

Whatever Happens, God Is In Charge

Exodus 1:1-22

The Big Idea: Whatever happens, God is in charge

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Story Summary For Children:

A long time ago, a man named Joseph and his family left their home and went to a whole different country called Egypt. They were different than everyone else living in Egypt, but everyone lived together and loved each other. For many years, the two groups of people lived together. Joseph's family grew very large and were called Israelites. But a new king, or Pharaoh, came to power who did not know of Joseph and did not like the Israelites. He was scared that the Israelites would take over and take away all his power so he made some changes. He made the Israelites into slaves. Slaves are people who don't have any freedom. They have to work hard and do whatever Pharaoh says. But the Israelites still grew in number. So Pharaoh ordered all of the Israelite boy babies to be killed.

Family Story Discussion Questions:

1. What two groups of people is the story about? (Israelites and Egyptians)
2. Did the people live peacefully together? (Yes, until the new Pharaoh changed things)
3. What changes did Pharaoh make? (He made the Israelites slaves and killed the baby boys)
4. Why did Pharaoh change things?
5. Did God know what was happening to the Israelites? (yes)
6. What did God do? (He was kind to the midwives and the people and gave them families)

Family Lesson Discussion Questions:

1. Can you tell us about something bad that has happened to you?
2. Why do you think they happened?
3. Do you think God knew about that?
4. What do you think you should do when bad things happen? (Pray and make sure to obey God)
5. What do you think God will do when you ask Him to help? (He will take care of you)
6. Can you think of a time when something good came out of something bad?

Memory Verse: *“You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.”* Genesis 50:20

Parents: Tell your children a story about a time that something bad happened, but how you could still see that God was in charge and taking care of you. Tell them how it makes you feel to know that God is in charge.

[**Parents:** How can you model this week’s lesson for your children this week? That is, how can you show your children that God is in charge?]

Family Activity: As a family, look at a map of Egypt. Point out the Nile River and the Red Sea. You can also find pictures online or from Pastor David of things like the Pyramids and other artifacts.

A Look Ahead: Next week the Big Idea will be, “God uses everything for our Good (God Recycles).” Ask your family, “What do we recycle? Why do we recycle?”