

Moses and the Journey of Faith

Family Devotional Ideas

Week One

For parents with kids ages 8-12: (divide among 2-3 slots of time together)

1. Read Exodus chapters 1-3. Make a family tree of Jacob's descendants.

(Exodus 1:1-5) On a piece of paper, list Jacob, the 12 sons of Jacob, 70 descendants in Egypt, and Moses coming out of Levi's line.

Remark that Moses' family line is one all the way back to Jacob, whom God said he would bless forever.

2. Make a burning bush poster and listen to God.

****Ask each other:** how would you feel if God appeared to you from a burning bush?

****Using paper, cellophane, or tissue paper, make your own burning bush 2x3 feet large, and place it in a prominent place in your home. Take a moment of silence together and ask God to tell each of you something. Share what you hear and write those things down on slips of paper and tape them to the bush. (If God tells you to do something together or individually, do it!).**

3. Make a family tree of your ancestors: God loves to bless generations!

List all your family ancestors back as far as you can. Map them out all the way down to your family (see example).

Parents: Share stories of your families that came before you. Especially highlight stories where it seems your family line was inviting God's blessing or trying to follow God. Also highlight stories of sadness (death, divorce, sickness, poverty, etc.).

Ex/ Your great-grandfather was killed in World War II when he stood up to the occupying army in China. He spoke out against the murders of millions of people in China knowing God was grieved over this.

Ex/ Your great-great-grandmother cooked for and prayed with her grandkids and taught your grandmother how great God was to listen to our prayers.

Ex/ Your great-grandfather was an honest storekeeper because he knew God loved telling the truth.

Pray and give thanks for God's blessings, and choose forgiveness for the sadness in your family line.

For parents with kids ages 2-7: (divide among 2 slots of time together)

1. Picture Story

Read the following excerpts from Exodus chapters 1-3.

On a large piece of paper, draw pictures of each event highlighted from Moses' life.

Exodus 1:1-5 Jacob's 70 descendants in Egypt

Exodus 1:11-14 Israelites in slavery: in the fields, building cities, making bricks

Exodus 2:1-4 Moses' mother putting baby Moses in a basket in the river

Exodus 2:5-10 Pharaoh's daughter finding Moses and paying his mother to care for him

Exodus 3 God talks to Moses out of a burning bush and tells him to save his people

2. Make a burning bush and listen to God.

(see above number 2 for discussion and activity)**