

# Family Worship Guide

## Week 17

### Read

#### Exodus 1-2

- **Questions**

**1. At the end of Genesis all of Joseph's family was living happily in Egypt. It is now 200 years later. When they came there was about 70 people. God blessed them with many children, generation after generation. Now there were at least 1 million of them! Why was Pharaoh so upset about this?** In Exodus 1:9-10 we learn that Pharaoh was afraid that the Israelites might fight against them - and win!

**2. What did Pharaoh do?**

He forced the Israelites to become his slaves. He treated them ruthlessly and made them build great cities for him. He also tried to stop the Jews from becoming more numerous, so he gave a command that all Hebrew baby boys were to be killed.

**3. In chapter 2 we learn about the birth of a special boy. His name was Moses. What did his mother do in order to save his life?** She placed him in a small basket, like a miniature Noah's ark, and sent him floating down the Nile. She disobeyed the law in order to save her baby's life. Her daughter, Moses' sister Miriam, was careful to watch what happened to the basket.

**4. What did God do?**

God kept Moses safe and guided the basket down the river to Pharaoh's daughter. She had compassion on the baby. Amazingly, Moses' mother was chosen by Pharaoh's daughter to nurse and take care of her own baby!

**5. At the end of chapter 2 Moses is a grown man. What did Moses do when he saw one of the Hebrews being beaten?** He killed the Egyptian who was beating the Hebrew. He hid his body in the sand and he ran away to Midian.

**6. At last the suffering of the Israelites became so great that they cried out to God to help them! What did God do, and what should we learn from this?** God heard the cries of His people. God had allowed this to happen to them for a reason. This was all a part of His plan to set His people free and bring them to the Promised Land.

**\*Talk as a family about things that are painful for you right now. Ask God to rescue you! Ask Him to give you faith to trust Him until He does.**

## Praise

Praise God for giving us:  
Himself  
Grace and Mercy  
Salvation  
Our family  
Our church family

What has God done in our family this week that we can give him praise?

## Pray

Use the ACTS model (Example below.)

- ADORATION – “He keeps His promises.”
- CONFESSION – “Confess times when we have not obeyed”
- THANKSGIVING – “How has God been faithful to your family?”
- SUPPLICATION – “God encourages us to bring all of our needs and burdens to Him.”
- Pray that we will live obediently to God’s Word.
- Pray for your neighbors by name! Pray that God will bless them!
- Pray for our EFM mission field in Rwanda. Please pray for our missionary team there! Pray for the Gospel to be received and lives to be changed!

## Memorize

“So God heard Israel’s groaning, and God remembered His covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob” - **Exodus 2:24**

## Digging Deeper

(Optional activities)

Kids Fun

### Option #1

**Words in bold are what you can say to lead this activity.**

**Supplies needed: None**

**To get our time of family worship started tonight, we are going to play a famous game. Maybe you have played it before. It is called Simon says. But we are going to give it another name. I need someone to volunteer to be the first “Simon.” Instead of calling this “Simon Says” - we are going to use your name! For instance, the game is now “Mike Says” or “Jenny Says.” In case you don’t remember how to play, our volunteer will stand up and give us instructions. When they**

say "[their name] says" we all have to do it. If they don't say [their name] then we don't do what they say.

If we accidentally do what they say when they don't say their name, we are out. Play a few rounds. Give different people the chance to be "Simon." This is a game where "Simon" is in complete control. If Simon says do something, we do it! If Simon says stop doing something, we stop doing it. If we do something that Simon doesn't say to do, we lose! If we don't do something Simon says to do, we lose!

We are going to do our first family worship time in a new book of the Bible - the book of Exodus. In the first two chapters of the book, we are going to meet a new Pharaoh of Egypt who thought he was in total control of everything that happened in his country. He thought he was "sovereign." Sovereign is a word that means you have all power and control everything. But Pharaoh was in for a rude awakening. God was on the move. The only one in the entire universe who is sovereign is God! In the book of Exodus we are going to read about some of the most amazing things God has ever done.

## Option #2

### WATCH A MOVIE

Consider watching the movie "The Prince of Egypt" together as a family. Give your kids the assignment to identify parts of the movie that are accurate according to the Bible, and the parts that are made up or inaccurate according to the Bible. Using a movie in this way can teach your children to believe the truth and accurate history of God's word above human wisdom, opinion, and creativity.

### For Teens

**1. Exodus 1 is one of many stories in the Bible where we see evil forces wanting to kill babies - a great sin in the eyes of God. First Pharaoh told the midwives to kill Hebrew boys when they were born. They disobeyed the law because they feared God. Then Pharaoh commanded everyone in Egypt to throw Hebrew baby boys in the Nile River. Down through history those who hate God have also hated children and sought to kill them. God has always called His people to stand against evil to save and love children.**

**What can you and your family do to save babies who are in danger today?**

Find out by clicking the "How To Help" link at [www.carenet.org](http://www.carenet.org).

**2. God used Miriam, Moses' older sister, in a very important way. What did she do? What can we learn from this about what God wants from older siblings?**

In Exodus 2:4 Miriam carefully watched Moses as he floated down the Nile. It seems that she kept her distance and followed the basket down the Nile. In Exodus

2:7, as soon as Pharaoh's daughter discovered the baby, Miriam offered to help Pharaoh's daughter find a Hebrew woman who could nurse baby Moses. She immediately made arrangements for her own mother to be the one to care for baby Moses!

***Are you an older sibling? What does God expect from you in regards to caring for and protecting your younger siblings?***