PROMISE KEEPER

Elementary Week 1

PARENT BIBLE STUDY

Read: Exodus 1:1-2:10

The story of God using Moses to rescue his people points to Jesus – God's ultimate plan of salvation for all of us. The Israelites' exodus from Egypt and all God did to save them was foreshadowing of what was to come in Jesus. From the burning bush, to the plagues, to the dramatic parting of the Red Sea, Moses' story reveals God's heart to save his people, and to draw them to himself.

Enslaved and oppressed by the Egyptians, God used Moses to rescue the Hebrews (another name for the Israelites) from their bondage. What a picture of how God used Jesus to rescue us from the bondage of sin. Even the cruelty of a Pharaoh ordering the death of all male Israelite children, and then the death of the Egyptian firstborn, point to the atoning blood sacrifice of God's own firstborn on the cross.

Like Isaac, Moses' life was spared from sacrifice. He was one of those newborns condemned to die, but he was rescued by the Pharaoh's own daughter. Isn't it ironic that the daughter of the man behind the harsh slavery and genocide of the Hebrew people actually rescued the baby who would one day save them?

From Moses' life, we see God's great desire to be near us, to use us in his plans, to provide for us, to be worshipped as the only, all-powerful God, and to save us. What God did for his people he continues to do for us through Jesus. We're no longer slaves to sin, we are forgiven and free because of Jesus.

How does this story change your idea of who God is and what he wants?

Does knowing that God used Moses and an Egyptian princess in his rescue plan make you rethink how God can use you?