

## LESSON 6: THE PROPHET MOSES

God continued loving His Chosen People 'the Israelites' as His own children. But God tested his chosen ones by allowing a long dark period of suffering to change their lives.

A selfish Pharaoh, or King of Egypt grew jealous of the Israelites and made them his slaves. He commanded that their newborn sons be thrown into the river. But Moses' mother put her baby (Moses) in a small basket and hid him among the river reeds. Pharaoh's daughter discovered the child and Moses grew up in the royal family.

God spoke to Moses from a burning bush and told him "I will send you to Pharaoh to lead My people, Israelites, out of Egypt". When Moses approached the Pharaoh, the Pharaoh laughed at him and treated Israelite slaves even more harshly. God punished this cruel king by sending many plagues, or disasters, to his land. Finally, He sent the Angel of Death to kill the first-born of every Egyptian home. The Israelites were saved as they obeyed God's command that each family share a special meal after killing a lamb and sprinkling the lamb's blood on the doorposts of their houses. This special meal was the 'Passover' meal.

Moses led the People of God out of Egypt to Canaan, The Promised Land to safety. God protected His children by parting the Red Sea, giving them food and fresh water. He invited Moses up to a mountain to receive the Ten Commandments that will make His people holy and happy.

The God of Abraham and Moses is our God. There is only one, true God. He still speaks in our hearts today: "You will be My people, and I will be your God".

### Questions and Answers

1	How did God save Moses as a baby from the cruelty of Pharaoh? Moses was saved from Pharaoh's cruelty when his mother placed him in the river. Pharaoh's daughter found Moses and took him into her home, according to God's plan (Exodus 2:1-10).
2	How did God speak to Moses? God spoke to Moses in a burning bush (Exodus 3:2-4).
3	Why did God send the plagues to Egypt? God sent the plagues to Egypt to show that He is the true God, and to punish Pharaoh for not freeing God's Chosen People from slavery (Exodus 10:1-2).
4	What is Passover? Passover is the celebration of the night God's Angel of Death passed over the houses of the Israelites, whose doors were marked with the blood of a lamb (Exodus 12:23, 27).
5	How did God care for His people on their way to the Promised Land? God gave His people the manna to eat and water from a rock to drink. He encouraged them to continue on their journey (Exodus 16:21, 17:6).

### Words to Know

- Covenant: a promise or agreement between two or more persons or groups. God made a Covenant with the Israelites, His Chosen People.
- Moses: a leader and prophet of the Israelites; God gave the people Ten Commandments through him.
- Pharaoh: a ruler in ancient Egypt.
- Canaan: The Promised Land God gave to the Israelites.

Prayers: Please learn the Anima Christi and the Ten Commandments.

# The Ten Commandments

And God spoke all these words: "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. "You shall have no other gods before me." Exodus 20:1-3



Based on Exodus 20:1-17 (NIV)

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COVET	WORSHIP	MOTHER	LONG	FATHER
LORD	NEIGHBOR	DONKEY	SEVENTH	STEAL
MISUSE	HONOR	ADULTERY	TESTIMONY	HOLY