining section of Numbers 22, and all of chapter 23, Balaam has King Balak build seven altars for sacrifices in three different places (the third place is mentioned in Numbers 24, next lesson). Balaam asks the Lord about cursing the Israelites. How do these verses show that God won't allow the curse?

Numbers 23:8 “How can I curse those whom God has not cursed? How can I denounce those whom God has not denounced?” (NIV)

Numbers 23:19,20 “God is not a man, that he should lie, nor a son of man, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill? I have received a command to bless; he has blessed, and I cannot change it.”

7. **PERSONAL:** Has there ever been a time when you were in danger and you felt the Lord's protection through His angels? Would you like to share that with your group?

EXODUS — LESSON 24

Before you begin your lesson:

- a. Pray for God's Holy Spirit to help you answer the questions.
- b. Some questions may be too hard; it's ok to write "I don't know".
- c. Think about what God's Word is telling you for today.
- d. With some questions, it might be helpful to write the scripture verse on your paper.

Read Numbers chapter 24, verses 1-25.

According to Numbers 24:1a, "Balaam knew by now that the Lord planned to bless Israel." [There isn't a lot known about Balaam. He wasn't one of God's chosen people, but he did acknowledge that the Lord was a powerful God. He seemed to be comfortable with any god from which he would profit. He expected to be handsomely rewarded for cursing Israel, but since he knew God's power, he didn't want to experience God's wrath either. He was killed in a battle with the kings of Midian. (Numbers 31:8)]

1. What does Balaam say about a star in Numbers 24:17b? A scepter is a staff carried by a ruler "as the badge of his authority". (UNGER'S)

2. What does Matthew 2:2 say about a star?

Read Numbers chapter 27, verses 1-11.

1. What did the daughters of Zelophehad want from Moses in Numbers 27:4?

2. How did the Lord through Moses answer them?

Read Numbers chapter 27, verses 12-23.

In Numbers 27:12,13 the Lord told Moses ‘Go up into Mount Abarim. Look across the river. Look out over the land I have given to the people of Israel. After you have seen it, you shall die as Aaron your brother did.’”

1. Read Numbers 20:8-11. Moses and Aaron did something God considered a sin. This act kept them from entering the Promised Land. What was that sin according to Numbers 20:8,11?

2. **CHALLENGE:** How did the people know Joshua was to be their leader? See Numbers 27:22,23.

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1. The tribes of Reuben and Gad wanted to stay on the east side of the Jordan River because it was ideal for their large flocks. So they asked Moses if they could stay there. But, Moses became angry with their request. It reminded him of another time in Israel’s history when they refused to follow the Lord’s orders. What time was he thinking about? See Numbers 32:8-11 for your answer.

2. What is said about sin in Numbers 32:23?

3. **PERSONAL: THINK ABOUT THIS:** Have you ever disobeyed any rules and been punished? Did you break these rules more than once? When you were caught breaking the rules the second time, was anyone angry? How many times did you break the same rules and had to be punished? Could you say your sin was found out? Would you like to share your experience with your class?

4. Were the tribes planning to stay on the east side of the Jordan and not help their brothers fight against their enemies? What did they tell Moses in Numbers 32:16,17?

Read Numbers chapter 33, verses 50-56.

The Lord told the people in Numbers 33:52-53: ““When you do, [enter Canaan] you must drive out all the people living there. You must destroy all their idols. You must destroy their carved stones and molten images. You must cut down their open-air sanctuaries in the hills. You must destroy all the places where they worship idols. I have given the land to you. Take it and live there.””

1. What does Numbers 33:55,56 say will happen if they don't do all the Lord told them to do?

2. Israel did not destroy all their enemies as God had commanded. You can read about what happened to some of the tribes in Judges 1:19-35. It might seem mean that God would want them to destroy another nation, but God had a reason for giving this command, and it is found in Deuteronomy 7:3,4. What is that reason according to Deuteronomy 7:4a?

3. Read 2 Corinthians 6:14-18. What does God say in verses 14,17 about being with those who aren't believers in God?
4. How does 1 John 2:5,6 tell us to live as God wants?

Read Numbers chapter 35, verses 1-34.

1. The word refuge means “shelter or protection from danger or distress.” (WEBSTER’S) Why did God have the Israelites give the Levites the Cities of Refuge? See Numbers 35:6 for your answer.
2. According to Numbers 35:33, what spoils the land?

Read Deuteronomy chapter 4, verses 1-14.

1. Moses warned the people in Deuteronomy 4:2 “Do not add other laws or take away from these. Just obey them, for they are from the Lord your God.” If the Israelites obeyed the laws, what would the other nations say about them? See Deuteronomy 4:6-8 for your answer.
2. The Law was written down and in time became known as Scripture. According to Deuteronomy 4:14, God told the Israelites to “obey [the Law] when [they] get to the Promised Land.” What does 1 Peter 1:25a say about the Word of God for believers today?

Read Deuteronomy chapter 4, verses 15-31.

1. What warnings are found in Deuteronomy 4:16,19?

In Deuteronomy 4:25-31, Moses predicted what Israel would do in the future.

Deuteronomy 4:25	They will make idols.
Deuteronomy 4:26	Israel will be destroyed as a nation.
Deuteronomy 4:27	Israel will be scattered among other nations.
Deuteronomy 4:28	Israel will worship idols.
Deuteronomy 4:29	Israel will search for God, and find Him.
Deuteronomy 4:30	When they return to God, they will obey Him.
Deuteronomy 4:31	God will forgive Israel's sin as He promised.

2. Deuteronomy 5:1-21 gives a second telling of the Ten Commandments, and verses 22-33 retell the story of how the people were happy to obey all God commanded them. What does God say in Deuteronomy 5:29 about Israel's obedience?

3. In Deuteronomy 6, Moses continues to encourage the Israelites to obey God's commands and warns them what will happen when they disobey Him. How does Deuteronomy 6:5-9 tell the people to remember God's laws and to teach them to their children?

4. Moses told the Israelites it was good to keep God's laws. What reason does he give for saying this in Deuteronomy 6:24,25?

EXODUS — WEEK TWENTY-FIVE

DISCUSSION — LESSON 24

15-20 min. free time — games, fellowship

15-20 min. snack and group recreation: WHO'S KNOCKING?

Choose a child to be “IT”. “IT” sits in a chair in front of other players, who sit on floor behind “IT”. “IT” must close eyes; pick a player to knock on the back of the chair. “IT” says “Who’s knocking?” Player answers in a disguised voice “It is I”. “IT” must then guess who was knocking. If “IT” guesses correctly, the knocker becomes “IT”. If not, he looks at the knocker, but remains “IT” while another knocker is chosen. “IT” changes at the correct “knocker” guess.

15-20 min. discuss LESSON 24

to end of class CRAFT: PRAYER ROCK

small rocks

fabric scraps: circular the size of a dinner plate, or 6” x 6” square

pinking shears, scissors

ribbon

glue, glue gun

lace, buttons, sequins, etc.—optional

verse—next page

If your class is large, you may wish to cut the material scraps before class. Or, you may have each child cut his/her own piece of material if you have plenty of shears. If you have left over decorations, you may want to have the class decorate the material before adding the rock. If possible, let each child pick up his/her own rock. It shouldn't be too large, but it should be larger than a pebble. Place rock in center of prepared material. Bring up corners/edges and tie in middle with ribbon. Punch a hole in the card with the verse and attach it to the ribbon.



*Put me on the
nighstand & when
morning dawns,
remember your
prayers before
you go to town.
Your heavenly
Father loves you,
& longs to talk
with you.
... PRAY ...
It's His way.*

FRONT ↓

#1 FOLD IN HALF

*Can be reduced up to 64%; fold,
and trim to desired size..*

*I'm your little
prayer rock, this
is what I'll do...
Put me on your pillow
til day is
through. Turn
back the covers,
see me resting
there. Then you'll
remember to
kneel for your
prayers.*

EXODUS — LESSON 24 — ANSWERS

Read Numbers chapter 24, verses 1-25.

According to Numbers 24:1a, “Balaam knew by now that the Lord planned to bless Israel.” [There isn’t a lot known about Balaam. He wasn’t one of God’s chosen people, but he did acknowledge that the Lord was a powerful God. He seemed to be comfortable with any god from which he would profit. He expected to be handsomely rewarded for cursing Israel, but since he knew God’s power, he didn’t want to experience God’s wrath either. He was killed in a battle with the kings of Midian. (Numbers 31:8)]

1. What does Balaam say about a star in Numbers 24:17b? A scepter is a staff carried by a ruler “as the badge of his authority”. (UNGER’S) “A star will come out of Jacob; a scepter will rise out of Israel.”
2. What does Matthew 2:2 say about a star? “Where is the newborn King of the Jews? We have seen his star in far-off eastern lands. So we have come to worship him.” [This prophecy was given about 1500 years before Christ’s birth. Balaam came from the land of these eastern wise men. Apparently, this prophecy was handed down to the eastern prophets. They were looking for the star that heralded the Jewish king, when only a few Jews were looking for this same sign.]

Read Numbers chapter 27, verses 1-11.

1. What did the daughters of Zelophehad want from Moses in Numbers 27:4? “Why should the name of our father die out just because he had no son? We feel that we should be given property along with our father’s brothers.”
2. How did the Lord through Moses answer them? verses 6-7: “And the Lord replied to Moses, ‘The daughters of Zelophehad are correct. Give them land along with their uncles. Give them the property that would have been given to their father if he had lived.’” [Too often we hear that women didn’t matter in Bible days. Yet, here is an example of how the Lord took care of the needs of the women under Moses’ command.]

Read Numbers chapter 27, verses 12-23.

In Numbers 27:12,13 the Lord told Moses ‘Go up into Mount Abarim. Look across the river. Look out over the land I have given to the people of Israel. After you have seen it, you shall die as Aaron your brother did.’”

1. Read Numbers 20:8-11. Moses and Aaron did something God considered a sin. This act kept them from entering the Promised Land. What was that sin according to Numbers 20:8,11? verse 8: “Get Aaron’s rod. Then you and Aaron must call the people. As they watch, speak to that rock over there. Tell it to pour out its water! You will give them water from a rock. There will be enough for all the people and all their cattle!” verse 11: “Then Moses lifted the rod. He struck the rock twice. And water gushed out. The people and their cattle drank.”

2. **CHALLENGE:** How did the people know Joshua was to be their leader? See Numbers 27:22,23. “So Moses did as the Lord told him. He took Joshua to Eleazar the priest. As the people watched, Moses laid his hand upon him. He dedicated him to his position. He did just as the Lord had commanded.”

Read Numbers 32, verses 1-33.

1. The tribes of Reuben and Gad wanted to stay on the east side of the Jordan River because it was ideal for their large flocks. So they asked Moses if they could stay there. But, Moses became angry with their request. It reminded him of another time in Israel’s history when they refused to follow the Lord’s orders. What time was he thinking about? See Numbers 32:8-11 for your answer. “This is the same kind of thing your fathers did! I sent them from Kadesh-barnea to spy out the land. They finished their survey. They came back from the valley of Eshcol. But then they discouraged the people from going on into the Promised Land. And the Lord’s anger was hot against them. He swore that he would punish all those he had rescued from Egypt. Not one of them would see the Promised Land. No one over 20 years of age would see the land he promised Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. He did this, for they had refused to do what he wanted.”
2. What is said about sin in Numbers 32:23? “But you might not do as you have said. If you do not, then you will have sinned against the Lord, and you may be sure that your sin will catch up with you.”
3. **PERSONAL: THINK ABOUT THIS:** Have you ever disobeyed any rules and been punished? Did you break these rules more than once? When you were caught breaking the rules the second time, was anyone angry? How many times did you break the same rules and had to be punished? Could you say your sin was found out? Would you like to share your experience with your class?
4. Were the tribes planning to stay on the east side of the Jordan and not help their brothers fight against their enemies? What did they tell Moses in Numbers 32:16,17? “Not at all!” they explained. ‘We will build sheepfolds for our flocks. We will rebuild cities for our little ones. But we ourselves will go over armed. We will go ahead of the rest of the people of Israel. We will fight until we have brought them safely to their inheritance. But first we will need to build walled cities here for our families. This will keep them safe from attack by the local people.’”

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1. What does Numbers 33:55,56 say will happen if they don’t do all the Lord told them to do? “But you might refuse to drive out the people living there. If you refuse, those who are still there will be like hot coals in your eyes. They will be like thorns in your sides. And I will destroy you as I had planned for you to destroy them.”

2. Israel did not destroy all their enemies as God had commanded. You can read about what happened to some of the tribes in Judges 1:19-35. It might seem mean that God would want them to destroy another nation, but God had a reason for giving this command, and it is found in Deuteronomy 7:3,4. What is that reason according to Deuteronomy 7:4a? “That would surely cause your young people to start worshipping their gods.” [Psalm 24:1 states: “The earth belongs to the Lord! Everything in all the world is his!” In other words, He has the right to judge nations and to use nations to judge each other. Canaan was the cross roads of the world and sexual immorality was abundant. Disease was everywhere. The Canaanites could influence the entire world, and the Lord wanted to stop their heathen worship and influence on the world for future generations. With the Israelites moving into the area, the Lord was sending new landowners to care for His property, the world.]
3. Read 2 Corinthians 6:14-18. What does God say in verses 14,17 about being with those who aren't believers in God? verse 14: “Don't be teamed up with those who do not love the Lord. What do the people of God have in common with the people of sin? How can light live with darkness?” verse 17: “That is why the Lord has said, ‘Leave them, cut yourselves off from them. Don't touch their dirty things. I will welcome you.’”
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Read Numbers chapter 35, verses 1-34.

1. The word refuge means “shelter or protection from danger or distress.” (WEBSTER'S) Why did God have the Israelites give the Levites the Cities of Refuge? See Numbers 35:6 for your answer. “You shall give the Levites the six Cities of Refuge. A person who has killed someone by accident can run there and be safe. The Levites are to be given 42 other cities besides.”
2. According to Numbers 35:33, what spoils the land? “In this way the land will not be spoiled. For murder spoils the land. No atonement can be made for murder except to kill the murderer.”

Read Deuteronomy chapter 4, verses 1-14.

1. Moses warned the people in Deuteronomy 4:2 “Do not add other laws or take away from these. Just obey them, for they are from the Lord your God.” If the Israelites obeyed the laws, what would the other nations say about them? See Deuteronomy 4:6-8 for your answer. “If you obey them, you will be known as being wise and smart. The nations nearby will hear these laws. And they will exclaim “What other nation is as wise as Israel?” What other nation has God among them as the Lord our God is here among us? Who else has a God who is there anytime they call upon him? And what nation, no matter how great, has laws as fair as these I am giving you today?”

2. The Law was written down and in time became known as Scripture. According to Deuteronomy 4:14, God told the Israelites to “obey [the Law] when [they] get to the Promised Land.” What does 1 Peter 1:25a say about the Word of God for believers today? “But the Word of the Lord will last forever.”

Read Deuteronomy chapter 4, verses 15-31.

1. What warnings are found in Deuteronomy 4:16, 19? “So do not make yourselves unclean by trying to make a statue of God. Do not make an idol in any form. And do not look up into the sky to worship the sun, moon, or stars. The Lord may allow other nations to get away with this for now, but not you.”

In Deuteronomy 4:25-31, Moses predicted what Israel would do in the future.

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3. In Deuteronomy 6, Moses continues to encourage the Israelites to obey God’s commands and warns them what will happen when they disobey Him. How does Deuteronomy 6:5-9 tell the people to remember God’s laws and to teach them to their children? “Keep thinking about my commandments. Teach them to your children. Talk about them at home or when you are out walking. Talk about them at bedtime and as soon as you get up in the morning. Tie them on your finger. Wear them on your forehead. And write them on the doorposts of your house!”
4. Moses told the Israelites it was good to keep God’s laws. What reason does he give for saying this in Deuteronomy 6:24,25? “And he has told us to obey all of these laws. We are to respect him so that he can keep us alive as he has until now. For it goes well with us when we obey all the laws of the Lord our God.”

EXODUS-LESSON 25

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Read Deuteronomy chapter 31, verses 1-8.

1. How old is Moses and what did he do at the ages recorded in the following scriptures?

Acts 7:23

Exodus 7:6,7

Deuteronomy 34:7

2. What was Moses to do in Numbers 20:7,8?

3. What was the reason, given in Numbers 20:7,11,12, that God kept Moses from entering the Promised Land?

4. What promises are found in Deuteronomy 31:3,8?

Read Deuteronomy chapter 31, verses 9-20.

1. **RISKY:** Why do you think Moses instructed the priests to read the Law every seven years?

2. **CHALLENGE:** The food we eat digests in our stomach. The nutrients are carried by the blood throughout our body to keep us healthy. Just as we need to digest this physical food, we also need to digest spiritual food. The Word of God needs to be read, studied and then obeyed. How do these verses help you to understand what God wants you to do?

Jeremiah 15:16

Ezekiel 3:1-3

James 1:21,22

When we desire to know God better we want to learn as much as we can about Him and how He wants us to live. And the way we get that information is by studying His Word. When we read it a lot, we could say we are eating it. Or, reading the Word becomes the most important thing we do each day.

3. What are the prophecies given in Deuteronomy 31:18,20?

Read Deuteronomy chapter 31, verses 21-30, and chapter 32.

1. What was the reason for the song in chapter 32? See Deuteronomy 31:21.
2. What was the prophecy Moses gave in Deuteronomy 31:29?
3. What does God call His people in Deuteronomy 32:10?
4. Why did God become angry with the people He called the apple of His eye? See Deuteronomy 32:17,18
5. This song tells us how much God hates sin. He punishes those who sin against Him. What do these verses say a sinner must do to please God?

John 3:17

John 6:29

Romans 10:13

6. Moses wanted to encourage the people to continue to obey the Lord. What did he say to them in Deuteronomy 32:46,47?

Read Deuteronomy chapter 33, verses 1-29, and chapter 34:1-12.

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1. What does Moses say about God in Deuteronomy 33:27,29?

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3. How does Deuteronomy 34:10-12 explain the reason Moses stands out over other Bible prophets?

4. **PERSONAL:** Did you memorize a verse this week. Why not try Deuteronomy 31:8? “The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.”

EXODUS—WEEK TWENTY-SIX

DISCUSSION—LESSON 25

15-20 min. free time — games, fellowship

15-20 min. snack and group recreation: RELAY HOP

Divide into teams. Set goal lines. At the signal, the first player in line holds up one leg and hops to the opposite goal line. When reached, turns, and hops back to team line, holding up opposite leg. (Hands may be used to help hold up the leg.) When last player reaches his place in line, the entire team sits down. First to sit wins the game.

15-20 min. discuss LESSON 25

to end of class CRAFT: MELTED CRAYON MOLDS

broken crayons
candy molds
baby food jars
crockpot and water
spray grease (PAM)
tongs, towel

Put like colored crayons in baby food jars. Place jars in crockpot with enough water to midway cover the jars, but not overflow into them, and melt. Remove hot jars with tongs and towel being careful not to spill. Spray grease into molds for easier release when hardened. Pour desired color into candy molds. If more than one color is desired, pour the color that will appear raised when removed from the mold. For example, if you have a mold with a piece of fruit with leaves, pour the crayon color you want for the piece of fruit first; when hardened, add the color for the leaves. When hardened, you now have shaped crayons to use. The two colored crayons when used will create a unique design.

EXODUS — LESSON 25 ANSWERS

Read Deuteronomy chapter 31, verses 1-8.

1. How old is Moses and what did he do at the ages recorded in the following scriptures?

Acts 7:23 “When Moses was 40 years old, he decided to visit the Israelites.”

Exodus 7:6,7 “So Moses and Aaron did as the Lord told them. Moses was 80 years old. Aaron was 83 at this time when they went before Pharaoh.”

Deuteronomy 34:7 “Moses was 120 years old when he died. Yet his eyesight was perfect, and he was as strong as a young man.”

2. What was Moses to do in Numbers 20:7,8? “And he [the Lord] said to Moses, ‘Get Aaron’s rod. Then you and Aaron must call the people. As they watch, speak to that rock over there. Tell it to pour out its water! You will give them water from a rock. There will be enough for all the people and all their cattle!’”
3. What was the reason, given in Numbers 20:7,11,12, that God kept Moses from entering the Promised Land? “Then Moses lifted the rod. He struck the rock twice. And water gushed out. The people and their cattle drank. But the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, ‘You did not believe me. And you did not present me as holy in the eyes of the people of Israel. Therefore, you shall not bring them into the land I have promised them!’” [Moses tried to take away God’s authority when he hit the rock instead of speaking to it. This would look to the people as if it was Moses who produced the water and not God. Therefore, the people would give praise and glory to Moses instead of to God. In Isaiah 42:8 God says: “I am the Lord! That is my name. And I will not give my glory to anyone else. I will not share my praise with carved idols.”] (CMRB, NKJV)
4. What promises are found in Deuteronomy 31:3,8? ““But the Lord himself will lead you. He will destroy the nations living there. And you shall overcome them. Joshua is your new commander, as the Lord has commanded. The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid.; do not be discouraged.””

Read Deuteronomy chapter 31, verses 9-20.

1. **RISKY:** Why do you think Moses instructed the priests to read the Law every seven years? verses 12,13: ““Call them all together,’ the Lord said. ‘Call men, women, children, and foreigners living among you. Call them to hear the laws of God and to learn his will. That way you will respect the Lord your God and obey his laws.” [“There were no books, Bibles, or newspapers to spread God’s word, so the people had to rely on word of mouth and an accurate memory. Memorization was an important part of worship because if everyone knew the law, ignorance would be no excuse for breaking it.”(LAB notes; NIV)]

2. **CHALLENGE:** The food we eat digests in our stomach. The nutrients are carried by the blood throughout our body to keep us healthy. Just as we need to digest this physical food, we also need to digest spiritual food. The Word of God needs to be read, studied and then obeyed. How do these verses help you to understand what God wants you to do?

Jeremiah 15:16 “Your words are what keep me going. They are food to my hungry soul. They bring joy to my sad heart and delight me. How proud I am to bear your name, O Lord.”

Ezekiel 3:1-3 “And he said to me, ‘Son of dust eat what I am giving you. Eat this scroll! Then go and give its message to the people of Israel.’ So I took the scroll. ‘Eat it all,’ he said. And I ate it, it tasted sweet like honey.”

James 1:21,22 “So get rid of all that is wrong in your life, both inside and outside. Humbly be glad for the message we have been given. It is able to save our souls as it takes hold of our hearts. And remember, it is a message to obey. It is not just something to listen to. So don’t fool yourselves.”

When we desire to know God better we want to learn as much as we can about Him and how He wants us to live. And the way we get that information is by studying His Word. When we read it a lot, we could say we are eating it. Or, reading the Word becomes the most important thing we do each day.

3. What are the prophecies given in Deuteronomy 31:18,20? “I will turn away from them because of their sins in worshipping other gods. I shall bring them into the land I promised their ancestors. It is a land “flowing with milk and honey.” And they shall become fat and wealthy. But when this happens, they will worship other gods. They will despise me and break my contract.”

Read Deuteronomy chapter 31, verses 21-30, and chapter 32.

1. What was the reason for the song in chapter 32? See Deuteronomy 31:21. “And great disasters will come upon them. At this time, this song will remind them of the reason for their woes. (For this song is a song for all time.) I know now what these people are like. I know this even before they enter the land.”
2. What was the prophecy Moses gave in Deuteronomy 31:29? “I know that after my death you will defile yourselves. You will turn away from God and his commands. In the days to come evil will crush you. For you will do what the Lord says is evil. Thus you will make him very angry.”
3. What does God call His people in Deuteronomy 32:10? “God protected them in the howling wilderness As though they were the apple of his eye.” [The word apple here refers to the pupil of the eye. That is the part of the eye which lets in light in order to see. The eyelid protects the pupil from injury. It is the eyes’ protector. It moves more quickly that we can think to close it. It automatically closes when danger comes near the eye. We don’t even think about closing it or the protection it gives. Likewise, God moves quickly to protect His own. He is their protec-

tor, and shield. And this is accomplished without any thought on our part. There are dangers all around us that we are unaware of, and the Lord protects us from them. This verse is a word picture of God's protection.]

4. Why did God become angry with the people He called the apple of His eye? See Deuteronomy 32:17,18 “They sacrificed to heathen gods, To new gods never before worshipped.”
5. This song tells us how much God hates sin. He punishes those who sin against Him. What do these verses say a sinner must do to please God?

John 3:17 “God did not send his Son into the world to judge it. He sent his Son to save it.”

John 6:29 “Jesus told them, ‘God’s will is that you believe in the one he has sent.’”

Romans 10:13 “Anybody who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved.”

6. Moses wanted to encourage the people to continue to obey the Lord. What did he say to them in Deuteronomy 32:46,47? “Then Moses made these comments: ‘Meditate upon all the laws I have given you today. Pass them on to your children. These laws are not mere words. They are your life! Through obeying them you will live long, plentiful lives. You will stay in the land you are going to take across the Jordan River.’”

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1. What does Moses say about God in Deuteronomy 33:27,29? “‘You can run to God at any time, and he will put his arms around you. He thrusts out your enemies before you. It is he who cries, ‘Destroy them!’ What blessings are yours, O Israel! Who else has been saved by the Lord? He is your shield and your helper! He is your excellent sword! Your enemies shall bow low before you, And you shall trample on their backs!’”
2. Who buried Moses according to Deuteronomy 34:6? “The Lord buried him in a valley near Beth-peor in Moab. But no one knows the exact place.”
3. How does Deuteronomy 34:10-12 explain the reason Moses stands out over other Bible prophets? “There has never been another prophet like Moses. The Lord talked to him face to face. And at God’s command he did amazing miracles that have never been equaled.”
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EXODUS — LESSON 26

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Read Joshua chapter 1, verses 1-18.

1. If your Bible has maps at the end of it, find the boundaries of the land the Lord is giving to the Israelites.
2. What does the Lord remind Joshua in Joshua 1:7,8?
3. **HARD:** Why did the Reubenites, Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh want to stay on the east side of the Jordan? See Numbers 32:1,5,19 for your answer.
4. **CHALLENGE:** How many times, and in which verses, did the Lord tell Joshua to be strong, courageous, and "I am with you"?
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Read Joshua chapter 2, verses 1-24.

1. What were the two spies to do according to Joshua 2:1?

2. Where did Rahab hide the spies?

3. **RISKY:** There were no newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or telephone. How did Rahab and the whole country know about the Israelites?

4. What did Rahab say about the Israelite God?

5. What was the spies' promise to Rahab?

6. **CHALLENGE:** What were the five strings, or conditions, attached to their promise?

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2. How long did the Jordan River stay dry?

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1. Who were the twelve men and what special task were they to do?
2. A statue is a reminder to all who look at it that something special happened. What were the people to remember when they saw these stones?
3. One reason the Lord dried up the Jordan was so the Israelites could cross on dry ground. What other reason is given in verse 24?

Read Joshua chapter 5, verses 1-15.

1. Why did all the men and boys have to be circumcised?
2. What happened two days after Passover?

Read Joshua chapter 6, verses 1-27.

1. In Joshua 6:1-16, are the marching orders for Israel. Place the correct number in front of the group in the order they are to march.

_____priests carrying the Ark

_____seven priests with trumpets

_____armed men

_____rear guard

2. What did the Israelite army do for six days?
3. What happened on the seventh day?
4. The two spies Rahab hid were sent into the city to rescue Rahab, and her family. Who does 1 Timothy 1:15 say is the person sent to save sinners?
5. How many sinners does 2 Peter 3:9 say God wants to save?

6. **PERSONAL:** Have you asked Jesus to save you? The following verses tell why salvation is important for everyone.

John 5:24 “I have something serious to say. Anyone who listens to my message and believes in God who sent me has eternal life. Such a person will never be condemned. He has already passed out of death into life.

Romans 5:8 “But God showed his great love for us. He sent Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.”

Romans 10:9,10 “This is how you will be saved. Tell others with your own mouth that Jesus Christ is your Lord. Also, believe in your own heart that God has raised him from the dead. Because it is by believing in his heart that a man becomes right with God. With his mouth he tells others about his faith and is saved.”

Joshua declared a terrible curse on the person who would rebuild Jericho. “He warned that when the foundation was laid, the builder’s oldest son would die. He also warned that when the gates were set up, his youngest son would die.” This prophecy came true after Solomon had been king, when the kingdom was divided, about 750 years later and as recorded in 1 Kings 16:34: “It was during his reign that Hiel, a man from Bethel, rebuilt Jericho. When he laid the foundations, his oldest son, Abiram, died. When he finally set up its gates, his youngest son, Segub, died. For this was the Lord’s curse upon Jericho. It had been spoken by Joshua, the son of Nun.”

EXODUS — WEEK TWENTY-SEVEN

DISCUSSION — LESSON 26

15-20 min. free time — games, fellowship

15-20 min. snack and group recreation: BOUNCE & CATCH

Have each player count off. Choose one player as IT. Remaining players form a circle with IT in the center, holding a basketball, soccer ball, or a beach ball. IT bounces the ball once and at the same time calls out a number. Player in the circle with that number must catch the ball before it bounces a second time. If he does, IT remains in the center of the circle, if he does not, he becomes IT and the game continues until time is called.

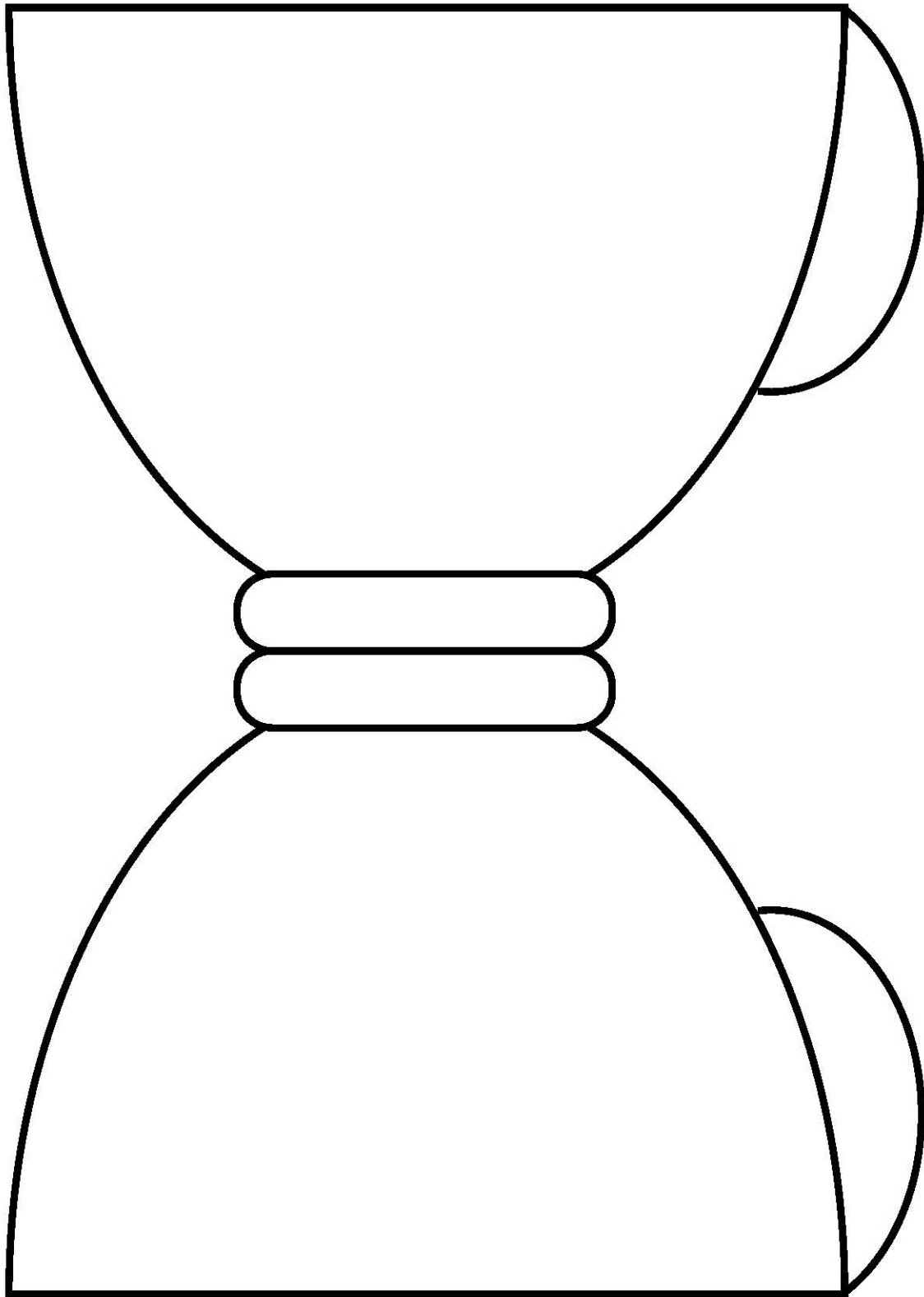
15-20 min. discuss LESSON 26

to end of class CRAFT: TEA TIME CUP

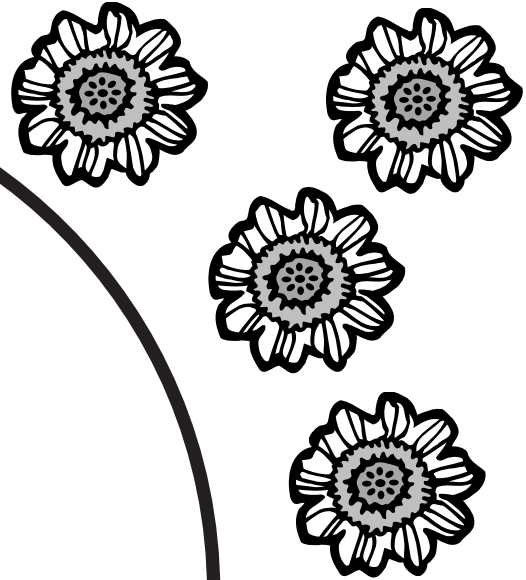
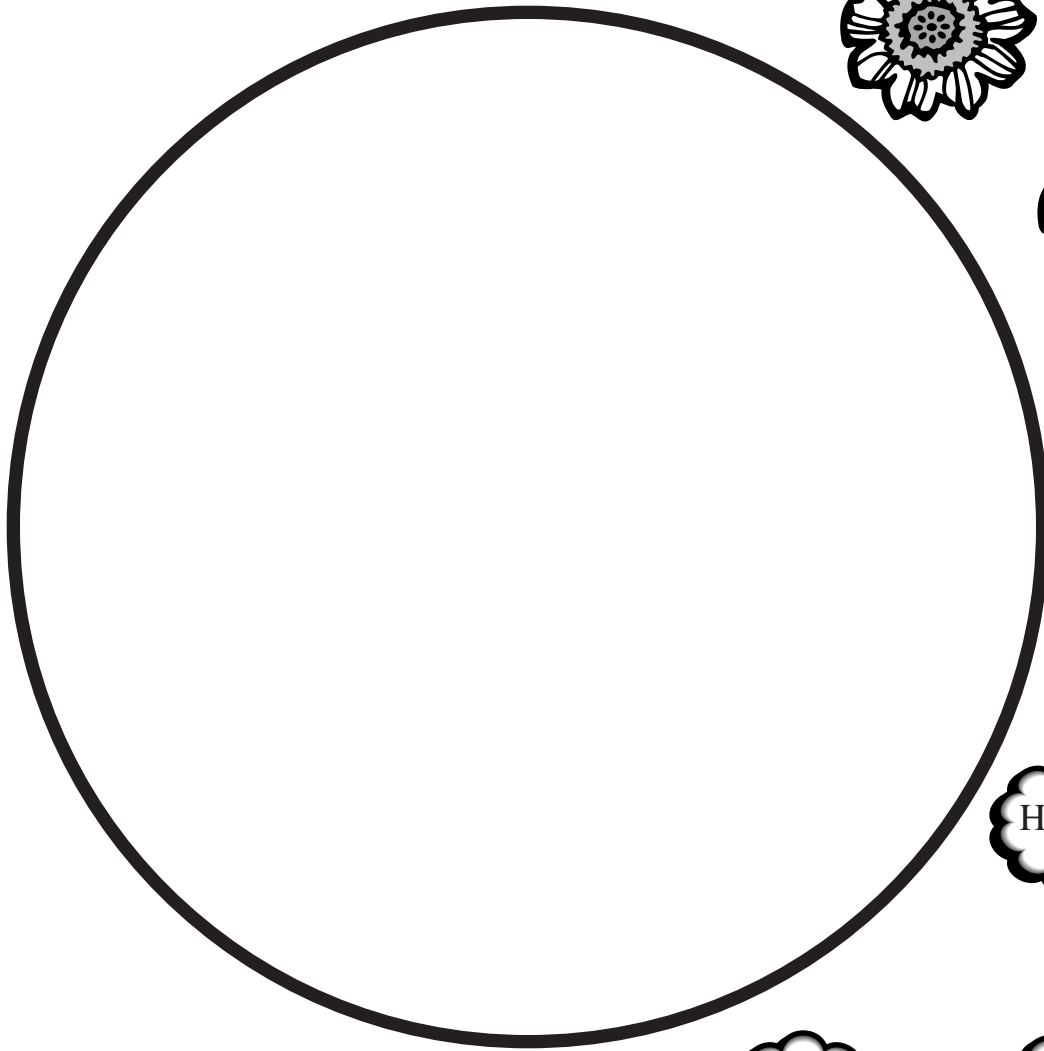
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crayons or colored pencils
scissors
glue: tacky or white
paper plate center (optional)
tea bags

Copy one cup, saucer, flowers, and faces (from patterns on following pages) for each child onto card stock. If cardstock is not available to you, or your copier will not take that kind of paper, make a copy of each on plain copy paper and have the children trace the cup, saucer, flowers, and faces onto an old manila file folder, the large side of a cereal box, or construction paper. Color pieces before gluing as shown in example on pages following patterns. Allow children to make their own design. Glue pieces onto cup and saucer. Fold cup in half with outsides facing. Accordion fold at notch (base of cup) so that cup will stand on saucer. Glue sides and handle together. Glue bottom of cup onto saucer. Place a tea bag in the opening at the top of the cup.

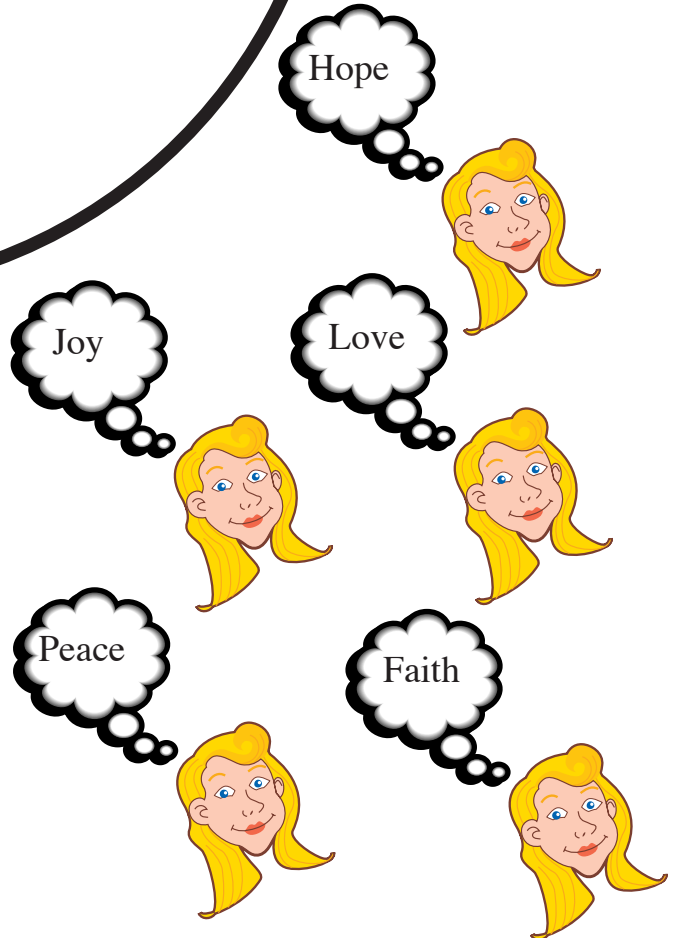
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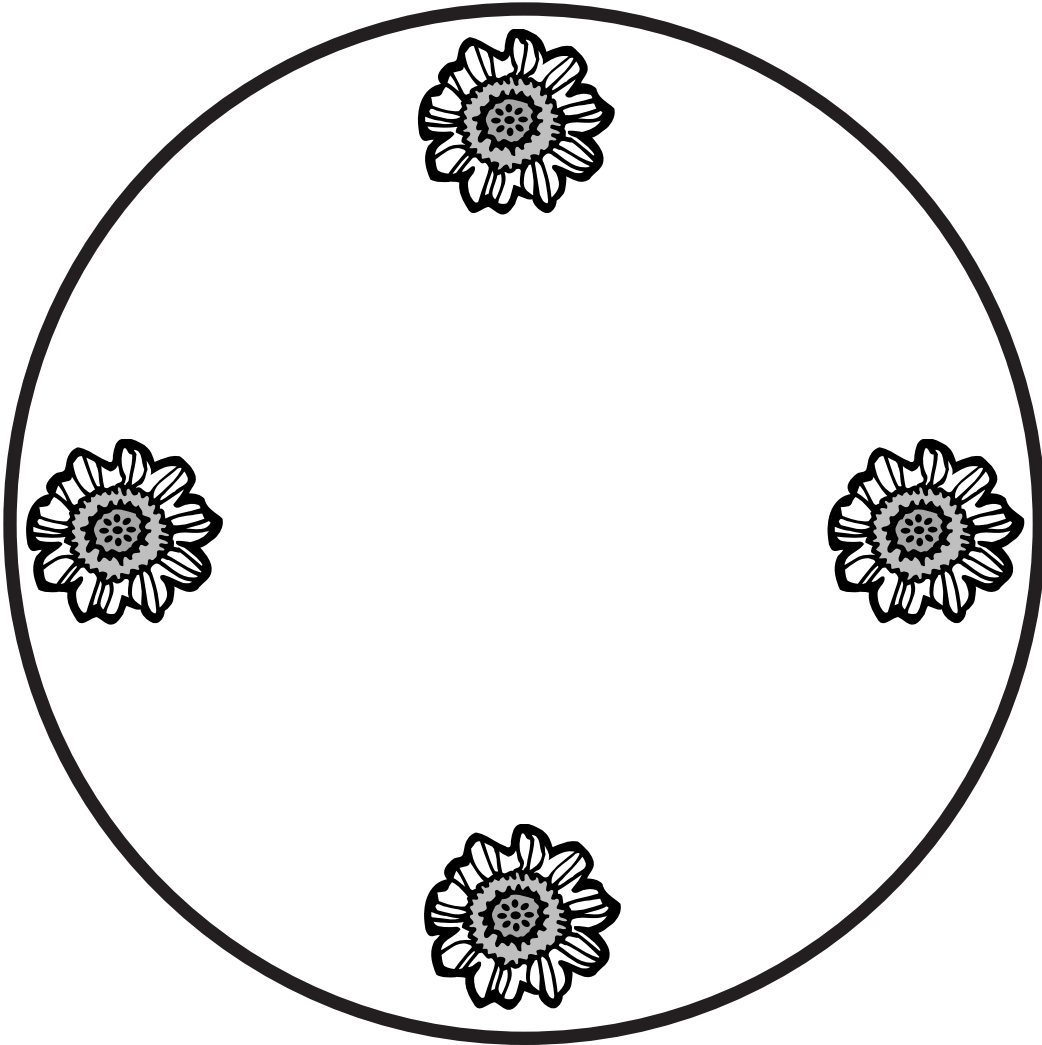
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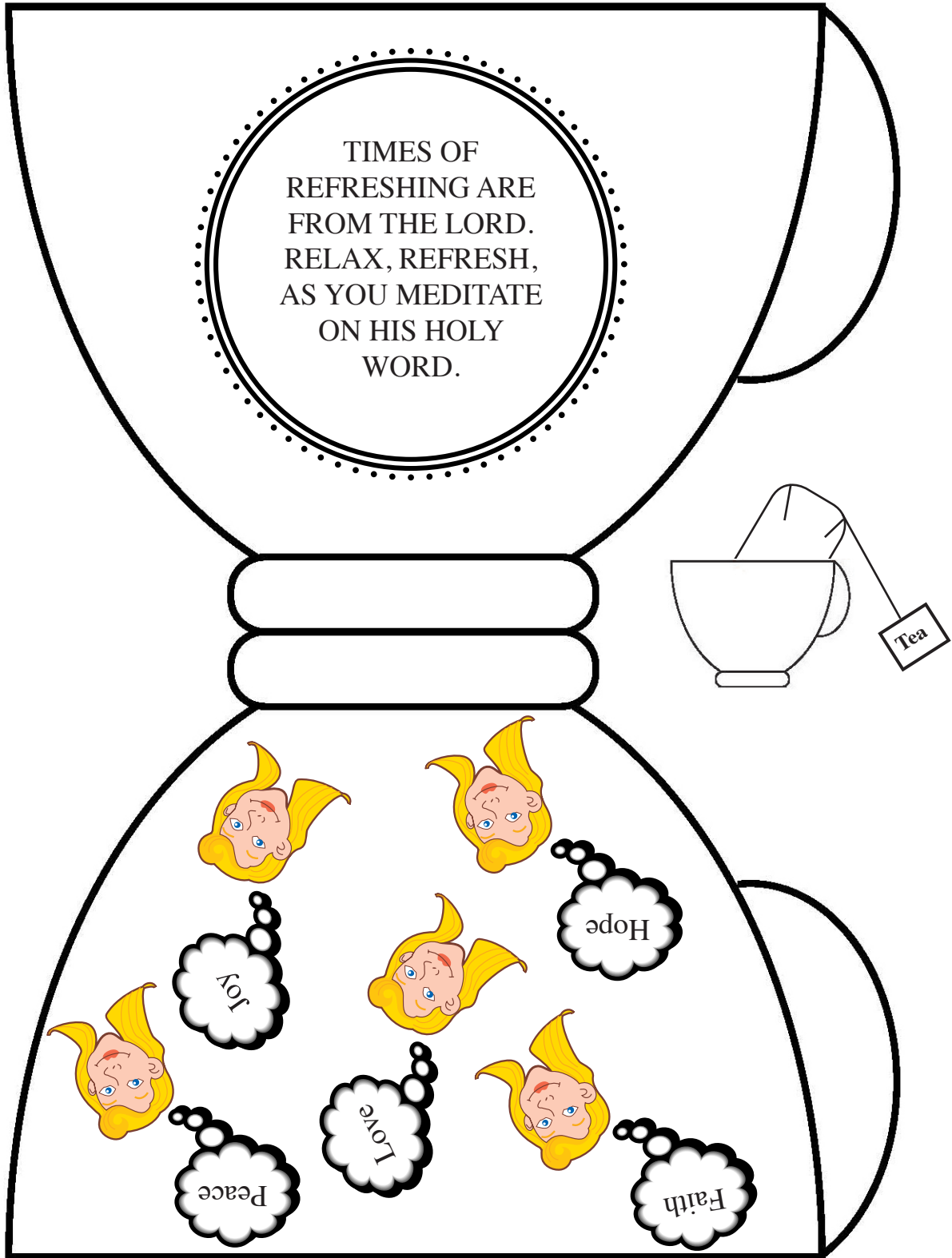
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EXODUS — LESSON 26 — ANSWERS

Read Joshua chapter 1, verses 1-18.

1. If your Bible has maps at the end of it, find the boundaries of the land the Lord is giving to the Israelites.
2. What does the Lord remind Joshua in Joshua 1:7,8? “You need only be strong and brave. And you must obey to the letter every law Moses gave you. If you are careful to obey every one, you will succeed in all you do. Always remind the people about these laws. You yourself must think about them every day and every night. That way you will be sure to obey all of them. For only then will you succeed.”
3. **HARD:** Why did the Reubenites, Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh want to stay on the east side of the Jordan? See Numbers 32:1,5,19 for your answer. “The people of Israel came to the land of Jazar and Gilead. The tribes of Reuben and Gad noticed what wonderful sheep country it was. These tribes had very large flocks of sheep. ‘Please let us have this land as our portion. We will take it instead of land on the other side of the Jordan River. We don’t want land on the other side of the Jordan. We would rather have it on this side, on the east.’”
4. **CHALLENGE:** How many times, and in which verses, did the Lord tell Joshua to be strong, courageous, and “I am with you”? Four times; verses 5,6,7,9.
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1. What were the two spies to do according to Joshua 2:1? “Then Joshua sent two spies from the camp at Acacia to cross the river. They were to check out the land. They were to take a close look at Jericho. They got to an inn owned by a woman named Rahab. She was a prostitute. They were planning to spend the night there.”
2. Where did Rahab hide the spies? verse 6: “But actually she had taken them up to the roof. She had hidden them under piles of flax that were drying there.” [Flax is the fibers of the bark of a plant that makes linen once they are separated, twisted, bleached, and woven.]
3. **RISKY:** There were no newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or telephone. How did Rahab and the whole country know about the Israelites? verse 10: “‘For we have heard how the Lord dried up the Red Sea for you when you left Egypt! And we know what you did to Sihon and Og, the two Amorite kings east of the Jordan. We heard how you ruined their land and destroyed their people.’” [Rahab ran an inn. Caravans came through there and spread the word what God

was doing for the Israelites. In spite of this knowledge, they still did not turn to Him for His help and protection. They continued to trust in their own gods. The drying up of the Red Sea happened 40 years earlier.]

4. What did Rahab say about the Israelite God? verse 11: “No wonder we are afraid of you! No one has any fight left after hearing things like that! For your God is the supreme God of heaven. He is not just an ordinary god.”
5. What was the spies’ promise to Rahab? Protection; verse 14b: “We will treat you kindly and faithfully when the Lord gives us the land.” (NIV)
6. **CHALLENGE:** What were the five strings, or conditions, attached to their promise? verses 14a: 18-20: “The men agreed. 1. ‘If you don’t give us away. 2. (And) you must leave this red rope hanging from this window,’ they said. 3. ‘And all your relatives must be here inside the house. This includes your father, mother, brothers, and anyone else you want to be safe. 4. If not, then we cannot be responsible for you and them. If they go out into the street, we will not be guilty of their blood. 5. But we swear that no one inside this house will be killed or hurt. However, you might betray us. If you do, then we don’t have to keep this promise.”

[Rahab had faith in the God of the Israelites. She showed that faith by hiding the spies. And even though it is never right for a Christian to lie, God does honor those who obey His law when man’s law is different. An example of this is in Acts 4:19,20 where Peter and John were ordered not to speak about Jesus. Their response was “You decide for yourselves what we should do. Should we obey God? Or should we obey you? We can’t stop telling about the great things we saw Jesus do and heard him say.” Also, we are told in New Testament writings that Rahab’s actions were justified (made right) because she believed what had been said about the Israelites’ God. Hebrews 11:31: “By faith, Rahab the prostitute did not die with all the others in her city. They refused to obey God. But she gave a friendly welcome to the spies.” James 2:25: “Rahab, the prostitute, is another example of this. She was saved because of what she did. She hid the messengers and sent them safely away by a different way.” For forty years the peoples in the land heard that the God of Israel had protected, provided for, and led them. He had also given the peoples of the land opportunity to turn to Him. God had told Abram in Genesis 15:16 “After four generations they (Abraham’s descendants) will come back here to this land. For the evil Amorite nations living here now will not be ready to be punished until then.” The battle for Jericho is a prophecy fulfilled.]

Read Joshua chapter 3, verses 1-17.

1. If the Israelites didn’t build a bridge to cross the Jordan River, how did they get across? verses 8,13,14: “Tell the priests who are carrying the Ark to stop at the edge of the river. The priests carrying the Ark will touch the water with their feet. When they do, the river will stop flowing. It

will be as though it were held back by a dam. It will pile up as though against an invisible wall! At that time it was the harvest season. The Jordan River was overflowing all its banks. But the people set out to cross the river. The feet of the priests carrying the Ark touched the water at the river's edge.”

2. How long did the Jordan River stay dry? verse 17: “The priests stood on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan. They were carrying the Ark. They waited as all the people passed by.”

Read Joshua chapter 4, verses 1-24.

1. Who were the twelve men and what special task were they to do? verses 1-3: “When the whole nation had finished crossing the Jordan, the Lord said to Joshua, ‘Choose twelve men from among the people, one from each tribe, and tell them to take up twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan from right where the priests stood and to carry them over with you and put them down at the place where you stay tonight.’”
2. A statue is a reminder to all who look at it that something special happened. What were the people to remember when they saw these stones? “When they do, you can tell them. You might say “It is a reminder for us. It helps us remember that the Jordan River stopped flowing when the Ark of God went across!” The monument will be a lasting reminder to the people of Israel. It will help them remember this great miracle.”
3. One reason the Lord dried up the Jordan was so the Israelites could cross on dry ground. What other reason is given in verse 24? “He did this so all the nations of the earth will know that the Lord is the mighty God. He did it so all of you will worship him forever.”

Read Joshua chapter 5, verses 1-15.

1. Why did all the men and boys have to be circumcised? verses 4,5: “When Israel left Egypt all the men old enough to fight had been circumcised. But that whole generation had died during the years in the wilderness. None of the boys born since that time had been circumcised. That is why they had to do it again at this time. [Circumcision was an outward sign of the covenant God made with Abraham. It is the cutting away of tissue that may seem useless. Today, our hearts are circumcised by God as an inward sign of His covenant between Him and us. It is the cutting away of a heart that is dead in sin, but alive when Jesus lives there. Deuteronomy 30:6: “The Lord your God will circumcise your hearts and the hearts of your descendants, so that you may love him with all your heart and with all your soul, and live.” Also, Romans 2:29 says: “No, a man is a Jew if he is one inwardly; and circumcision is circumcision of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the written code. Such a man’s praise is not from men, but from God.” (NIV)]
2. What happened two days after Passover? verse 12: “The manna stopped the day after they ate this food from the land; there was no longer any manna for the Israelites, but that year they ate of the produce of Canaan.” (NIV)

Read Joshua chapter 6, verses 1-27.

1. In Joshua 6:1-16, are the marching orders for Israel. Place the correct number in front of the group in the order they are to march.

3 priests carrying the Ark

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4 rear guard

[Verses 6-9: “So Joshua called the priests. He gave them their orders. The armed men would lead the parade. They would be followed by seven priests. The priests would blow on their trumpets as they went. Behind them would come the priests carrying the Ark. They would be followed by the rear guard.”]

2. What did the Israelite army do for six days? verse 3: “March around the city once with all the armed men. Do this for six days.” (NIV)
3. What happened on the seventh day? verses 15,16: “At dawn on the seventh day they started out again. But this time they went around the city not once, but seven times. The seventh time, the priests blew a long, loud trumpet blast. When they did, Joshua yelled to the people, ‘SHOUT! The Lord has given us the city!’”
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EXODUS — LESSON 27

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Read Joshua chapter 7, verses 1-26.

1. What did God tell the people in Joshua 6:18?

2. **RISKY:** How did God show His anger to the nation Israel? See Joshua 7:4.

3. What did Joshua and the elders do after the defeat at Ai?

4. What did God tell Joshua in verses 10-12?

5. How was the man found who had committed the sin of stealing?

6. Achan thought he could hide the stolen loot. Stealing is a sin; hiding makes the sin worse. What does Numbers 32:23b say about hiding sin?

7. What happened to Achan? See Joshua 7;24,25b for your answer.

Read Joshua chapter 8, verses 1-27.

1. Israel was defeated at Ai. But, what does God tell Joshua in verse 1 of this chapter?
2. In Joshua 7:2, it was Joshua who sent spies to Ai. God had not given that order. In Joshua 8:1, now God gives Joshua the order to destroy Ai as they had Jericho. But, there is a difference. Compare Joshua 6:18,19 with Joshua 8:2a.

Joshua 6:18

Joshua 8:2a

3. **CHALLENGE:** The military strategy found in Joshua 8 has been used by many armies, over the centuries. How did Joshua defeat Ai?

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EXODUS — WEEK TWENTY-EIGHT

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to end of class CRAFT: SHAVED CRAYON ART

old grater or fine wire screen
crayons or crayon pieces
iron
waxed paper
newspapers
construction paper
scissors

Put newspaper down on work area. Lay waxed paper on top of newspaper, with waxed side ready to catch the crayon shavings. under grater or wire screen. Shave crayons. Lay another piece of waxed paper over shavings, waxed sides touching. Cover with a piece of newspaper. Press with warm iron. If desired, tissue, thread, or other thin objects may be placed with the crayons between the waxed paper; or a design could be made with the shavings. Cut construction paper into strips a little larger than the waxed paper to make a frame. Glue to waxed paper edges. Attach a string for hanging.

EXODUS — LESSON 27 — ANSWERS

Read Joshua chapter 7, verses 1-26.

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2. **RISKY:** How did God show His anger to the nation Israel? See Joshua 7:4. “So about 3,000 soldiers were sent. But they were soundly defeated.” [“Israel’s decision to send only a small army indicated their reliance on past victories and on their own ability apart from God. (Their) defeat was due to sin from within, which rendered them powerless before a seemingly insignificant enemy.”] (CMRE; KJV)
3. What did Joshua and the elders do after the defeat at Ai? verse 6: “Joshua and the elders of Israel tore their clothing. They lay face down before the Ark of the Lord until evening. They threw dust on their heads.” [The dust on the heads was a sign of mourning.]
4. What did God tell Joshua in verses 10-12? “But the Lord said to Joshua, ‘Get up off your face! Israel has sinned and disobeyed my command. Someone has taken loot when I said it was not to be taken. And he has not only taken it, he has also lied about it. He has hidden it among his own things. That is why the people of Israel are being defeated. That is why your men are running from their enemies. They are cursed. I will not stay with you any longer unless you get rid of this sin.’”
5. How was the man found who had committed the sin of stealing? verses 13-15: The people had to be consecrated and brought before the Lord. Then He would choose the tribe, then the clan, then the family, and finally the guilty person.
6. Achan thought he could hide the stolen loot. Stealing is a sin; hiding makes the sin worse. What does Numbers 32:23b say about hiding sin? “And you may be sure that your sin will find you out.” [The Bible tells us there are three things that draw us away from God, the world, the flesh, and the devil. In 1 John 2:15 we are told it is the world (people or things) that draws us away from the Lord. “Stop loving this evil world and all it offers you. When you love these things you show you don’t really love God.” The second is the flesh, which is our own desire to do wrong; to do what we want to do no matter what might happen. Romans 7:18 puts it this way, “I know that my old sinful nature is rotten. No matter which way I turn I can’t make myself do right. I want to but I can’t.” And the devil, who is God’s enemy, really wants and encourages us to do wrong. 1 Peter 5:8 says, “Watch out for attacks from Satan, your great enemy. He prowls around like a hungry roaring lion. He is always looking for someone to tear apart.” On our own we can’t overcome sin. All of us have a selfish “want to” inside of us to do wrong. But Jesus gave up His life so that we don’t have to obey our sinful “want to”. This “want to” is what God calls the “flesh”. When we ask God to forgive our sins and ask Jesus to live in our heart, we have the

power of the Holy Spirit to help us say “No” to our “want to”. But, we don’t always say “no” to our “want to”. This is the world and the devil trying to persuade us to disobey God. That is called temptation. James 1:14,15 says “Temptation is the pull of man’s own evil thoughts and wishes. Evil thoughts lead to evil deeds (sin). Then evil deeds lead to the death penalty from God.” You may wonder how you can keep from doing wrong. How can you get rid of the “want to” inside? Romans 6:6 says, “Your old evil desires were nailed to the cross with (Jesus). The part of you that loves to sin was crushed. Now your sin-loving body is no longer under sins’ control. It no longer needs to be a slave to sin.” When Jesus lives in you, you have the power to say “NO” to the sinful “want to” inside you. Just like the saying, “SAY NO TO DRUGS”, you have the power to say “NO” to sin. You don’t have to let Satan control you. You only have to remember your “want to” is dead because it died when Jesus died. Then you can thank God that your sinful “want to” can no longer boss you around. Also, keep your eyes, ears, hands, feet, and mouth doing those things that you know please God. And, then obey God. Study His word so that you will know how to obey Him, and when you are facing temptation, you don’t have to let your sinful “want to” rule you. But, if, somehow, your selfish, sinful “want to” rules you, confess your sin to the Lord as 1 John 1:9 says. “If we confess our sins, he can be depended on to forgive us. He will cleanse us from every wrong. It is proper for God to do this because Christ died for our sins.” And then continue to obey Him. Be sure to thank Him for His help in keeping you from letting your sinful “want to” rule over you.]

7. What happened to Achan? See Joshua 7:24,25b for your answer. “Then Joshua and all the Israelites took Achan. They took the silver, the robe, and the wedge of gold. They took his sons, his daughters, his oxen, donkeys, sheep, and his tent. They took all that he had! They brought them to the valley of Achor. And the men of Israel stoned them to death and burned their bodies.” [Although there is no Biblical record if Achan’s family were his accomplices, “but in the ancient world, the family was treated as a whole.” Achan was the head of his family. If he did well, so did they. If he didn’t, neither did they. His whole family was stoned “so that no trace of the sin would remain in Israel.” God had commanded to destroy everything in Jericho. Achan disobeyed that command. Therefore, all that belonged to him was destroyed.] (Quoted sections are from LAB, NIV)

Read Joshua chapter 8, verses 1-27.

1. Israel was defeated at Ai. But, what does God tell Joshua in verse 1 of this chapter? “Then the Lord said to Joshua, ‘Don’t be afraid. Don’t give up. Take the whole army and go to Ai. It is now yours to conquer. I have given the king of Ai and all of his people to you.’”
2. In Joshua 7:2, it was Joshua who sent spies to Ai. God had not given that order. In Joshua 8:1, now God gives Joshua the order to destroy Ai as they had Jericho. But, there is a difference. Compare Joshua 6:18,19 with Joshua 8:2a.

Joshua 6:18 “Don’t take any loot. For everything is to be destroyed. If it isn’t, disaster will fall upon the whole nation of Israel. But all the silver and gold and bronze and iron will be given to the Lord. These things must be brought into his treasury.”

Joshua 8:2a “You shall do to them as you did to Jericho and her king. But this time you may keep the loot and the cattle for yourselves.”

3. **CHALLENGE:** The military strategy found in Joshua 8 has been used by many armies, over the centuries. How did Joshua defeat Ai? He planned an ambush. At night, so they couldn't be seen, he sent 30,000 of his bravest men to wait behind the city. The next morning, the rest of the men set out for Ai, with Joshua. They stopped in a valley outside the city, and Joshua sent 5,000 more troops to join the 30,000 already in ambush. The next morning the king of Ai saw the Israelites and sent his army out after them. The Israelites ran, pretending to be beaten. But, when there were no more soldiers left in the city, the 35,000 entered it and set it on fire. When the men of Ai turned and saw their city burning, the Israelites attacked them and killed them. Everyone died, except the king. He was brought to Joshua and later hanged.

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1. How was Joshua deceived by the Gibeonites? “The messengers wore worn-out clothing, as though from a long trip. They wore patched shoes. They had weatherworn saddlebags on their donkeys. They carried old, patched wineskins and dry, moldy bread.” This gave the appearance they were from far away. [Gibeon was a Hivite city, therefore the people from that were called Gibeonites.]
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6. How did the people respond to Joshua according to Joshua 24:16,18? “And the people said, ‘We would never forsake the Lord! We would never worship other gods! For the Lord our God is the one who saved our fathers. He brought them from their slavery in the land of Egypt. He is the God who did mighty miracles. He did them before the eyes of Israel, as we traveled through the wilderness. He saved us from our enemies when we passed through their land. It was the Lord who drove out the Amorites. And he drove out the other nations living here in the land. Yes, we choose the Lord! For he alone is our God!’”
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8. How old was Joshua when he died? See Joshua 24:29. “Soon after this he died at the age of 110.” [This is the same age as Joseph was, Genesis 50:22.]

[In Joshua 20, there is a list of the cities of refuge. The Simplified Living Bible states: “In bible times, what happened if you accidentally killed another person? There was a custom that the dead person’s closest relative could kill you in revenge. but there was a way of escape.

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