

God Promises to Rescue Israel

Exodus 5:22-7:7

The Big Idea: Even when it hurts, God wants us to be faithful.

Read the passage

Story Summary for Children:

After Pharaoh increased the workload for the Israelite slaves, the Hebrew leaders blamed Moses and Aaron. So Moses prayed and blamed God for making things worse. God reminded Moses that he would free the Israelites from Egypt through a display of his power. Both Israel and Egypt would know God after experiencing the plagues. When Moses told the people what God said, they were too discouraged to believe him. Then God told Moses and Aaron to go back to Pharaoh and tell him to let God's people go. Both men did as God commanded.

Family Story Discussion Questions:

1. What did Moses do when the Israelites blamed him? (He prayed and blamed God)
2. What was God's answer? (Paraphrase: Don't worry, I will show Pharaoh who is boss!)
3. How did the Israelites respond? (They didn't believe God because they were discouraged)
4. What did God tell Moses to do? (Go back to Pharaoh and tell him to release God's people)

Family Lesson Discussion Questions:

1. Moses was upset that God let things get worse? Have you ever been upset with God?
2. How should we respond when things don't go the way we want?
3. What was the last thing God told you to do? Are you still doing it? Why or why not?

Memory Verse: "But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed." *1 Peter 4:13*

Parents: Tell your children about something God told you to do recently. Explain why you think God wants you to do it and how it's going.

A Look Ahead: Next week the passage is Exodus 7:8-10:29 and the Big Idea will be, "God can do anything!" Ask your family, "What is impossible?" You may also want to read next week's passage with your child and start explaining the story.