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August 3-4, 2013

DATE

Moses and Red Sea

LESSON TITLE

Exodus 5-15; Philippians 4:13

WHERE TO FIND IT

God rescues his family

MAIN POINT

## schedule

**Hang out with kids (10 minutes):** Ask kids about their week. Get kids into groups and play games together.

**Large Group (30 minutes):** Model what it looks like to be engaged in large group. And don't be afraid to redirect kids who aren't!

**Small Group (20-30 minutes):** Keep kids in small groups until parents arrive. If you *all* have extra time at the end, you can review the video and songs together.

## tips

Large group may take longer than usual today. Start it on time—or even early!

## check-in/out

As kids leave, remind them to tell their parents the verse they memorized.

## large group heads up

Today's story is about one of the times God delivered his family by parting the Red Sea. It's pretty remarkable. Best of all, it reveals how powerful God is—and how much he loves to use his power to rescue his family.



## instructions

**Goal:** to help kids identify how God displayed his power in today's story and imagine how we'd like to see his power displayed in their lives

**Tip:** Don't spend too long on "Power Pictionary"—make sure you get to dig deeper and apply the truths too.

**Why?** If kids are able to identify acts of God's power on their own in the story, they'll know how to identify God's power on their own in real-life situations too.

## small group

### CONNECT

1. Share your name and one word to describe the best part of your week (if you've already connected before large group, move directly to question #2).

### MEMORIZE VERSE

2. Before we talk about this story, let's say the verse we learned together: **Philippians 4:13: I can do everything by the power of Christ. He gives me strength.** Say it again (with motions if you want), to memorize it:
  - a. I (point to self) can do everything (sweep arms dramatically outward, as to encompass "everything")
  - b. By the power (flex arms) of Christ (point up)
  - c. He (point up) gives me (point to self) strength (flex arms).

### REVIEW: PLAY POWER Pictionary

3. Give each kid a slip of **paper** and ask them to **draw or write** down one way God showed his power in today's story. Collect the slips and don't show them to anyone.
4. Split the group into two teams and play Pictionary.
  - a. Each person gets one chance to draw. Hand them one of the slips of paper. They are drawing a scene from the story that shows God's power. (You may need to help them come up with an idea of what to draw.)
  - b. One person goes at a time—only their team can guess.
  - c. Give each person 30 seconds to a minute, depending on your group's needs (keep time with your phone or ask a kid to be timekeeper).
  - d. Points are earned by a teammate correctly guessing what is being drawn within the allotted time period.

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### **DIG DEEPER**

5. What was the most surprising/confusing/cool way God showed his power? (Make sure kids don't have questions about the story.)
6. What did you learn about God's power in this story?
7. How do we know God still has that kind of power? (if kids are stuck, think of modern-day miracles or refer to the vastness of creation; can look up Malachi 3:6 about how God doesn't change; but really push kids to think of examples in their lives or the lives of those around them)

### **APPLY**

8. **Review Philippians 4:13 together.**
9. What's one thing you want God to help you do this week?
10. How will you remember to ask God to help you do it through his power? (encourage kids to memorize the verse for this purpose or find another tangible way like writing the verse down and putting it in their pocket, putting a string around their finger, asking a good friend to remind them throughout the week, etc.)

**\*Pray together, asking God to specifically help each kid with what he or she expressed in question #9.**

*Extra time? Grab a group game or play a few more rounds of Power Pictionary!*

## special notes

Today's story is about how God used Moses to deliver the Israelites. Moses certainly couldn't have led them to freedom on his own, but through God, he had the power.

## presenter tips

This is an amazing story of God's power. Try to approach it with fresh eyes, and reflect your awe to the kids.

## script

Hi everybody. Welcome to Kids' Club! It's great to see each and every one of you. Today, we're going to learn about another part of God's Story. Remember, the Bible tells us *parts* God's story, but God's story is still happening right now!

### **INTRO: GOD DOES THE IMPOSSIBLE**

One part of God's story we've been talking about is how God had an important mission for a guy named Moses. God wanted Moses to rescue his people from the Egyptian ruler, Pharaoh, who was forcing them to work for him as slaves. Problem is, Moses didn't think he could do it.

We're going to start today by imagining how we would feel if we had to do something impossible. Everybody stand up! (Let kids stand.) Alright, stand against this wall (lead kids to one wall in the room).

Your job is to get to the other side of that wall without walking through any doors. (Give kids a minute.) Anybody want to try it? No? Why not? (Let kids respond.) OK, fine. Go ahead and sit back down. (Let kids sit.)

The truth is, walking through the wall is a silly idea. There's no reason we would need to do that right now. But sometimes we face situations where we have to do something, and we really can't figure out how. Let's remember a verse we've talked about before, Philippians 4:13.

**SLIDE: Philippians 4:13: I can do everything by the power of Christ. He gives me strength.**

Today, we're going to see how God used his power to help Moses lead God's people to freedom, a job that truly seemed impossible.



## script continued

### **MOSES NEEDS GOD'S HELP**

When God first gave Moses the job of rescuing his family, he asked Moses to go to Egypt and say to Pharaoh, "God says to let his people go."

Moses obeyed. He walked into Pharaoh's court and asked him to free God's family. But what do you guys think Pharaoh said? (Let kids say: NO!) Yep, Pharaoh said "NO."

This is where the situation starts getting worse. Moses could do nothing by himself to convince Pharaoh that he should obey God. He had no power or money. There was no reason for him to think Pharaoh would ever listen to him.

### **THE PLAGUES**

So Moses knew he needed to let *God* change Pharaoh's mind. And he believed that God would help him, because he knew God *wanted* to rescue his family.

God's family—the Israelites—were afraid of Pharaoh. He was treating them very badly and they knew if they tried to run free, he would hurt them, maybe even kill them. But Moses assured them that God would change Pharaoh's mind. And God sent 10 warning signs to show Pharaoh he'd better listen.

We're going to watch a video clip of how God used Moses to warn Pharaoh. As you watch, see if you can figure out how God helped Moses change Pharaoh's mind.

### **Video Clip: The Bible DVD (21:21-23:30)**

Wow, what were some of the things God did to show Pharaoh that he wanted his family to be free? (Let kids respond. They may say: frogs, darkness, hail, boils/sores, gnats, dead livestock, locusts, etc. The clip flashes quickly through the plagues so don't worry about trying to name nine.) Sounds pretty awful, doesn't it?!

And did any of those things work? (Let kids say: No!) No, Pharaoh wouldn't change his mind! Not even after his whole house was filled with frogs, locusts covered the land, flies flew in the window and covered his house, or darkness covered everything day and night...not even after he had those itchy boils on his face.

### **THE PASSOVER**

But what was the last plague? The one that would change Pharaoh's mind? (Let kids say: The oldest sons would die.) Yes, an angel of death would come and take all the oldest sons. We didn't see this part in the movie, but it sounds like a pretty serious warning, doesn't it?

Well, the amazing thing is, God rescued all the sons in his special family. They could kill a lamb instead. If they killed a lamb and wiped its blood on the door, the angel of death would skip over their house. God was giving us a preview into the way Jesus would one day take the punishment of death that should have been ours. One day, we would be rescued too!



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Well, after Pharaoh's oldest son died, he wanted God's family to get far away from him! He didn't want any worse plagues to come. So he sent them away. Just like that, they were free!

### PHARAOH CHANGES HIS MIND

God's family left right away and headed out of Egypt, toward the land God had promised them. But then....something horrible happened! Pharaoh decided that he didn't want to let God's family go! He wanted them to keep working for him, as his slaves. And he decided that he was going to go back and get them! He got his whole army together and they started chasing after the Israelites

### GOD PARTS THE RED SEA

God's family had a head start, but before long, they came to the edge of the Red Sea. It was way too deep to cross or swim. So they had to stop, which meant that Pharaoh and his army was getting closer and closer...

How do you think they felt as they stood there, stuck at the Red Sea, watching Pharaoh and his army get closer? **Turn and tell a friend how you would feel.** (Let kids turn and tell a friend.)

Some of you may know that God did a miracle and got his family across. Does anybody know how? (Let kids say: He created a path through the Red Sea.) Yes, he made a path, right through the sea! Even if you've heard this before, this is pretty amazing. We're going to watch a clip about this story. As you watch, imagine what you would be thinking or feeling if you were an Israelite.

### Video Clip: The Bible DVD (about 5 minutes)

**(Refer to the last frame still on the screen--the Israelites looking out at the Red Sea they just crossed.)** Wow, look at that. They made it...and then God closed the sea, right over the Egyptians. They were free! How do you think they felt as they (1) watched that sea part, (2) walked through the middle, then (3) watched it close on their enemies on the other side? **Turn and tell a friend how you would have felt.** (Let kids tell a friend.) I can hardly even imagine it!

### GOD IS POWERFUL

When God asked Moses to lead his family to safety, Moses didn't think he could do it. He wasn't very powerful on his own. But Moses trusted God, and God helped him, just like he promised. When the people got to the Red Sea, they were angry with Moses, because they thought he led them out of Egypt to die. But Moses trusted God again...and God had a plan!

God helped Moses send warnings to Pharaoh and even made a dry path in the middle of the river! He is powerful enough to rescue his people from anything.

### WORSHIP

Wow, that's great news! We are part of God's family—and HE is more powerful than anything...and loves to rescue us and help us follow him. So we can trust Him too. Let's stand up and sing to thank God for loving us and having the power to rescue us. (Only do one song if large group is getting long.)



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**Song: Bravery**

**Song: I Get Down**

**PRAY**

Ask somebody to come and thank God that we can trust him.

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# PREP needs



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## small group supplies

- Markers
- Plain white paper (5 per group per service)
- ¼ sheet of paper per kid
- Timer (most people can use a cell phone or ask a kid with a phone to keep time, but having a couple extra per room if we have them would be helpful)

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## large group supplies

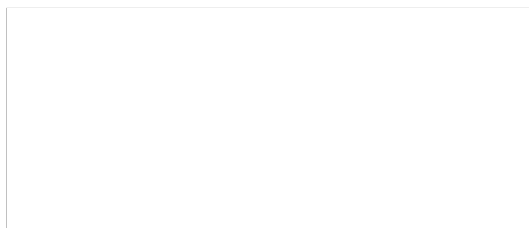
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## a/v needs

1. Slide: Philippians 4:13: I can do everything by the power of Christ. He gives me strength.
2. Video Clip: The Bible DVD (Disc 1, Chapter: Exodus: 21:21-23:30)
3. Video Clip: The Bible DVD (Disc 1, Chapter: Exodus: 32:38-37:58) (last frame should remain still on the screen – the Israelites looking at the Red Seat they just crossed)
4. Song: Bravery (version with person and hand motions)

5. Song: I Get Down



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## special room set-up

None

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## connect questions

Tell me about Moses.  
How did God rescue his family?

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## parent page

God asked Moses to follow him and play an important role in his story—a role Moses couldn't play on his own. Fortunately, God is all-powerful and he loves to rescue his family. Ask your kid how God helped Moses in today's story. You can also read this story together in Exodus 5-15.