

## Week of July 27th

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

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

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

### Circle up for Family Tribe Time

Bring out the bag labeled 7/27 with small white paper (you may also gather a washable marker and paper towel)

**Say:** Today, Moses remembered that special night when God saved his people. I imagine that was something the Israelites wouldn't forget for a long, long time. Did you know that God did something just like that... for you and me?



*Let me show you what I mean.*

Hold up the small white papers (and a paper towel from home). Look how clean and new these are. God is a little like them. God is perfect—he's never done anything wrong. But we aren't perfect. Think for a few seconds about some of the wrong things you do. You won't have to say those things out loud—just think about them.

*Demonstrate how to use the marker to write your name on the small paper/paper towel.*

Then give each family member a small white paper/paper towel, and a washable marker. Pass the marker around, and let each member quietly write his or her name on the paper towel and/or small white paper or simply make an X. When everyone has had a turn, hold up the paper towel/small paper.

**Say:** Sins are things like saying mean words...lying...disobeying...hurting people...and not doing the good things God wants us to do. Each one of us has sinned. That's why our names are on this paper towel/paper. And sin sticks with us—we can't get rid of it. Use your hand to try to gently wipe away the marks. The worst part is that sin keeps us from being with God because God is pure and perfect.

**Ask:** If we keep doing these wrong things, why do you think God wants to be close to us? (He loves us; I don't know; because he made us.)

*Bring out a spray bottle(set to mist) and a small bowl of water.*

**Say:** Sin makes it impossible to be close to God, because God has no sin—not even a little bit. And separation from God would be terrible. Just like those Egyptians who were unprotected—who didn't have the blood of the lamb to cover their homes—you and I were unprotected. But God loves us all more than we can even begin to understand. God provided a perfect lamb once and for all. God gave us his precious Son, Jesus. Jesus was born to live on earth and show people God's incredible love. When Jesus lived on earth, a lot of people didn't believe that he was God's Son. They thought he was lying. So they nailed his hands and feet to a wooden cross. On the cross, Jesus took all of those wrong things that you and I have ever done... and will ever do. Jesus bled and died as payment for our wrongdoings. Jesus' blood paid for our sins. Jesus' blood erased our sins.

*Demonstrate how to spray the paper towel to make the name disappear(bleed away)/put your small paper into the bowl of water and swirl it, watching the paper disappear.*

**Say:** When it's your turn, silently thank Jesus for taking the punishment for what you've done. Thank Jesus that his blood was enough to wash away your sins.

*Let everyone take turns misting their own paper towel to watch the marks disappear/swirling their paper into the bowl of water.*

Because of Jesus, we can be saved from being away from God forever. You see, Jesus didn't stay dead. After three days, he came back to life to show how powerful God is! When Jesus died and came back to life, he made a way for us to be with God forever! I'm so glad that God saves us, so...trust God!

**Pray:** Loving God, we thank you for your powerful love. We're so thankful that you loved us enough to send Jesus to take the punishment for all the wrong things we've ever done. That's more love than we can even imagine! Thank you for your saving love. In Jesus' name, amen.