

**TODDLER
CURRICULUM**

July & August

BOTTOM LINE
God loves me.

BIBLE VERSE
“I am the Lord
God ... I show
great love,”
Exodus 34:6.



Moses is a video teaching that looks at how God showed his great love for us through the story of Moses. Toddlers learn through repetition, with a program designed to be taught for two months. The video program includes sing-along worship and an animated Bible story with narration.

STORY

Moses' Big Adventure, Exodus 2-14

TEACHER DEVOTIONAL

Read: Exodus 2-14

Everything in the Bible points to God's plan of salvation. The Israelites' exodus from Egypt and all God did to save them is a shadow of what he would do for all of us through Jesus. From the burning bush, to the plagues, to the dramatic parting of the Red Sea, Moses' story reveals God's heart for his people and shows us that he uses the imperfect and unqualified to work out his plan.

When God told Moses he'd chosen him to rescue his people from slavery in Egypt, Moses tried to explain his insecurities and shortcomings to God as if God didn't know. But God chose him anyway. We get this backwards so often, don't we? Over and over again we try and present our best selves to God when he already knows us *and loves us* at our worst. He looks at us and says, "I *want* to use you. You are not enough to do this, and that is the point, because I want you to see that I AM." Moses got to live the words of 2 Corinthians 12:9 long before Paul ever wrote them, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

Then, during the last and most devastating plague, God instructed the Israelites to sacrifice a lamb and paint the blood over their doorposts so that the spirit of death would pass over their home. Their actions pointed straight to Jesus, who would be the ultimate sacrificial lamb. His blood has the power to save all people, including us, from sin and death.

We know how the story ends. The Israelites crossed the Red Sea on dry land after God's power through Moses split it in two. But what we may not know is that God led the Israelites out of Egypt and into the wilderness by the longest way possible. Why? The shortest route was blocked by the intimidating, powerful Philistines. God knew his people were too worn out, physically exhausted, and mentally drained from centuries of slavery to handle that kind of oppression. God's heart was intent on protecting their broken spirits and tired bodies. We may not always understand why we are where we are, and we may not always know where we are going. But we do know the God who is leading us; and he is a God who loves us, protects us, knows what is best for us, and never leaves us.

**What does it mean to you that God's power is made perfect in your weaknesses?
Exodus 14:14 says, "The Lord will fight for you, you need only to be still." In what ways do you need to be still and allow the Lord to fight for you?**

MOSES

Toddler See and Share

SUPPLIES: group set of toy plastic sheep, a toy crown, group set of toy plastic frogs, small spray bottle filled with water, print out: bush and laminate or foam core

PURPOSE: Kids will review the story by playing with toys representing the story of Moses.

NOTES

- Take toys out one at a time and hold them up for kids to see.
- Read each section and do the actions. Then put away toys.
- Encourage volunteers to familiarize themselves with the toys before doing See and Share.

1. Sheep: Moses took care of sheep. **(Pass out sheep.)** Can you make your sheep say baa?

2. Burning Bush: God talked to Moses through a bush that was on fire. **(Pass around bush for kids to see.)** God said, “Moses go save my people.” Let’s say, “Moses go!”

3. Crown: **(Put crown on.)** Moses told the mean king, “Let God’s people go.” But the king said, “No, no, no.” Shake your head and say, “No, no, no.”

4. Frogs: God sent slimy frogs hopping everywhere. **(Pass out frogs.)** Finally, the king let God’s people go. Can you make your frog hop, hop, hop?

5. Spray Bottle: God’s people walked to a huge sea. God sent a strong wind to split the sea open for all of God’s people to walk through. Can you blow like a strong wind? **(Mist kids with spray bottle.)** Can you feel the water from the waves?