

LESSON 9: FINDING A NEW HOME

from Exodus 3:1 - Joshua 34:26

When Moses ran away from Egypt, he lived in the desert, taking care of sheep. One day, he saw a bush that was burning and wouldn't stop burning.

He heard God say, "Moses, I have seen how hard life is for my people in Egypt. I am sending you to go to the king of Egypt and tell him to let My people leave. I will give my people a land of their own."

Moses was afraid, but obeyed God. He went back to Egypt and spoke with the king. "Let the people of Israel leave." The king said, "No! If I let the people leave, who will work for me?"

The king made the people work harder so that would not have time to think about leaving. For many days, Moses went to the king and asked again. Each time the king said, "No! I will not let them leave."

God sent many miracles to show the king that He was God. He turned all the water into blood. He sent frogs until they covered everything. He sent lice, flies, bugs, sores, and hail. The cattle got sick and died. The sky went dark in the middle of the day. Each time, the king said, "No!"

Finally, God said that the oldest child in each family would die. He told Moses to tell the people of Israel to put lambs' blood on the doors of their houses. That night, the first child of each family died, except in the houses where there was blood on the doors. Even the king's son died. The king finally told Moses to take all the people and leave.

Moses led the people out of Egypt toward the new place God was preparing for them. As they traveled in the desert, God provided for them. He gave them rules to live by. He showed them how to build a place to worship him. It took more than 40 years to arrive, because the people did not trust God to lead them.

Moses died, but his helper Joshua led the people into the new place that God had promised for them.

Circle all correct answers.

1. What strange thing did Moses see in the desert?
 - A. A talking donkey.
 - B. A man who was dead come back to life.
 - C. A bush that was burning and didn't stop burning.
 - D. Joseph's special coat.

2. What was the message that God asked Moses to give to the king?
 - A. Build more pyramids.
 - B. Join the people of Israel in their work.
 - C. Build a place of worship.
 - D. Let the people of Israel leave Egypt.

Fill in the blanks.

3. God sent many miracles to Egypt. List three of them.

4. Which miracle would have been the hardest for you if you lived during that time?

5. What finally convinced the king to do what Moses was asking?

6. Where did the people of Israel go?

EXTRA QUESTIONS (Lesson 9)

7. How do you think Moses felt each time the king told him “No!”?

Why do you think Moses did not quit asking after hearing “No!” so many times?

8. God asked the people of Israel to remember the special time when death “passed over” the people when they were in Egypt. Every year, they celebrated a feast called the “Passover.” We celebrate a special time when Jesus “passed over” from death to life. What is the word we use to describe this special day each year?

9. In the desert, God gave Moses rules to live by. Read Exodus 20:1-17. These are called the Ten Commandments.

Read Matthew 19:16-19. How many of the Commandments did Jesus talk about in these verses?

10. Close your Bible. How many of the Commandments can you remember? Which ones?
