

# Bible Discovery

## Week of July 27



**Bible Point:** God saves us, so...trust God!

**Key Verse:** "For I am with you and will save you," says the Lord." (Jeremiah 30:11)

**Bible Story:** Moses Remembers Passover (Exodus 12:1-30)

**Parents:** This is a more quiet and reflective story and lesson. Feel free to share and talk about this story in the way that best suits your child's age and understanding.

After watching the video of the story, have a Bible handy. You can have older children who are readers find this story in the Bible. Have them help you read the story out of the Bible.

The Israelites had been captives in Egypt for more than 400 years! And those last years were no picnic. Pharaoh made the Israelites work really hard and he was not nice to them. It was horrible! God told Moses to ask Pharaoh to let His people go so they could worship God the right way. But, that made Pharaoh even *more* mad.

Finally, God said he would rescue them. First, He sent nine plagues to Egypt—really bad things like locusts and frogs and water turning to blood. Gross! The plagues only happened to the Egyptians—not to the Israelites! Even then Pharaoh wouldn't let them go. And then God sent one last plague. This plague was really serious. God warned that if Pharaoh wouldn't let them go, all the firstborn sons in Egypt would die—from Pharaoh's son to the lowest Egyptian's son! But God said that none of *the Israelite* children would be harmed. God said there would be crying all over Egypt as the Egyptians realized their children had died. But, in their houses, it would be quiet. The angel of death would pass right over their houses.

The Israelites worshiped God by sacrificing animals to Him. God told Moses to have each Israelite family sacrifice a perfect lamb and roast the meat. God said to paint the blood of the lamb on their doors to show they were God's people. The angel of death would pass over the houses with blood painted on the doors and would spare the children inside.

**Question:** How do you think the Israelites felt when they heard what the angel of death was going to do?

**Question:** What do you suppose they were thinking as they painted blood on their doors?

God said that after the angel of death came over Egypt, they would need to be ready to leave in a hurry. They wouldn't have time to pack all their things. There wouldn't even be time to cook a regular meal. He said to eat unleavened bread, which is bread that didn't have time to rise. Unleavened bread is kind of like flat bread or pita bread.

The Israelites waited and waited in silence for the angel of death to come over Egypt. Then, right at midnight, they heard what sounded like a loud wind pass over their houses. The Israelites heard cries of sadness all over Egypt. But, in the Israelite houses—not even a dog barked. It was just as God had promised—the angel of death had passed over their houses!

**Question:** How do you think the Israelites felt after the angel of death passed over their houses?

All of a sudden, an order came from Pharaoh for the Israelites to leave Egypt right away! God rescued them from captivity and led them out of Egypt that very night! In fact, that's when they headed to the Red Sea! Remember that story?

What an incredible rescue! God saved the Israelites that night—a night we call *Passover* because the angel of death passed over their houses. We celebrate Passover to remember God's love for His people when they were slaves to Pharaoh in Egypt.

