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Ordinary Men and Women . . .
Super Ordinary Power

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MOSES CONFRONTS PHARAOH

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Memory Verse:

Lord, show me your ways. Teach me how to follow you. Psalm 25:4 (NirV)

Lesson Goals:

#1 - Understand how ordinary Moses was

#2 - Discover what faith led Moses to do

#3 - Desire to let God do extraordinary things in the life of the ordinary student

Audience:

Young, un-churched learners

Adaptable for all ages, including adults (See **For more training** on Activities page)

Scripture to Study:

Exodus 1:1-4:31, 16:1-19:25 (as background)

Exodus 5:1-14:31, 20:1-26

Acts 7:17-44

Hebrews 11:23-29



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Who can tell me what a hero is? A hero is someone who is courageous and brave and compassionate. There are heroes and heroines in the Bible. All of them are brave and courageous and more, but not in the way you would expect.

Our hero: Moses

His Heroic Feat: Follows God

Following God may not sound very heroic, but let's look at the facts and see what you think when you have heard the whole story!

In our last lesson, we talked about how Joseph saved Egypt and his family. His family moved to Egypt to have food during the famine. Joseph and his father Jacob died in Egypt. "Then a new king came to power in Egypt. He didn't know anything about Joseph." (Exodus 1:8 NIV) This new king, the Pharaoh, was afraid. By now, there were a lot of Jacob's descendants living in Egypt. They were growing by the day. Pharaoh was afraid that they might rise up against him and take his kingdom. He made them work harder, hoping that the women would quit having babies. When that didn't work, Pharaoh ordered all the Hebrew baby boys to be killed.

It was during this time that a baby boy was born. His mother hid him as long as she could. Then she set him afloat in the Nile River in a basket. Pharaoh's daughter found the baby boy. Instead of obeying her father, she saved this baby boy. She named him Moses.

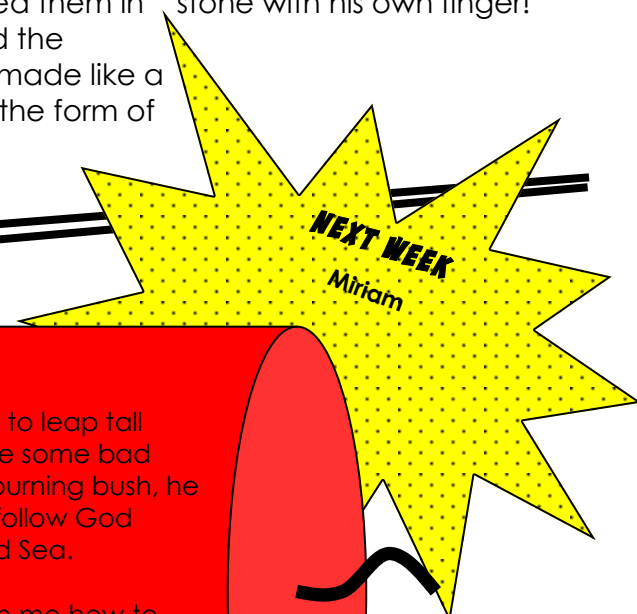
Moses was raised as an Egyptian and taught all the things any Egyptian boy would learn. But when Moses was 40 years old, he ventured outside of the palace toward the people of Israel he had come from so long ago. (Acts 7:23) "Moses had faith. So he refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter. . . He chose to be treated badly together with the people of God. He chose that instead of enjoying sin's pleasures for a short time." (Hebrews 11:24-25 NIV) While Moses was away from the palace, he saw an Egyptian mistreating one of his own people. He killed the Egyptian and then ran away from Egypt.

He wound up in a place called Midian, where he married and became a shepherd. While Moses was living in Midian, a new Pharaoh came to power in Egypt. Life was hard for the people of Israel. God heard their cries for help. He remembered His promise to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. God knew the time was right to help them. So, one day while Moses was taking care of the sheep, he noticed a bush that was burning but never seemed to burn up. When he stepped aside for a closer look, God spoke to Moses from the bush. God wanted to send Moses back to Egypt to rescue the people of Israel. By this time, Moses was 80 years old. (Acts 7:30) But instead of being concerned about his age, Moses was concerned about his speech. He made excuses and told God he didn't speak well. God knew everything about him and said, "Who makes a man able to talk? Who makes him unable to hear or speak? Who makes him able to see? Who makes him blind? It is I, the Lord. Now go. I will help you speak. I will teach you what to say." (Exodus 4:11-12 NIV)

And Moses went. He **followed God** back to Egypt. He spoke to Pharaoh, but Pharaoh didn't respect God. Pharaoh, himself, was considered as a god. Instead of listening to God's message, Pharaoh made more work for the people of Israel. Moses went back to Pharaoh over and over again. He asked for their freedom. And over and over again Pharaoh said "no." As punishment, God sent plagues upon Egypt. The Nile River was turned to blood, frogs appeared everywhere, gnats or lice swarmed all over the place, then flies. All of Egypt's livestock died, then they were struck with boils, or sores, all over their bodies. God sent hail and lightning, so many locusts that the sun was blocked out and a darkness so thick you could feel it. When none of this caused Pharaoh to let the people of Israel go, God sent one last plague. All of the people of Israel were to kill a lamb at sunset. They were supposed to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and top of their doorposts. They were to grill and eat the lamb with flat bread. They were to do it all with their coats tucked into their belts and their sandals on their feet. All of this would be done in a hurry, because at midnight God would pass through Egypt. He would pass over the homes protected by the blood of the lamb. But for every other home, the oldest son would die, even down to the animals. When this happened, Pharaoh finally let God's people go. The people of Israel left Egypt after living there for 430 years! God kept watch over them. He led them by day with a pillar of cloud and by night with a pillar of fire. Moses and the people **followed God** out of Egypt.

When Pharaoh realized what he had done, he and the entire Egyptian army chased the people of Israel. They backed them up to the Red Sea! And when it appeared as if this were the end, God directed Moses to hold his hand and his staff out over the Red Sea and something miraculous happened . . . the Red Sea parted! God even made the ground dry. So Moses and the people **followed God** and walked through the Red Sea all night long. When Pharaoh tried to chase them, God closed the waters around them and the entire army drowned.

Moses and the people **followed God** into the desert. God provided food for them everyday. And when there wasn't water, God provided it from a rock. When they arrived at the mountain of God, the people waited and Moses went up to talk to God. It was there on that mountain that God gave Moses the Ten Commandments. He carved them in stone with his own finger! It was in the desert that God also instructed Moses to build the Tabernacle. The Tabernacle was a church on the move, made like a large tent and God stayed in the middle of their camp in the form of a cloud in the Tabernacle.



YOU CAN BE A HERO, TOO!

When you live a life of faith in Jesus Christ, you don't have to leap tall buildings to be a hero. Moses followed God. Moses made some bad decisions in his life, but when Moses spoke to God at the burning bush, he chose to follow God back to Egypt. Moses continued to follow God when he led the people out of Egypt and through the Red Sea.

Our memory verse says, "Lord, show me your ways. Teach me how to follow you." (Psalm 25:4 NIV) Are you a God follower? Have you ever made a decision to follow Him? Maybe, like Moses, you have made mistakes. It's not so much about what you have done or haven't done. It's all about what God did. He sent Jesus to die on the cross as payment for those mistakes. Jesus can make you right with God. Will you let Him?

PRE-SCHOOL!

LESSON

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A baby boy came into the world during a very dangerous time. The new king, the Pharaoh, was trying to get rid of all the baby boys. To protect her son, Moses' mother set him afloat in the Nile River in a basket. Pharaoh's daughter found the baby boy. Instead of obeying her father, she saved this baby boy. She named him Moses. Moses was raised as an Egyptian.

One day, when Moses was older, he decided to leave the palace. He decided to leave Egypt. He went to the desert. He met a girl and married her. He became a shepherd; he took care of sheep. One day while Moses was taking care of the sheep, he noticed a bush that was burning but never seemed to burn up. God spoke to Moses from the bush. God told Moses to go back to Egypt. God told Moses he would rescue the people of Israel.

Moses went. He **followed God** back to Egypt. He talked to Pharaoh and asked him to free the people of Israel. But Pharaoh didn't respect God. Pharaoh didn't listen. As punishment, God sent plagues on Egypt. The Nile River was turned to blood, frogs appeared everywhere, gnats or lice swarmed all over the place, then flies. All of Egypt's livestock died, then they were struck with boils, or sores, all over their bodies. God sent hail and lightning, so many locusts that the sun was blocked out and a darkness so thick you could feel it. When Pharaoh still said "no" God sent one last plague. At midnight, God would pass through Egypt. He would pass over the homes of the people of Israel. Every other home would lose their oldest son. When this happened, Pharaoh finally let God's people go. The people of Israel left Egypt after living there for 430 years! God kept watch over them. God will watch over you.

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ACTIVITIES!

- Memory Verse Activity - Make cardboard sandals with straps. Print the memory verse on the inside sole of the sandals.
- Play Leap Frog. Talk about the ten plagues.
- Continue adding names and heroic feats to your "Heroes Banner."
- Watch excerpts from "The Ten Commandments" or the cartoon, "Prince of Egypt."
- Sing "Pharaoh, Pharaoh," "El Shaddai," "I Will" or other songs related to the lesson.
- Make a "10 Plagues" booklet. Be creative!
- Make a replica of the burning bush. Use craft paper or paper grocery bags and tissue paper in red, orange and yellow.
- **For more training:** Read Isaiah 63:11-14. Do a study through the story of Moses noting all of the names of God mentioned. Then read Deuteronomy 6:4.
- **For more training:** Read Psalm 77:13-20 responsively, taking turns with each phrase.
- **For more training:** Read Psalm 103 and discuss.

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Our Hero: _____

What did our hero do that was so heroic? _____

What can you do to be a **Hero of the Faith**? _____



What power do Heroes of the Faith possess?

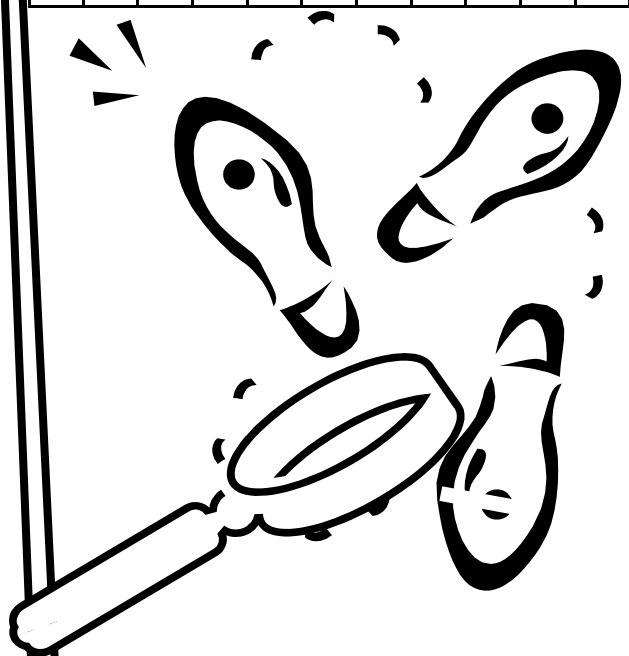
Do you have the power? _____

Read Isaiah 63:11-14. Who was among the people of Israel, helping with His powerful right arm? _____

HIDDEN MESSAGE!

Can you crack the code to find the Hidden Message?
Using the secret code below, decipher the encrypted message.

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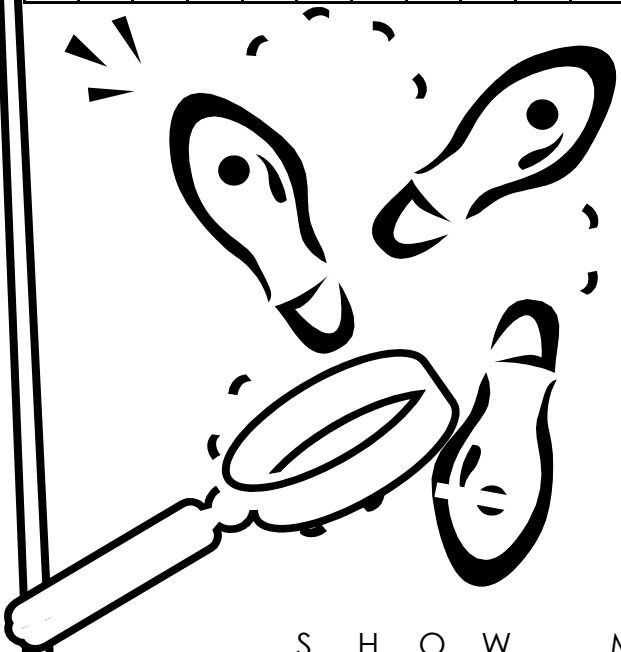
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Answer Page

Can you crack the code to find the Hidden Message?
Using the secret code below, decipher the encrypted message.

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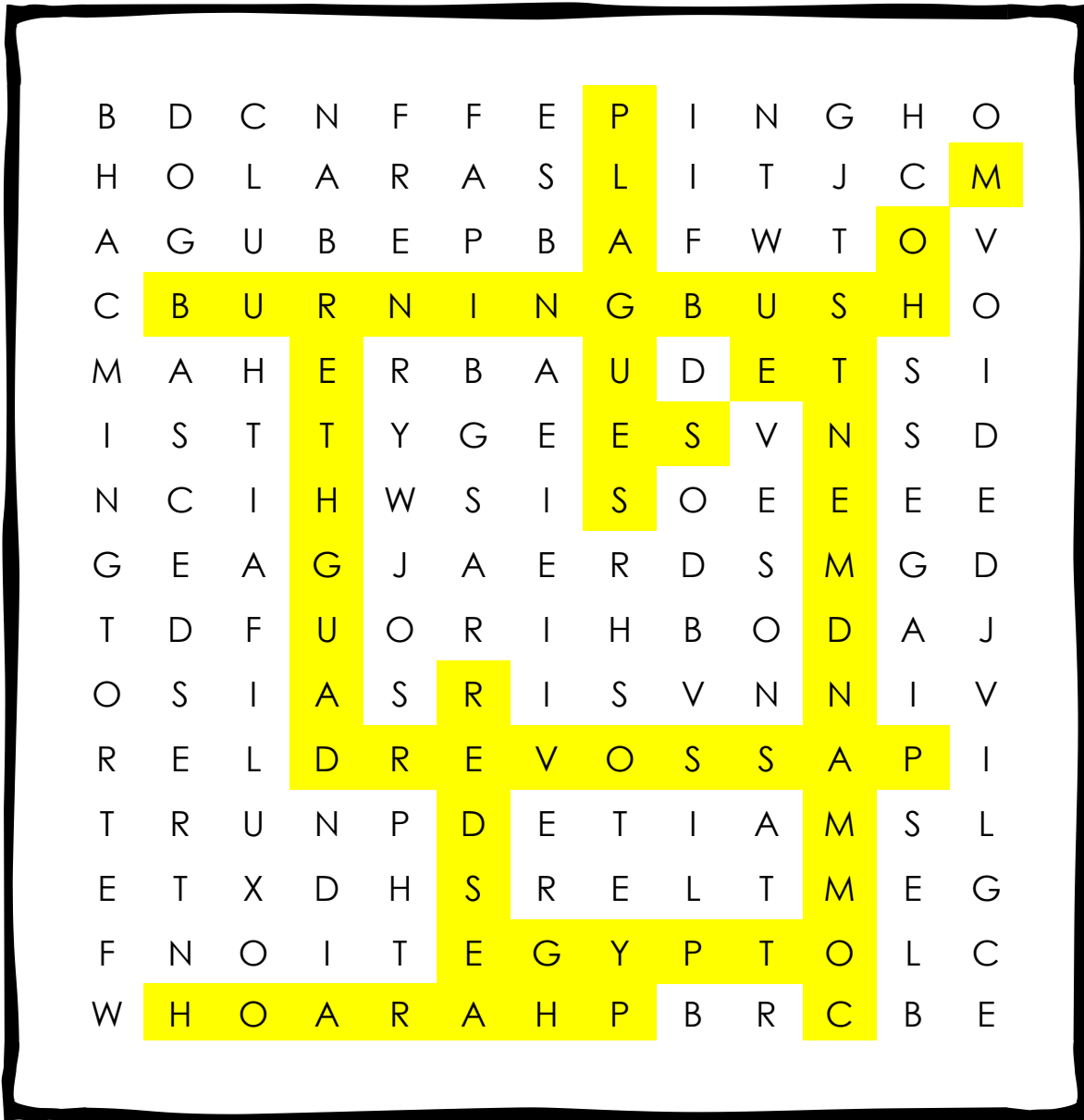
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