



THE SABBATH CIRCLES HOME SCHOOL CURRICULUM

Unit Theme: Exploring the Stories of the Old Testament

Today's story: Moses and God Make Plans (Exodus 6:1-13)

Key Verse: "Say therefore to the Israelites, 'I am the Lord, and I will free you from the burdens of the Egyptians and deliver you from slavery to them.' " Exodus 6:6

Questions to go deeper into the story:

- The story of Moses is a pivotal one in the Old Testament setting the stage for the Ten Commandments and the change in Israel's relationship with God. As you look at the brief excerpt of the story in today's reading, what hints of this dramatic shift do you see?
- This part of the story comes just after Moses' first encounter with Pharaoh which only serves to enrage him, causing him to lash out against the Israelite slaves (Chapter 5). How does God reassure Moses?
- What are God's orders to Moses and Aaron? If you were Moses or Aaron, how would you feel about going back to the Israelites with this message from God?

Activity possibilities:

- Check out the coloring picture on the back of this insert.
- Moses and Aaron were on a mission from God to free the Israelites from the bondage of being slaves in Egypt. The text says the people's spirits were broken due to their cruel experience of slavery. Where in your community might people's spirits be broken? The homeless and hungry? The elderly who can't get out anymore? Who else? What can you do to ease their "bondage?" Who might you ask to help you?



The story of Moses is one of the most important ones in the Bible. It covers his entire life from his birth to his death as a very old man. Many movies and even cartoons have been created to tell his story. Here is just one brief video to watch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d12uOLx5CIo>

Another more contemporary movie which tells the story of Moses is *Exodus: Gods and Kings*. Check out this movie trailer (ad) on this incredible movie: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t-8YsulfxVI>

The Jewish celebration of Passover is how the story of Moses freeing the Israelites is remembered and celebrated by Jews to this day. Watch this video to learn about the Passover Seder: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LzsuL9U1a_k

Remember, Rev. Ruth is always available to answer your questions anytime! Call, text, or email her or stop by the Savoy any Thursday afternoon from 2-4pm!!