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CHILDREN'S BIBLE LESSONS



The Exodus Out of Egypt



LEVEL 3
LESSON 5

The Exodus

Out of Egypt

Before beginning the exciting story of Israel leaving Egypt, let's review what was covered in Lesson 4. We learned that Israel dwelt as slaves in Egypt and cried out to God for help. God heard them and sent Moses to deliver them from bondage. Finally, God caused nine grievous plagues to come upon the land of Egypt: water turned into blood; frogs; lice; flies; the killing of all cattle; dust; a hailstorm; locusts; and three days of total darkness.

The First Passover

Even after the plague of darkness, Pharaoh would not let Israel go. So God said to Moses, "I will send one more plague upon Egypt, and then Pharaoh will surely let you go. Around midnight, all the firstborn throughout the land of Egypt will surely die, even the firstborn of all the beasts! There will be a GREAT CRY in all Egypt such

has never been before nor will ever be. But no harm will come upon My people Israel, so you may know that there is a difference between My people and the Egyptians."

God was about to make a very important announcement. He decided to tell Israel what they needed to do in order to avoid having their firstborn killed. His people were about to observe the "Passover" for the first time.

God said to Moses and Aaron, "This is the first month of the year. On the tenth day of this month, you shall find a male lamb without blemish that is less than one year old and keep it until the fourteenth day. On the evening of the fourteenth day, you shall kill it and put the blood on your doorposts. Eat it with unleavened bread. If you do not eat all of it, burn it in the morning. You shall eat it very quickly with all your clothes and both of your shoes on. Tonight, I am going to pass



the things they needed for their journey out of Egypt.

The killing of the Passover lamb was very important. This lamb pictures Jesus Christ. He is the true Passover lamb and is sometimes called the “Lamb of God.” Israel’s firstborn were protected from death because of the lamb’s blood on their doorposts.

Similarly, Christians are protected from eternal death by the blood of Jesus Christ. But obedience to God is required. If Israel had not put the blood on their doorposts, their firstborn would have died along with the Egyptian first-

through Egypt and kill all the firstborn. Wherever I see blood on the doors, I will not kill the firstborn in that house.”

At midnight, there was a very loud cry throughout the land of Egypt. All the firstborn of the Egyptians were found dead! The Pharaoh was scared. He called for Moses and Aaron and said, “Your people are free to leave Egypt so that they may serve God.” The people of Egypt were scared as well. They told Israel, “Hurry up and get out of this land! We will all die if you stay much longer!” The Egyptians gave the people of Israel fine jewelry and all



born. If we do not obey God, we will not be spared from death either. We must always strive to obey God!

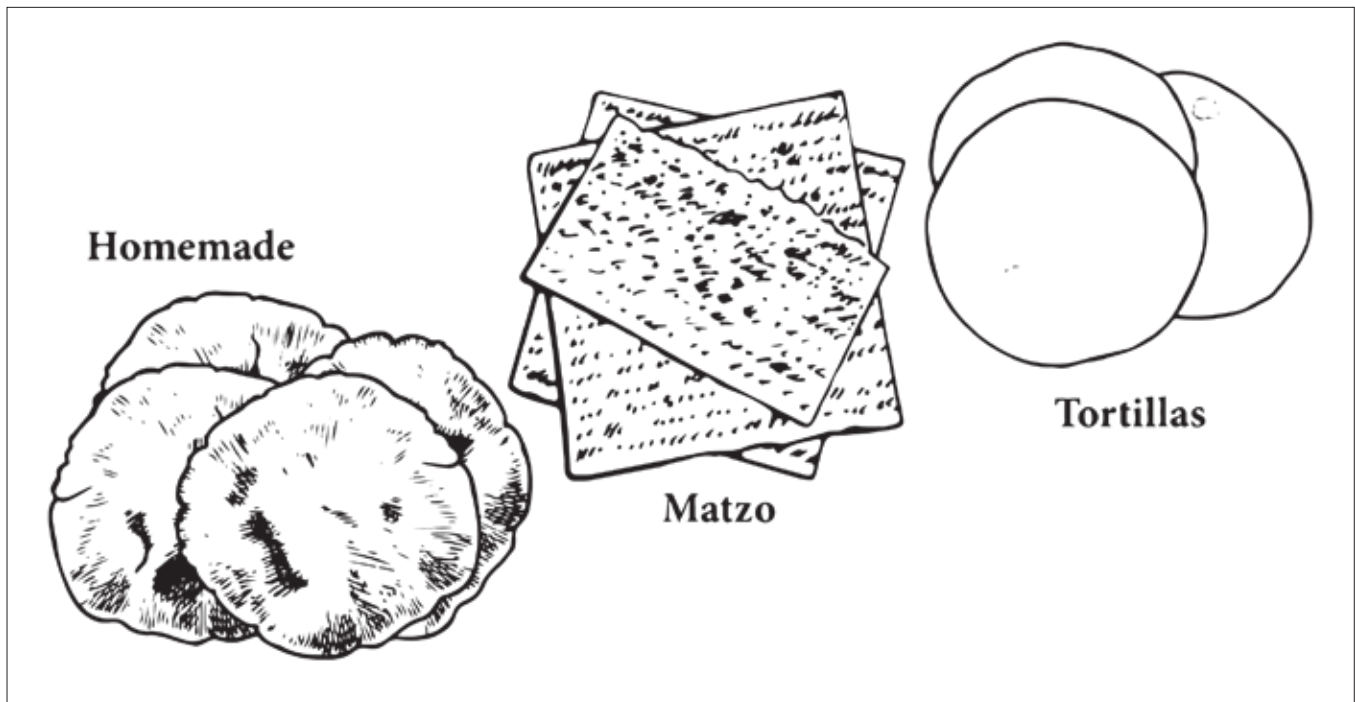
The Days of Unleavened Bread are immediately after the Passover. Here is what God said should be done on those days: “You must not eat any leavened bread. If you do, you will be put away. There must not be any leavened bread found in your homes either. And on the first and the last day, you shall all meet together to worship your God. You must not do any work on the first and the last day. If you do any

work, you will be put away. These days must be observed forever.”

The Days of Unleavened Bread are just as important as the Passover. In Lesson 4, we learned that Israel cried out to God for deliverance from bondage in Egypt. Egypt symbolized sin. The Days of Unleavened Bread picture God’s people coming out of the sin and bondage of this world. We must be delivered from our sinful ways. Without God, this would not be possible.

Emptying your home of leavened products symbolizes the process of





emptying your life of sin. Then, during the seven days of Unleavened Bread, you are to think about this process. Leavening is used to make bread rise. Without leavening, bread would be flat. This is what unleavened bread looks like. Eating unleavened bread symbolizes living a life free of sin. Just as a tiny bit of leavening causes a whole loaf of bread to rise, only a tiny bit of sin can ruin one's life.

Test Your Memory:

- 1) How many plagues were sent upon Egypt? _____
- 2) Did Pharaoh let Israel go after the plague of darkness? _____
- 3) On what day of the first month was Israel to kill the Passover lamb? _____

4) Who does the Passover lamb picture? _____

5) What do the Days of Unleavened Bread picture? _____

Israel Leaves Egypt

After Israel observed the Passover, they started their journey out of Egypt. There were 600,000 men and many more women and children. The people brought all their cattle with them.

God said to Moses and Aaron, "When I bring all of Israel into a land flowing with milk and honey, make sure they observe the Passover and Days of Unleavened Bread each year. And when your children ask why they are observing these days, say to them, 'It is because of what God has done



for us. He rescued us from the bondage of Egypt.”

God decided to lead Israel the long way out of Egypt. He led them through the wilderness of the Red Sea. He could have led them through the land of the Philistines, which was a shorter route. But God knew that Israel might see war in that area and want to turn around and go back to Egypt.

Sometimes, you might have to go through events in life that do not make sense to you. They might seem really hard. But remember that God always knows what is best for you.

Israel left Rameses then camped at Succoth and then Etham. God led them in a cloud during the day. This gave them shade from the heat. And He led them in a pillar of fire at night. This kept them warm during the cool evening and gave them light.

God told Israel to camp at Pihahiroth. He said that He was going to harden Pharaoh's heart so that Egypt would chase after Israel. God did this so that the Egyptians would know that He alone is God and that their gods were not real.

Pharaoh then became upset that he had let Israel go. He said, “Why have we done this? Let's go chase after them and make them come back and serve us.” He called for the army and all the chariots of Egypt. Pharaoh and his army then arrived at the place where Israel was camped.

Israel was very afraid when they saw the Egyptian army chasing them. They cried out to God. They asked Moses, “Are you trying to have us killed here in the wilderness? Didn't we tell you in Egypt that it would be better for us to stay there and live? We would rather serve them in harsh bondage. Let us go back.”

You must never doubt the power of God. If He says that He will do something, you can be certain that He will do it. God expects us to believe Him, no matter what. He loves us and will deliver us from any problem.

Crossing the Red Sea

Moses then said to Israel, “Why are you afraid? Stand here and see the power of the living God! Those Egyptians you now see, you shall see no more. God is going to fight for us. Just stay calm.”

God said to Moses, “Why are these people crying out to Me? Tell them to start walking toward the water. But you must lift up your rod and stretch out your hand over the water so that it may be divided. And all of Israel is going to walk on the dry land. Egypt's army is going to chase after you, but do not be afraid. They are going to know that I am God.”

The cloud where God was located went behind Israel and separated them

from the Egyptians. It was a dark cloud, so neither the Israelites nor the Egyptians could see each other. Then, God parted the Red Sea. Israel went onto the dry land between the walls of water on both sides of them. Imagine what that must have been like! The Egyptians followed them into the parted Red Sea. Then God caused the wheels on their chariots to fall off. The Egyptians were scared, and said, "Let's get out of here! God is fighting for them!"

After Israel got to the other bank of the Red Sea, God told Moses to stretch out his hand so that the water would come down on the Egyptians and drown them. Moses did so, and the Egyptian soldiers died. Israel was very happy and feared God. Write down Exodus 15:1 to see what Israel did next. _____

So, all of Israel sang, danced and thanked God for their deliverance from the bondage of Egypt. We must always be thankful for how kind God is to us. He has delivered us from the bondage of sin.

The Wilderness

After everyone was done singing and dancing, Israel embarked upon a three-day journey into the desert wilderness of Shur.

There were no trees and water was scarce. The people complained against Moses, saying, "The water here is bitter. What are we going to drink?" God showed Moses a tree and told him to throw it into the water. He did so, and the water became sweet. Then Moses said to Israel, "If you do all that God tells you to do, no diseases will come upon you. If you follow His laws and statutes, He will take care of you."

Israel then journeyed to the wilderness of Sin. The Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron, saying, "We wished we had stayed in Egypt. At least we could eat there. But now we are going to die of hunger!" Moses told the people they were complaining against God. So God said to Moses, "I am going to rain down bread from heaven. The people are going to gather a certain amount each day. This will be a test to see if they will obey Me."

God told the people to gather enough bread for one day at a time. Some people did not listen. They gathered more, so God caused it to breed worms and stink. On the sixth day of the week, they were to gather enough bread for two days. On the Sabbath,

God would not rain down any bread. But some people still did not listen, and went out to gather bread on the Sabbath. God said to Moses, “How long will Israel refuse to obey Me?”

Israel then left the wilderness of Sin and camped at Rephidim. But there was no water for them to drink. Once again, Israel complained against Moses, saying, “Did you bring us out of Egypt to kill us and our cattle with thirst?” Moses cried out to God, “What should I do? These people are going to kill me.” God told Moses to go strike a rock. When Moses did so, water came out. The people were very happy.

Notice how often Israel complained. They did not trust in God. They did not think that He was able to provide for them. You must always trust God and never complain against Him. If you are obedient to His commands, He will bless you and take care of you.

Test Your Memory:

1) How many men left Egypt? _____
2) What did God use to lead Israel with during the day and at night?

3) Were Egypt’s gods real? _____
4) Why did Israel complain against Moses in the wilderness of Shur?

5) What was Israel to do before the Sabbath? _____

Israel at Mount Sinai

In the third month, Israel left Rephidim and arrived at the wilderness of Sinai. God called Moses from Mount Sinai and said, “You saw how I delivered you from Egypt and brought you to Myself. If you keep My covenant and do all that I tell you, you will be a special nation to Me above all other nations. You will be a kingdom of priests. You will be a holy nation.”

So Moses went down from the mountain and told Israel these things. Everyone said, “All that God has commanded us, we will do.”

Moses told them to be ready for God to descend upon Mount Sinai. He told them to wash their clothes. He also told them not to touch the mountain when God was on it or else they would die.

Three days later, all of Israel heard a very loud trumpet blast. They saw God descend upon the mountain in a thick cloud. There was thunder and lightning. The whole mountain was covered in smoke, and it shook violently. The people were afraid.

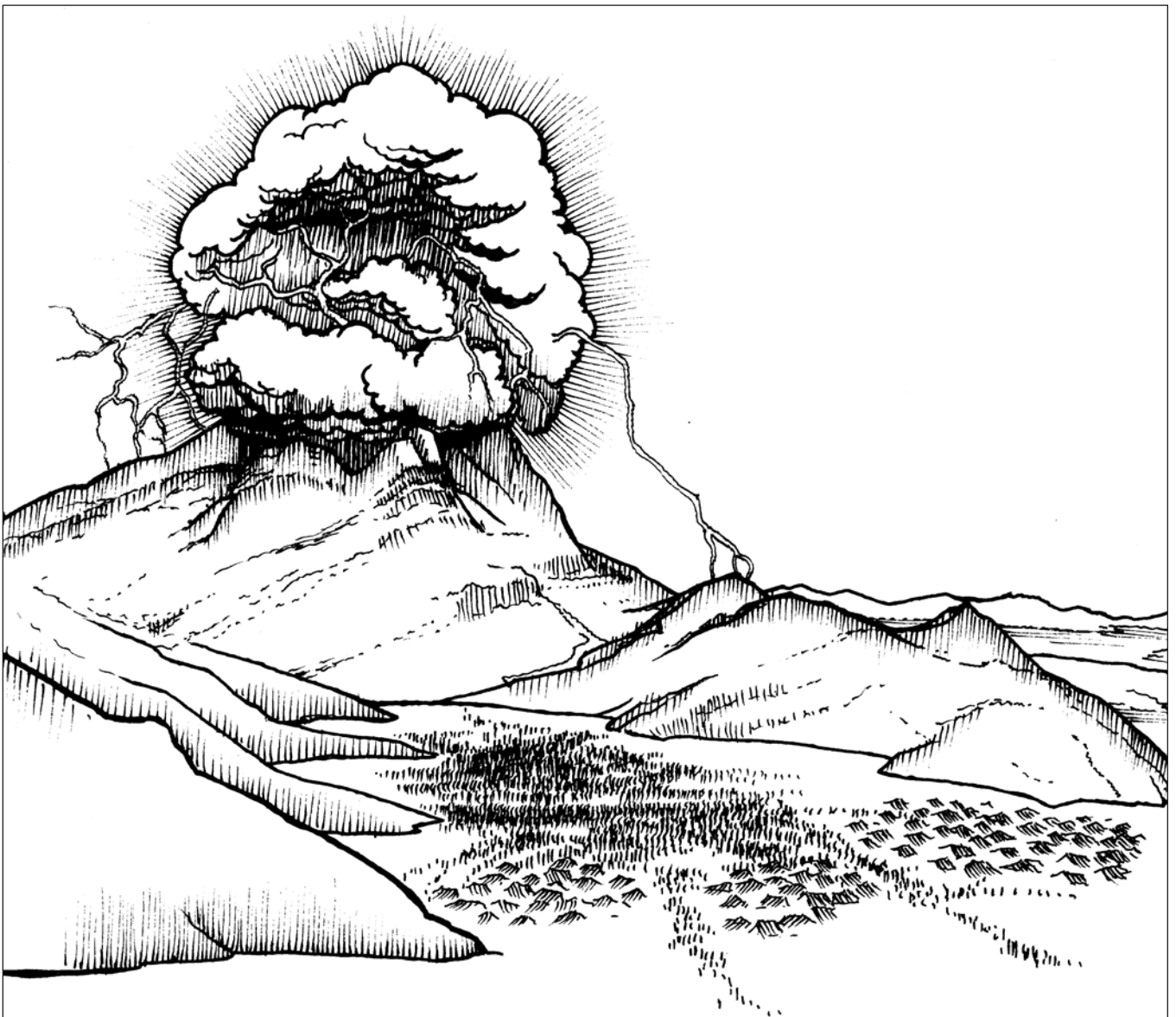
The Ten Commandments

A very important event was about to take place. God was going to tell Israel

what He expected of them. He was going to issue the Ten Commandments. These commandments are great spiritual laws—still in effect today—that we must obey in order to live a happy life.

God told Israel the following: “I am the Eternal God who has brought you out of Egypt, the house of bondage. (1) You shall have no other gods before Me. (2) You shall not make any statues or images of any other gods

and bow down to them. I am your God. (3) You shall not take My name in vain. (4) Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. Six days you can work. But the seventh day (Saturday) is a holy day. You shall not work on it. (5) Honor your father and mother. (6) You shall not commit murder. (7) You shall not commit adultery. (8) You shall not steal. (9) You shall not lie. (10) You shall not lust after anything that is not yours.”



The people saw all the lightning and smoke and were very afraid. They said to Moses, "You speak to us. If God speaks to us, we will surely die." Moses said, "Do not fear. God has come to test you, to see if His fear will be before your faces. He wants you to not sin."

In the next lesson, we will find out whether or not Israel obeyed God's commandments.

Test Your Memory:

1) In the third month, where did Israel arrive? _____

2) If Israel kept God's covenant, what would they be to Him? _____

3) What would happen to Israel if they touched the mountain when God was on it? _____

4) Are the Ten Commandments still in effect today? _____

5) What is the Fourth Commandment? _____



BIBLE MEMORY: Exodus 19:4-6

The Ten Commandments Mix-up

Below are the Ten Commandments. Someone wrote most of them out incorrectly and in the wrong order. Using this lesson, correct the mistakes. The world needs the Ten Commandments.

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| ■ You shall statues or images of gods and bow down to them. I am God. | ■ You shall not lust. |
| ■ You shall have gods before Me. | ■ Remember. Keep it holy. Six days work. But the seventh day is a holy day. You shall work. |
| ■ You shall take name in vain. | ■ You shall not steal. |
| ■ You shall not commit adultery. | ■ You shall lie. |
| ■ You shall not commit murder. | ■ Honor your father. |

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- 2) _____

- 3) _____
- 4) _____

- 5) _____
- 6) _____
- 7) _____
- 8) _____
- 9) _____
- 10) _____