

This resource is designed to allow your family to have time in God's Word **BEFORE** your children attend church. Because God's plan is for **parents to be the primary spiritual nurturers** of their children's faith, *we want YOU to be the one to introduce* this part of The Big God Story to them.

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GOD IS WARRIOR

The Exodus, Part 1

Exodus 5—12

God sends plagues to Egypt as a means of rescuing His people from their oppression.

JUST FOR FUN

Read a few passages describing the first part of the biblical account of the exodus in **Exodus 5:1–5; 9:1–7, 13–23**. Then go on a walk outside with your kids. As you walk, explain to them that the Egyptians believed in lots of different gods. However, we know there is only one true God who controls everything. As you notice different aspects of nature, point these out to your children (sun, wind, body of water, etc.) and remind them of God's power in creation.

TEACHABLE MOMENTS

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss the following together:

- **What did Pharaoh say when Moses and Aaron asked him to let the people go?**
- **What did God do to show Pharaoh that He wanted the Israelites to be let go?**
- **How do you think the Israelites felt as they watched God fight for them?**

DID YOU KNOW?

- Through the plagues, God attacked each false Egyptian god, showing He alone is the one true God.
- God's plan for Israel wasn't only to deliver them and cast down Egyptian gods, but to call His people to worship Him.
- God fought not only to deliver the Israelites from their bondage but also to deliver their hearts and minds from the allegiance to false gods.

YOUNGER KIDS

As your child becomes more aware of the different religious and spiritual practices of those around him, he may begin to ask more questions about your family's belief system. Be sure to answer his questions thoughtfully and honestly.

OLDER KIDS

The need for acceptance continues to be paramount in the life of your child. Find opportunities for your child to connect with positive influences who will encourage her to find her identity in Christ.

REMEMBER VERSE

The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still.
Exodus 14:14

BLESSING

A blessing can be a spoken prayer of commission, a portion of Scripture, or words of encouragement and guidance over your child. For more information about blessing your child, see the Blessing section in **HomeFront: A Spiritual Parenting Resource** @ HomeFrontMag.com

A blessing to pray over your child:

(Child's name), **may you go out this week with peace. May you know that God is your Warrior.**