

The Call of Moses: Overview and Objectives

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Bible Text: Exodus 1-4

Memory Verse:

"Pray without ceasing." 1 Thessalonians 5:17 NRSV

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13 NRSV

Goals and Objectives:

At the end of the rotation, students will:

- be able to locate Exodus in the Bible.
- know that Exodus is one of the first five books, called the Pentateuch, or Books of Moses
- To help students develop a foundation for future learning about the Exodus story.
- recall the main events of the first four Chapters of Exodus, The Birth of Moses through his encounter with the burning bush.
- be able to place this story as starting 400 years after the death of Joseph and make the connection to how Joseph brought the Israelites into Egypt.
- be more familiar with the maps in the back of their Bibles and how to read them.
- have begun thinking about how God might use them, and to become aware of what excuses they may be making that get in the way.
- know that God hears us when we pray and cares for us like he cared for the Israelites.

Workshops:

Pyramids:

This workshop will focus on the oppression of the Hebrews and what it was like to be a slave. Students will construct a paper pyramid, and stomp in clay and straw to make actual bricks.

Bible Skills:

Students will explore maps of the Bible, including the ones in their own Bibles to learn about the Exodus route and how the Israelites came to be in Egypt and how they left. Students will color their own map of the route. This workshop will focus on Exodus 2, baby Moses in the Nile, and his flight to Midian, Mt. Horeb and back to Egypt.

Storytelling:

This workshop focuses on Exodus 3 and 4, Moses' encounter with the Burning Bush. It will take place in the sanctuary, on "holy ground." Students will encounter their own burning bush as they learn about this story, and Moses' reaction to God with all of his excuses. They will examine how God might use them and what excuses they might be making that are getting in the way.

GoodNews.edu:

This computer workshop will provide an overview of the events in Exodus 1-4. Students will select scenes to illustrate, print them, and place them in the proper sequence.

Hollywood Studio:

Students will watch excerpts from the movies, "The Ten Commandments" and "The Prince of Egypt" as they get an overview of the events in Exodus 1-4.