

Chapter 9

Moses Leads God's People

God rescued His people through Moses.

Chapter Summary

Due to a famine in their homeland, God's Chosen People went to Egypt. They called out to God for help because in Egypt they became slaves under a very harsh ruler. Moses' mother saved him from being killed by Pharaoh by placing him in a basket and floating him down a river. Moses was rescued by Pharaoh's daughter and was raised as an Egyptian. Later, God called Moses to lead His people out of slavery in Egypt, and He used ten plagues to convince Pharaoh to let His people go. The tenth plague, the death of the firstborn, convinced Pharaoh to let the people go. The Israelites were saved from the last plague because they obeyed God and sacrificed an unblemished lamb and celebrated the first Passover Feast.

More for Parents

Children sometimes find themselves stuck in situations and need rescuing. Perhaps they climbed too high in a tree or got their leg stuck behind some furniture. As parents, we are quick to rescue them and bring them to safety. The story of God calling Moses and God rescuing His people from slavery reminds us that when God's children find themselves in need of help, He will rescue them. What's important to know is that God was concerned for not merely the physical well-being of His people but also their spiritual well-being. His children had begun to forget Him while they were in Egypt and needed rescuing from sin. As parents, we are going to see our children needing to be rescued from sin from time to time. Sometimes we need rescuing from sin! Reminding our children that God wants to rescue us from sin and give us true happiness is important in helping them to see God as a loving Father instead of a vengeful master. God wants to rescue us. Do we know to turn to Him when we need help?

Our Family Prays Together

Dear God, You kept Your promise to Your Chosen People. You rescued them from Egypt. You did amazing things to

keep them safe. You showed them that You love them. We know You love us too. Amen.

Let's Talk about It as a Family

- **Whom did God send to lead God's people out of Egypt?** (Moses.)
- **What is the name for the warnings God sent Egypt?** (Plagues.)
- **What do we call the great feast when the angel passed over the homes with blood over the doorway?** (Passover.)
- **What was the name of the sea that the Chosen People crossed?** (The Red Sea.)
- **Whom did God help by promising a Savior?** (Adam and Eve, and everyone, including us.)
- **Whom did God help by saving his family from a flood?** (Noah.)
- **Whom did God help by promising him a large family?** (Abraham.)
- **Whom is God helping today?** (Us.)

Let's Live Our Faith

God did amazing signs to save His Chosen People from Pharaoh in Egypt. God also works in our lives to show His love for us.

- Have your family share with one another a story about when God helped you in your life.

Family Faith Activities

Choose one or more of the following to do as a family:

- Plan to help someone who is lonely or sad by bringing him a meal, visiting him, or making a card.
- Do something for the poor or those who are in need, such as donating items to a shelter or helping at a soup kitchen.
- Practice saying the Our Father.
- Read and discuss the *Small Wonders* story as a family by going to the parent portal.