

Rhythms of Grace • November Year 2

Theme: Moses III With God's help he leads his people out of Egypt.

Scripture: Exodus 6:28-15:21

Date: _____

Location: _____

Volunteer Roles:

Facilitator _____

Storyteller _____

Celebrant _____

Center Leader _____

Guide _____

Items Needed for this Session

Gathering: Blocks for building pyramids (blocks or Legos), pictures of pyramids

Storytelling: Jesus doll, Bible, story cards, drawings or pictures of plagues on cards

Response Activities:

Making Matza- pizza dough, baking sheets, oil, parchment paper, spatula, napkins, marker

Making Bricks- straw, water, top soil (or the clean mud from session one w/o water), small foil pans

Matching Game- two or three each-pictures of plagues mentioned in story

Sand Box- toy flies, mosquitoes, frogs, small Styrofoam or rubber balls for hail, sand box

Regathering: back packs, clothing, misc. items for a trip, elements for the Eucharistic table (see Eucharist-Book 1)

Eucharist: : *Jesu, Jesu*, altar table and elements (pita bread/rice crackers, juice, chalice, paten, purificator, corporal, altar cloth), Eucharistic Prayer (see Book 1 p. 100), *Gather our Hearts* song lyrics (see Book 1 p. 99)

Dismissal: *Jesus Loves Me* with hand motions

Session Plan • Moses III • November Yr. 2

Gathering: Using building blocks and pictures have participants make pyramids. As they are building explain pyramids.

Storytelling: Jesus doll, bible, story cards, plague clipart cards you choose to use in story, see story

Response Activities:

Making Matza- With pizza dough, and roller, (if using hands coat with oil) create large round matzas. Place on baking sheets lined with parchment paper with marker write name near piece. Bake as directed. Place on napkins to take home.

Making Bricks- Mix straw, water, and top soil in large bowl or bucket (or the clean mud from Session 1 w/o water). Place mixture in small foil pans to dry

Matching Game- Place the cards for two or three pictures of plagues mentioned in story face down. Play a game of concentration and have participants name pictures as you play.

Sand Box- have participants find some of the plagues (flies, mosquitoes, frogs, hail) in the sand box.

Regathering: Packing for a Trip Relay- Have participants put items for a trip in a back pack, then quickly run across the room and give to next participant. Singing *Jesu, Jesu*, leader gives participants an Eucharist element and participant brings it to the Celebrant then sit back down in the circle around the Eucharistic table

Eucharist: Sing: Gather our Hearts

Gather our hearts, oh God.
Gather our thoughts, oh God.
Bring us together around you

Celebration of the Eucharist

Dismissal: All sing and sign *Jesus Loves Me*,
Celebrant provides a blessing:
Celebrant: “Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord.”
Participant: “Thanks be to God!”

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Place the Bible and Jesus doll by the Storyteller

Story cards: 1. *Traveling to the Red Sea*
2. *Parting the sea*

3. *Egyptian's in the sea*

Pictures or clipart of plagues (see in story)

Moses returned to Egypt and went with Aaron to see the Pharaoh (*remember he is like a king*). Moses told the Pharaoh that God, the only true God, had sent him to tell the Pharaoh to let the people of God go. The Pharaoh laughed at Moses: "I know nothing about your God. I will not let the people of this God free. Show me some sign that your God can perform miracles," said the Pharaoh. Moses threw down his staff (remember what happened to it at the burning bush). It became a snake. But the Pharaoh was not impressed. He had his magicians do the same with their staffs but.....Moses's staff ate the others! Still, the Pharaoh said, "No!" Moses met the Pharaoh 9 more times and predicted 9 plagues...all the water turned to blood, then leaping, croaking creatures (frogs), then clouds of mosquitoes, then flies, then their cattle were struck down by disease, then all the people began to have skin sores, then hail storms, then darkness, then swarms of locusts...each time Moses went to the Pharaoh and demanded, "Let My People Go." The Pharaoh said, "No." Finally, God told Moses that he would send the Angel of Death to the Egyptians. Moses told the people of God, "Pack your belongings and be ready to leave quickly...Place the blood of a lamb over your doors. The Angel of Death will pass over your home." That night all the first born sons of the Egyptians died. The Pharaoh was so sad that he told Moses to "Go....take your people and Go!" (*find pictures of a few of the plagues to show during the story and then use in activity later*)

Begin with story cards:

(*storycard #1*) At the morning light the people of God with all their belongings began the trip out of slavery to the Promised Land. They traveled all day and came to the Red Sea. As they approached, they heard rumbling noises. They looked back and the Pharaoh and his army had followed them! The Pharaoh had changed his mind and was coming after them.....Moses went to the sea. He lifted his arms and a great wind began. (*storycard #2*) It parted the sea and left a dry path to the other side. The people of God began across. They were afraid but they trusted Moses and God. As they all set foot on the other side, the Egyptians followed through the trail. All of a sudden the wind stopped...The waters dropped and the Egyptians were covered. (*storycard #3*)

The people of God rejoiced and praised God for delivering them to safety.
Amen.

Continue by explaining the activities