

Sept 13	Each Week: -webpage based guide, also printable Google Doc -main story chapters with major points summary -guiding questions -activities: 1 physically interactive, 1 crafty/artsy
Lesson 1: Exodus 1-2: God's Presence and Promise	

BIG Ideas:

- God's Presence with midwives - (He is with you when you are pressured to sin)
- God's Presence with Moses as a baby (He is with you when you are vulnerable)
- God's Promise - He remembered his covenant / heard cries of people (keeps His promises to you)

Memory Verse: Isaiah 40:29

God gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

Memory verse song on YouTube: 'Soar Like Eagles (Isaiah 40:29-31)' <https://youtu.be/QkIAGz7Lvic>

Materials Needed:

- pillowcase per kid
- materials to create a Pyramid (cardboard) or a river basket weave (paper).

Guide:

- Lead or ask your kid(s) to lead a prayer for our family to know and feel God's presence and to better understand His promises.
- Share the memory verse (Isaiah 40:29, above) and have your kid(s) repeat. Ask them, "Is it true?"
- Share God's big promises to Abraham: He promised to make Abraham's descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and sand on the seashore. Years later, Abraham's descendants lived in Egypt and the Egyptian Pharaoh made them into slaves and made them work very hard!
- Share with your kid(s) that Pharaoh enslaved the Israelites and even ordered that Israelite baby boys be killed!
- Ask what your kid(s) know about Moses as a baby.
- Read from Exodus 1-2 (if very young kids, shorten the reading to just Exodus 1:8-2:10 or from a storybook Bible. You could also watch this video on YouTube 'Baby Moses Bible Story - Exodus 2 | ShareFaithKids.com' <https://youtu.be/WToe5mmCqmE>).
- Use the pillowcase(s): have your kid(s) try to get inside the pillowcase. Tell them this is their river basket and they are like baby Moses. Don't fall out! Don't rock the boat!
- Ask your kid(s) how they might feel as a baby floating in a basket in a river.
- Ask your kid(s) how God protected Moses and showed He was with Moses.
- Preview: Ask your kid(s) why God protected Moses? (answer: because God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob, so He used Moses to help lead the people out of slavery in Egypt.)
- Have your kid(s) create either a [pyramid](#) Youtube: 'How to Make a Cardboard Pyramid | making a pyramid out of cardboard' and/or a [river basket](#) Web link: 'https://www.madewithhappy.com/paper-weaving/'. If they can, have them write the memory verse on their creation. Ask them about how their creation is part of Moses' story and the story of God's people. Point a light at their creation(s). Share that God was protecting the Israelites working in Egypt and baby Moses in the basket. God's light covers the creation(s) as a symbol of God's presence with the Israelites and baby Moses.
- Remind your kid(s): Just like God was with or present when the Israelites were suffering, God is with us if we choose to allow it. How is God always with us?
- What are some ways we know God is always present, and keeping His promise in our lives?