

City LG—October 23rd, 2022

Today's Bible Story: Deliver Us (Burning Bush and the 10 Plagues) • *Exodus 3–6:12; 7–12:42*

Today's Bottom Line: Hold on because God knows what you're going through.

Monthly Memory Verse: *Let us not become tired of doing good. At the right time we will gather a crop if we don't give up. Galatians 6:9 (NirV)*

REMINDER: Kids will need to be grouped into Small Groups to begin Service

WORSHIP: "Undefeated" and "Something Good"

"Hello, friends! Are you ready to hear what's next in God's Big Story? (*Hold up Bible.*) If you haven't been here in a while, or if this is your first time, don't worry! I'll catch you up. Let's take a minute to recap where we've been so far.

"God had a plan to bless the whole world through Abraham and Sarah's family. Abraham and Sarah's descendants were known as the Israelites, or Hebrews.

"Abraham's great-grandson Joseph lived in Egypt and was in charge of the food there. When there was a famine and there wasn't anything to eat in the rest of the land, Joseph's family members packed up and traveled to Egypt. Joseph saved them by giving them food to eat.

"Over time, the Hebrews grew to be a very large group of people in Egypt. The pharaoh was worried about the Hebrews becoming too powerful, so he enslaved them and made them work without being paid.

"Still, the Hebrew families continued to grow. The Egyptians treated them very badly and made them work really hard, so they cried out to God for help. God heard them. And God chose someone to help them—a Hebrew man named Moses.

"We talked about Moses last week, when he was just a baby! Moses was raised in Pharaoh's palace, but eventually he ran away to live as a shepherd in the land of Midian."

"Now, Moses was 80 years old at this point. One day, while Moses was taking care of his sheep, he saw something amazing. Could I have someone come up here and let us see what's inside box number one?

"Moses saw a bush that was on fire—but the bush didn't burn up!

"God's voice called out to Moses from the fire. God told Moses to take off his sandals, because the place where he was standing was holy ground. God said to Moses . . .

Open the Bible to Exodus 3:6-10 (NirV) and read.

"I am the God of your father. I am the God of Abraham. I am the God of Isaac. And I am the God of Jacob . . . I have seen how my people are suffering in Egypt. I have heard them cry out because of their slave drivers. I am concerned about their suffering.

“So, I have come down to save them from the Egyptians. I will bring them up out of that land. I will bring them into a good land. It has a lot of room. It is a land that has plenty of milk and honey. . . So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh. I want you to bring the Israelites out of Egypt. They are my people.”

“WOW. Can you imagine how Moses must have felt when he saw the burning bush and heard the voice of God? God had heard the cries of the people, and now God wanted Moses to help them. Let’s find out what happens next with the help of this week’s video!”

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 11:00)

“So, the Israelites packed up in the middle of the night and left as quickly as they could, taking their flocks and herds with them. After hundreds of years, they were finally free! God had heard their cries for help and had rescued them.

“So, what happened next to the Israelites? Well, let’s just say this story is to be continued. So, I hope you come back next week to find out!

“But for now, the important thing to remember is that God was with the Israelites, even when they were enslaved in Egypt. God heard their cries for help. God led them to freedom!

“God knew what the Israelites were going through. And God knows what WE’RE going through, too. It might be something big, or something small, or something that just FEELS really heavy in your life right now. Whatever you’re dealing with, you can know for sure that God loves you and can give you the strength to hold on. God has put people in your life who love you and can help you, too. Let’s learn today’s Bottom Line!”

CG: Bottom Line Video (Runtime: 1:00)

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] “Hold on because God knows what you’re going through.

“Let’s pray and thank God for being so good to us.”

PRAY: “Dear God, thank You for this incredible story. Even though the Israelites had been held captive for so long, You knew what they were going through. You had a plan to rescue them! Help us remember that and remember that you know exactly what’s going on in our lives, too. Give us the faith to **trust You no matter what**. Thank You for being so good and so faithful to us, God. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

“God’s people, the Israelites, cried out to God to save them. They were enslaved in Egypt, and they wanted so badly to be free!

“God knew what the Israelites were going through the whole time. And God had a plan to save them. That’s why God called out to Moses from the burning bush.

“God chose Moses to lead the people to freedom. Moses knew that God was with him when he and

Aaron went to talk to the pharaoh. It took all those awful plagues before the pharaoh finally agreed to let God's people go.

"The story of the Israelites is so BIG and so EPIC, but really, what was true for the Israelites is also true for us today. God is with us. God knows what we're going through in our lives. That's why we can hold on. Because we're never really alone.

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] "Hold on because God knows what you're going through."

"God rescued the Israelites from slavery. And that was just the beginning of God's ultimate rescue plan. When the time was right, God sent Jesus to be the Savior of the entire world! When we put our hope and our trust in Jesus, we have the strength we need to keep going in tough times.

"So even when bad things happen, we can know for sure that God is with us. God knows what we're going through, and God is there to help us through, even if it's not always in the way we expect.

"Our memory verse for this month is a great one. It's Galatians 6:9. Let's say it together."

SLIDE: Memory Verse

KIDS: *"Let us not become tired of doing good. At the right time we will gather a crop if we don't give up."* (NirV)

"That's right! Let's not get tired. Let's live with grit, because God knows what we're going through."

OFFERING TIME:

Eli and Mandy Garcia
Vida Nueva Ministries
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We're bringing our offering in each week this month, to bless our friends in Mexico at Vida Nueva Ministries. Your offering will go to help our friends have all that they need to learn more about Jesus, just like you do here in Parkview Kids every week. So, if you brought your offering you can bring it up now while this video plays. And you might even see some faces you recognize!

CG: Parkview Missions Trip to Mexico (Runtime: 1:30)