In the Beginning...Jesus

Lesson 14
The LORD Chooses Moses to Be His Prophet

Themes:
- God prospered His people in Egypt during the time of Joseph.
- Israel became enslaved by the Egyptians.
- God chose Moses to be His prophet, through whom He would deliver His people.
- God's name points to His uniqueness.

Scripture:
Genesis 49:9-10; 50:20; Exodus 1:1-14; 2:23-25; 3:1-17

Memory Verse:
Isaiah 53:10a (and review verses 3-9)

Today's Clues:
LION OF JUDAH, I AM

Home and Heart:
Review the blessing Jacob gave to Judah from Genesis 49:9-10. Do you think this promise was fulfilled in Judah's lifetime? Why or why not? Remember, Judah died along with his brothers while still living in Egypt. Do you think this promise has been fulfilled now? If so, how? If not, when and how do you think it will be fulfilled? Can you think of any Bible passages that help to answer this question?

Between the end of Genesis and the beginning of the events in Exodus 2, more than 300 years had passed. How were the Israelites living before Exodus 1:8-14? (See verse 7.) Why might Israel have been content to stay in Egypt during this time? Have you ever been content just to be comfortable? For example, is it easier and more comfortable to play all day than it is to do your schoolwork or help with chores? Why? Have your parents sometimes "forced" you out of your comfort to do what is good for you? Did God know what was best for His people Israel? Did He want the Israelites to stay in Egypt? What did He do to force them out of their comfort? Do you think this might have reminded them of the promise God had made to Abraham?

Review Exodus 3:13-15. What does God's name, I AM (translated throughout the Old Testament as *LORD*), mean? Does anyone else decide Who God is or what He is like? Does God fully explain Himself? What kind of things has God revealed about Himself? Have your parents help you make a list of words that describe Who God is and what He is like (His attributes), then read and discuss Psalm 9:10. During your prayer times this week, worship God by praising Him for these attributes. Try praying Bible verses that describe these attributes.



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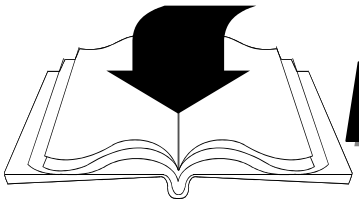

EXODUS

Exodus, the second book of the Bible, continues the story of God's faithfulness to the covenantal promises He made with Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Israel. As you read about the events recorded in the first chapter of Exodus, recall that Israel had lived in Egypt for more than 300 years. What happened to Israel during that time? Read Exodus 1:7 for the answer. Continue reading all of chapters 1-3 and answer the following questions:

1. Why didn't the Hebrew midwives kill the Hebrew baby boys?

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2. Why did Pharaoh's daughter give the baby the name, *Moses*?



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3. In chapter 2, the Israelites cried out to God. God heard them and remembered what?

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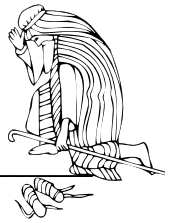
4. Why did God tell Moses to take off his sandals?



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5. How did God describe the land that He was going to give to His people?

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6. What did God say would "compel" Pharaoh to let the Israelites leave Egypt?

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