

# The Story at Home

**Timeless Truth:** God watches over Moses and his people. God watches over me, too.

**Bible Verse:** "Moses answered the people. He said, 'Don't be afraid. Stand firm. You will see how the Lord will save you today.'"

Exodus 14:13

**Key Passages:** Exodus 1:1–2:10; 3:9; 12:31; 13:21–22

**Resources:** *The Story for Children* Ch. 4: "Out of Egypt"



Grades 5/6

Grades 2/3/4

Eat breakfast like the Israelites did when they escaped Egypt. The Bible says that thin flakes of bread appeared on the ground every morning (Ex.15:15–16). The Israelites would gather up enough for their family and eat all day. The next morning a whole new crop of manna would be waiting for them. Instead of manna, have your family eat oatmeal every morning. Calculate the cost savings of eating oatmeal instead of your family's normal breakfast food and have your children donate that money to do God's work.

Ask your family what the Israelites must've felt like after eating manna every day for years.

Tell about a time when God was working in your life or trying to get your attention, but you didn't see it until later.

**Do you know someone who has hardened their heart against God and refuses to see him?**

**Why do you think people stubbornly refuse to see God when he makes himself known in creation and everyday circumstances?**

**What can you do to open people's eyes to the truth about God?**

**If somebody totally refuses to acknowledge God, what should you do?**

Grab a flashlight and bring your family to a dark room or into the basement. This activity can also be done outside on a dark night. According to the Bible, God led the Israelites at night with a pillar of fire (Exodus 13:21). By following the pillar of fire at night and the pillar of cloud during the day, God's people always knew exactly where to go. Play a game of "Reverse Hide and Seek." Instead of one person counting and everybody hiding, the person holding the flashlight will hide and everybody else will count. Have a parent hide first. After everybody counts, search for the person hiding. Wait a couple minutes and then the hider will turn on the flashlight.

**Were you ever scared being stuck in the dark and not knowing where to go?**

**Was it easier to find the hidden person when the flashlight was on or off?**

**How does God shine his "flashlight" today so it's easier for us to follow him?**

**How does God's light deliver us and keep us safe?**

**God's "flashlight" is on all the time. How does it make you feel to know you can go to him whenever you're in need?**

**The Bible says, "You are in the light because of what the Lord has done. Live like children of the light" (Ephesians 5:8).**

**What are some ways we can live as children of the light?**



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