

# The Beginning of God's Nation

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## STUDY TEXT: EXODUS 1:1-14; 6:6-7

Discuss the following BIG IDEAs and how to apply them to life. Use the questions to spark discussion.

### Big Idea 1: God Multiplied His People According to His Promise ([Exodus 1:1-7](#))

**Live It Out:** Thank God for His faithfulness to keep every promise He has made. Choose one promise from Scripture to meditate on throughout the week.

- *Why do you think Moses began with a list of names rather than jumping straight into the action? What does this tell us about how God views people?*
- *How does God's faithfulness to Abraham encourage you when His promises seem slow to unfold?*

**Live It Out:** Identify one promise from Scripture that seems difficult to trust in your current circumstances. Write it down and pray over it each day this week.

- *When has God's faithfulness surprised you during a difficult season?*
- *How can remembering God's faithfulness in the past strengthen your trust in Him today?*

### Big Idea 2: Oppression Cannot Overpower God's Purposes ([Exodus 1:8-14](#))

**Live It Out:** Remember that opposition to God's work has always existed. Ask God to help you trust His purposes even when circumstances seem discouraging.

- *Why did Pharaoh see God's blessing on Israel as a threat rather than something to celebrate?*
- *How can fear or pride keep us from recognizing or joining what God is doing?*

**Live It Out:** Think of a situation where you or someone you know is facing hardship or opposition. Pray this week that God would strengthen your faith and accomplish His purposes through that circumstance.

- *How does Israel's growth under oppression challenge the way we think about hardship and God's faithfulness?*
- *When have you seen God accomplish His purposes through a difficult season in your life or in the life of your church?*

### Big Idea 3: God Delivers His People From Bondage ([Exodus 6:6-7](#); [Romans 6:16-18](#))

**Live It Out:** Thank God this week not only for rescuing you from sin but also for inviting you into a relationship with Him.

- *Which of God's four promises in Exodus 6:6-7 stands out to you most? Why?*
- *How does understanding God as our Redeemer help you appreciate that salvation is about more than escaping judgment?*

**Live It Out:** Identify one area where you still struggle against sin. Each day this week, thank God that Christ has already broken sin's power and ask Him to help you walk in the freedom He provides.

- *What does it look like to live as someone who has been set free by Christ?*
- *How does understanding sin as slavery rather than simply "making mistakes" change the way we think about our need for a Savior?*

## WORK TOGETHER TO MEMORIZE THE FAMILY SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH

### Luke 2:11

#### Build a Foundation

Discussion questions for elementary age students.

1. *Why was Pharaoh afraid of the Israelites?*
2. *How did God protect and provide for Moses when he was a baby?*
3. *How can you and your family trust in God's faithfulness in difficult times?*

#### Faith Connections

Create a Family Purpose Board. At the top of the poster board, write *God can use me to . . .* and then write each family member's name underneath. Brainstorm ways God can use each person in the family and write the way underneath the person's name. Some ways might include encouraging a friend, praying, helping my family, telling others about Jesus, sharing a Bible verse with someone, being kind. Remind family members that God had a purpose and a plan for Moses' life, and He has a purpose and a plan for each one of us.

#### Stand Strong

*Since God loved Israel, why did He allow them to suffer in Egypt?*

Answer: God had not abandoned His people. Even during their suffering, He was keeping His covenant with Abraham and preparing them for a greater display of His power and faithfulness. God often accomplishes His purposes through difficult seasons. Although we may not always understand His timing, we can trust that He is present, faithful, and working for His glory and the good of His people.

Scripture: Exodus 2:23–25; Exodus 6:6–8; Romans 8:28

#### Preschool Highlights

Today your child learned about a man named Noah. He and his family loved and followed God, but the rest of the world did not. God told Noah to build an ark and Noah obeyed His instructions. When it was finished, God sent at least two of every kind of animal to board the ark along with Noah and his family. God took care of Noah when the rains came, and **God Takes Care of Us** too.



The Exodus story was never meant to stay in the past. God commanded Israel to tell future generations how He had delivered them ([Exodus 12:26–27](#); [Deuteronomy 6:20–25](#)). In the same way, we should regularly share how Christ has rescued us. This week, tell someone younger in faith how God has been faithful in your life.