



MEMORY VERSE

Exodus 14:14

The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still.

ELEMENTARY

God is I AM

PARENT DEVOTIONAL

Exodus 1–4

God revealed Himself to Moses in an amazing way and He called Himself I AM. No one is like Him! Moses lived no ordinary life. During his early years, Moses participated in three cultures: Hebrew, Egyptian, and Midian. As a Hebrew, he was condemned to death; as an Egyptian, he was the adopted son of the princess of Egypt (and watched his kinsmen slave away in the hot sun); as a Midianite, he was an outlaw who married into a foreign tribe.

Certainly there must have been days, or years, when Moses was greatly distressed about his identity. He even named his first son Gershom, saying, "I have become an alien in a foreign land" (Exodus 2:22). But all along, God knew who Moses was—a Hebrew, one of God's chosen people. But Moses was also a Levite, a descendent of the priestly tribe of Levi, one of Jacob's sons. Wow!

Moses was a direct descendant of God's covenant promise with Abraham. Moses began to understand who he was the moment God revealed Himself in the burning bush. God called Himself the God of Moses' father and the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. By saying this, God reminded Moses of his heritage, both physical and spiritual.

God called Moses to be the hands and feet to bring about His incredible plan to reveal Himself to His people and save them from bondage. Moses would have remained an alien in a foreign land had God not revealed Himself and reminded Moses of his heritage and given him his true calling: service to the one true God. Truly, Moses found his identity in God.

In an ancient Egyptian culture, people believed in and worshipped hundreds of gods. When Moses asked for God's name in Exodus 3:13–14, Moses was trying to understand God's place in his culture. God responded in an unexpected way—God said, "I AM WHO I AM."

God doesn't always fit in our boxes and paradigms. He can't be constrained by our expectations. What would it look like for us to shift our expectations? After all, God never promises that we will fully know or understand who He is. That would be impossible. Instead, God assures us that He completely knows and understands us. He sees our full and complete identity in Him, and He deeply loves us as His children.

It's easy to desire to serve and be used by God without ever pausing to receive from Him first. However, we'll be ineffective in God's kingdom if we try to participate without receiving His love first. That leads to burnout. As you prepare to serve God this week, take time to meditate on God's truth about you. Set apart time to simply receive His love. Consider using these Scriptures as a launching pad: Ephesians 3:14–21, Isaiah 61, Psalm 36:5–9, and Psalm 116. As you read, ask yourself what stands out in each of these passages. Spend a few moments in silence, thinking over what you just read. Ask God to continue revealing to you the depth of His love for you.

GOD IS I AM

Exodus 1–4

God reunites Joseph and his family.

NEXT WEEK: GOD IS I AM

Exodus 1–4

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DID YOU KNOW

- Through the plagues, God attacked each false Egyptian god, showing He alone is the one true God.
- God's plan for Israel wasn't only to deliver them and cast down Egyptian gods, but to call His people to worship Him.
- God fought not only to deliver the Israelites from their bondage but also to deliver their hearts and minds from the allegiance to false gods.

CONNECT AS A FAMILY

Read a few passages describing the first part of the biblical account of the exodus in Exodus 5:1–5; 9:1–7, 13–23. Then go on a walk outside with your kids. As you walk, explain to them that the Egyptians believed in lots of different gods. However, we know there is only one true God who controls everything. As you notice different aspects of nature, point these out to your children (sun, wind, body of water, etc.) and remind them of God's power in creation.

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss these questions together:

- What did Pharaoh say when Moses and Aaron asked him to let the people go?
- What did God do to show Pharaoh that He wanted the Israelites to be let go?
- How do you think the Israelites felt as they watched God fight for them?

These questions can easily extend into the rest of the week. Look for opportunities to bring conversations about how God is your Warrior into your everyday life as a family.

BLESSING

Blessings are often used in the Bible. A blessing can be a prayer of commission, a portion of Scripture, or words to encourage and guide.

A blessing to pray over your child:

(Child's name), may you go out this week with peace. May you know that God is your Warrior.

BIBLICAL LITERACY & GOD'S STORY

Last week, we finished our study of the book of Genesis. Today in KIDS' CLUB we will add a Genesis & Exodus Bible marker to our timeline. We will respond to today's lesson by sharing different characteristics of God we have learned through studying Scripture (who God is and what God has done/will do). God the Father, Son, & Holy Spirit is the hero of every story, both in Scripture and in our lives today! As you talk with your child about Scripture and their lives, help them identify what characteristics of God they encounter.



MINUTE^w/GOD

Bible Reading Plan:
Matthew 26, Mark 14

30

Luke 23, John 18-19

Matthew 26:42
He went away a second time and prayed, "My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may Your will be done." ---
What aspect of His suffering do you think was hardest for Jesus?

Thank Jesus that He was willing to suffer and die for you. rap of sin.

John 19:28-30
Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips. When He had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

How did Jesus' death & resurrection change everything?

Thank God for the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Luke 22, John 13

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John 13:15-16
I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

What does being blessed really mean?

Ask God to help you do things He will bless.

John 14-17

John 14:6
Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." ---
Other than someone's faith in Jesus, is there any other way to God?

Praise God that Jesus is the way, and the only way, to God.

Matthew 27, Mark 15

John 27:54
When the centurion and those with him who were guarding Jesus saw the earthquake and all that had happened, they were terrified, and exclaimed, "Surely he was the Son of God!"

What else do you think the soldiers felt?

Thank God for His truth.

SCIENCE EXPERIMENT

WATER REVEAL

Here is a science experiment you can do at home with your kids to review today's story!

SUPPLIES

- Large coffee filter
- Scissors
- Marker (black, non-permanent) · Eyedropper
- Water (about 1 Tbsp.)

PREPARE

Cut a circle out of the coffee filter.

INSTRUCTIONS

Lead your children in an experiment that will reveal a variety of colors from a black dot of ink. To begin, use the marker to draw a black dot the size of a small coin onto the circle you cut from the coffee filter. Then, using an eyedropper, squeeze about 10 drops of water onto the dot and watch as the black dot changes and reveals various colors.

RELATE

While Moses was tending to his flocks, he saw something unusual. Read Exodus 3:2. What did Moses see? Allow responses. Yes, Moses saw a burning bush. Moses heard his name called from the bush, and he went over to find out what was happening. God was calling Moses through the bush! Read Exodus 3:5. What did God say to Moses? Allow responses. The Lord told Moses to take off his shoes because he was standing on holy ground.

The Lord revealed Himself to Moses in that bush and told Moses of His plan for His people. Read Exodus 3:7-8a. What was God's plan? Allow responses. God was planning to rescue His people from slavery in Egypt. God revealed His plan to Moses because He was sending Moses to go before Pharaoh to ask Pharaoh to let the people go.

God revealed Himself to Moses, and He also reveals Himself to us. In what ways does God reveal Himself to you? Allow responses.