

# Moses

## Session FOUR

### TEACHING NOTES

**God's promise** (Genesis 50:24-26)

**The Israelites in bondage** (Exodus 1:8-11, 15-17)

**God's plan in motion – Moses' birth** (Exodus 1:17, 2:1-11a)

Moses strategically adopted and equipped

Moses' failure (Exodus 2:11-15)

**God communicates** (Exodus 3)

When God comes to us, His first desire is for us to know Him better.

God communicates to Moses His plan and the promise to lead the Israelites from captivity to a wonderful land and freedom.

#### KEY VERSE(S)

Exodus 1-10

#### KEY THEME(S)

God keeps His promises  
God communicates  
Believing God

God's name I AM shows His eternal nature

INTRODUCTION INNOCECE CONSCIENCE HUMAN GOVERNMENT PROMISE

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Faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see. - Hebrews 11:1

Moses wants some answers. (Exodus 3:11, 4:1, 4:10)

When God invites us to join Him we need to trust that He will provide for what we can't see.

**Believing God** (Exodus 5:1-5)

Pharaoh refuses to listen and won't let the Israelites go.

God reminds Moses of His promise to them. (Exodus 6:6-8)

**God's power against Egypt – the plagues** (Exodus 7:14-10:29)

Nile to Blood	Frogs	Gnats
Flies	Death of Livestock	Boils on Egyptians
Hail	Locusts	Darkness

God uses the plagues to not only not free the Israelites but also showed Himself more powerful than the gods of Egypt. (Exodus 18:10-11)

**Faith in Moses' life** (Hebrews 11:23-26)

Faith in what God promised, not in what Moses could do for God

**PERSONAL STUDY****NOTES**

This is your personal study time, a time for you and God. Take this opportunity to intentionally seek God knowing that He is pursuing you right this very minute. God is the one who is going to grow you closer to Him. He desires a willing heart.

**Session 1** (approximately 20 minutes)**Prepare your heart and mind**

Begin by praying for the Holy Spirit to stir in you a hunger to know Him more. The enemy may put doubt in your mind or tell you lies about yourself or God such as He speaks to others and not you, or I am not spiritual enough for God to speak to me. Take those thoughts captive and rest in the knowledge that you serve a God who desires a relationship with you and delights over you.

**Israelites in bondage****Read Exodus 1- 2:10**

How do you see God's hand on Moses...

- Through his parents?
- Through his sister?
- Through his Egyptian family?
- Through the Hebrew midwives?

Why did the midwives disobey Pharaoh (1:15-21)?

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**Read Exodus 2:1-8**

Considering the truth of Romans 8:28 “all things work together for good,” how do you see this working out in the life of Moses?

Notice how God used Pharaoh’s daughter and royal palace to protect and educate Moses. Notice how God used Moses’ own mother to influence and be involved with how God was fulfilling His promises even in the midst of difficult times. God keeps His promises often in ways that our minds cannot imagine.

It’s easy to see how God worked in Moses’ life. Have you seen Him working in your own life? How?

**A burning bush**

**Read Exodus 3:7-10**

Describe the character of God and His heart for His people.

Identify how God kept His promise.

Restate what God clearly asked Moses to do.

Read the following passages and identify each of the objections Moses gave God and then write God’s response.

Moses’ Objection	God’s Response
Ex 3:11-12	
Ex 3:13-14	
Ex 4:1-5	
Ex 4:10-12	
Ex 4:13	

**Application**

Think of times God has called you to obey and the reluctance you may have felt. Write down which area of objection you have used with God. Perhaps you have felt inadequate or have questioned God. Rest assured, God will never ask us to do something He is not ready to do through us. We need to focus on what God is going to do and His power, not on what we can't do.

**Prayer time**

Spend some time talking to God. Thank and praise Him for what He is doing in your life. Thank Him for specific ways you have seen Him work in your life this week. Pray God's Word from Romans 8:28 by saying "God I trust that you will work together for good ALL things in my life." Fill in the blank with something personal, "God I will trust that you are working \_\_\_\_\_ for my good."

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**Session 2** (approximately 20 minutes)**Prepare your heart and mind**

There may be many things or people pulling at your thoughts. Invite the Holy Spirit to fill you with peace and the ability to focus on the present opportunity to draw closer to God.

**The plagues**

As you read about the plagues keep the following questions in mind. Feel free to write any thoughts or answers in the space provided.

- Who does the plague affect?
- Can the Egyptian magicians replicate it / reverse it?
- What is Pharaoh's response?
- What happens to Pharaoh's heart?

Exodus 7:14-24 – Plague of Blood

Exodus 8:1-15 – Plague of Frogs

Exodus 8:16-19 – Plague of Gnats

Exodus 8:20-32 – Plague of Flies

Exodus 9:1-7 – Plague on Livestock

Exodus 9:8-12 – Plague of Boils

Exodus 9:13-35 – Plague of Hail

Exodus 10:1-20 – Plague of Locusts

Exodus 10:21-29 – Plague of Darkness

**Read**

As you read these passages, write out the purposes God had for the plagues.

Exodus 3:18-19

Exodus 7:3-5

Exodus 9:13-35

Exodus 10:1-4

**Application**

The miraculous signs and wonders in Exodus pointed to God’s power, that His plans will always succeed and that God desires us to know Him. How have the “plagues” (the afflictions or calamities) in your life helped you to know God more?

**Prayer time**

Spend some time resting in the comfort of knowing that God communicates with us, has a plan for us and pursues us. Praise and thank Him for His love. Ask Him to pour into you all that He has to offer.

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*“Moses spent the first 40 years of his life trying to be somebody, the second 40 years of his life in the desert realizing he was a nobody, and the third 40 years of his life acknowledging that God can use anybody.” D.L. Moody*

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## PARENT GUIDE

**For Elementary-Age**

*And I have promised to bring you up out of your misery in Egypt into the land of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites – a land flowing with milk and honey. (Exodus 3:17)*

Wow! That's a huge promise! When God asked Moses to be the one to lead His people to freedom, Moses started to make excuses for himself. "I'm not a good speaker." "What if they don't believe me?"

When God says He's going to do something, He's going to do it. God provided exactly what Moses needed in order to fulfill His promise. God is a promise keeper! We can believe in Him. When you believe, you trust.

As a parent, have you ever made a promise that you didn't keep? Not only do we need to be careful of what we promise, but we need to help our children understand the value of being a "promise keeper" too. Here are some questions you can ask your kids to help begin a family discussion:

- Has someone ever promised you something, but then didn't keep that promise? How did it make you feel?
  
- Is it easier or harder to trust someone who doesn't keep their promises? Why?
  
- Share the story of Moses. Did God keep His promises?
  
- Reassure your child that God always keeps His promises. Sometimes it doesn't go the way we think it should, but He always keeps His promises. He wants us to keep our promises too. (Spend some time praying together.)

**For Teenagers**

**Verses:** Exodus 1-10

**Themes:** God provides, God communicates

As parents, we desire for our kids to have great faith. We hope our kids will do great things for God. We want our kids to serve God with their lives.

However, we can settle for raising good, responsible kids that are viewed as successful by the world's standards. Is this what God wants for our kids?

God wants to bring up a generation of people who long after Him. People who are not just obedient and morally good, but are ready to storm a nation in His name such as Moses did. How then do our teenagers develop this kind of faith?

God takes the first step by calling Moses. Remind your teenagers that God already has a plan that involves them. As we look through the story of Moses we see a man of great faith who was communicating with God over and over.

God wants to communicate with your teen , just as He did with Moses, Abraham, or even Adam. Communication is a two-way street.

- Share with your teenager how God has grown your faith.
- On a scale of 1 to 5, 1 being little faith and 5 being total faith, where would you rate your faith in God right now? Why?
- What are the ways God communicates with us? (His Word, Holy Spirit, our thoughts, other believers)
- One of the primary ways that God communicates is through His Word, the Bible.
- Can you think of a time when God communicated through His Word? Then share an example from your life.

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## OPTIONAL STUDY

Isn't it interesting how God created the heavens and the universe? He spoke them into existence. In fact every time the Lord speaks something happens. We see this clear theme throughout the entire Bible. Did you know that God foretold the Israelites deliverance from Egypt more than 500 years before it happened? Again, God spoke and what was spoken came to pass. One thing is for sure, when the Lord says something He **ALWAYS** does it.

**Read Genesis 15**

In verses 12-16 what details does God give about the deliverance and exodus of Israel from Egypt?

Does God accomplish each one of these details as Moses leads the Israelites out of Egypt?

Again, what conclusion can we make about God's faithfulness and the fact that He keeps His promises?

**Read John 14:1-4**

We can see from the story of Moses that time places no restrictions on the Word of God. Even though centuries pass, God's Word will always come true!

This should boost our faith in the promises Jesus gave to His disciples. Jesus said with His own mouth that He would go and prepare a place for us who believe so we could be with Him forever when He returns.

Over two thousand years have passed since Jesus voiced this promise, but no matter how long it takes, it will be fulfilled. We can believe God because He always does what He says He's going to do.

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