

Shemot “Names”

Shemot/Exodus 1:1 – 6:1; Isaiah 27:6–28:13; 29:22-23; I Cor 14:13-25

“Moses Called to Guide Israel”

Objective:

- Understand that God did not forget his promises to Israel.
- Understand that the Jewish people became slaves in Egypt.
- Understand that the events of Moses’ life prepared him for his task to lead Israel out of Egypt.

Welcome/Opening Slide

- Welcome the children & organize as required
- Opening Prayer

Please Remember These Rules

Say: Here are the rules:

- Please don’t talk when others are talking
- Please raise your hand if you would like to ask a question
- Please keep your hands, feet and other body parts to yourself
- You must ask to leave the room

Title Slide

Note: If possible, hold your Bible open throughout the story.

Say: Our lesson begins in the second book of the Torah called Exodus or Shemot. Shemot is also the title of the Torah portion we are learning.

A New Pharaoh

Say: After the death of Joseph there arose a "new pharaoh" over Egypt who did not acknowledge Joseph's contributions to save Egypt

Question: Does anyone remember who Pharaoh is?

Say: Pharaoh is the name given to an Egyptian king.

The Jewish People Increase in Egypt

Say: The Jewish people started to grow in numbers. First there were 12 families, and out of them grew hundreds and hundreds of families.

Say: The large number of Jewish people made pharaoh very afraid and he made the people of Israel slaves.

Say: The Egyptians were very mean to the Jewish people, beat them and made them work hard without receiving any money.

Kill the Baby Boys

Say: Even though the Jewish people were treated badly, they kept having children and their families grew larger.

Say: This still made the Pharaoh very mad and he forced the Jewish people to kill the boy babies by throwing them into Nile River.

Moses is Born

Say: A man named Amram got married to a woman named Jochebed. They had three children named Miriam, Aaron and Moses.

Say: When Jochebed gave birth to Moses she tried to hide him and not throw baby Moses into the Nile River.

Say: She could no longer keep his birth a secret, she placed her son in a basket among the reeds of the Nile before anyone could kill him.

Moses is Adopted

Say: Moses big sister Miriam stood by and watched to see what would happen to him.

Say: Pharaoh's daughter came to bathe in the Nile and discovered the ark among the reeds.

Say: She felt sorry for baby Moses and adopted the baby even though he was a "despised Hebrew."

Say: Miriam, baby Moses' sister, talked to the princess and offered to find someone to help take care of the baby.

Say: She suggested her own mother Jochebed to do the job!

Moses in Pharaoh's court

Say: When Moses grew up, Jochebed brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son, a prince of Egypt.

Say: He grew up and became a young man, Moses went to visit the Jewish people and see their suffering.

Say: One day, he noticed an Egyptian overseer beating a Jewish person.

Moses Kills an Egyptian

Moses wanted to protect the Jewish person so he killed the man and hid the body in the sand.

Say: The following day, Moses attempted to keep two Jewish people from fighting. One of the Jewish people fighting said to Moses, "Who made you a prince and judge over us?" The person asked Moses if he was going to kill them as he had killed the Egyptian overseer the other day.

Say: Moses became afraid that other people knew about him killing the Egyptian.

Say: Pharaoh heard the news and sought to have Moses killed.

Moses runs to Midian

Say: Moses ran away from Egypt to a country called Midian.

Say: While he lived in the country, he married and had two sons. Being a shepherd was his job while he lived in Midian.

Moses and The Burning Bush

Say: One day, when Moses was tending sheep he noticed a bush that was on fire but did not burn up.

Say: The LORD spoke to Moses out of the burning bush and told him that he was going back to Egypt to lead Israel out of slavery in Egypt.

God talks to Moses in the Burning Bush

Say: Moses told the LORD he could not lead the children of Israel because he could not speak very good. God reminded Moses that he was the Creator of the mouth and could help him speak to Pharaoh.

Say: God gave three miracles so the Jewish people would believe him. The first was his staff would turn into a snake. The second was his hand would contract leprosy and then be cured. The third would be he could turn water from the Nile into blood.

Say: After this, Moses told his father in law that he was going back to Egypt with his wife and sons.

Moses Returns to Egypt

Say: Moses met with his brother Aaron at Sinai and told him about their mission.

Say: When they reached Egypt, Moses and Aaron met with the Jewish leaders and told them about God's plan to free them from being slaves.

Say: When the people heard Aaron's speech and saw the miracles Moses performed, they believed that the LORD had answered their prayers.

Let My People Go!

Say: Later, Moses and Aaron visited Pharaoh and told him to let the Jewish people go, so that they may hold a feast to G-d in the wilderness.

Say: Pharaoh became angry and treated the Jewish people very badly.

Say: Moses and Aaron were blamed for the bad situation that befell the Jewish people.

Say: Our story ends with the LORD telling to Moses, "Now you shall see what I will do to Pharaoh ; for under compulsion he will let them go, and under compulsion he will drive them out of his land."

Let's Learn Hebrew!

Say: Our Hebrew word for this lesson is Shem. It is the root word of the Torah portion we are learning. Remember it is called Shemot.

שֵׁם

Say: In English this word means “name.” For example my name or Shem is _____.

הַשֵּׁם

Say: Often we use the name, “HaShem” as a replacement for saying God’s special and unspeakable name.

What Did We Learn Today?

- God did not forget his promises to Israel.
- The Jewish people became slaves in Egypt.
- The events of Moses’ life prepared him for his task to lead Israel out of Egypt.

Small Group Time

Break the children into two groups:

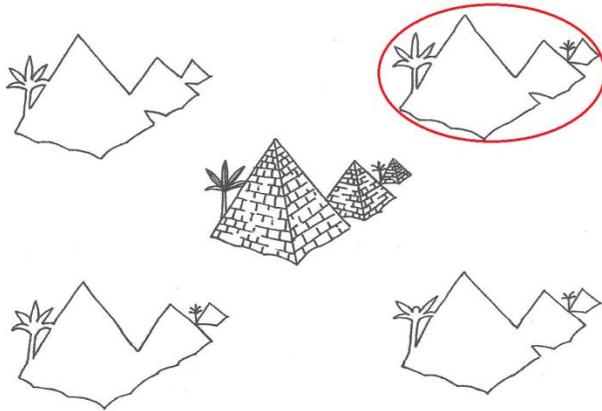
- Primary – Ages 4-7
- Elementary Ages 8-12

Distribute the self-directed learning handout to each child and let them work together or alone.

Primary Handout Answer Sheet

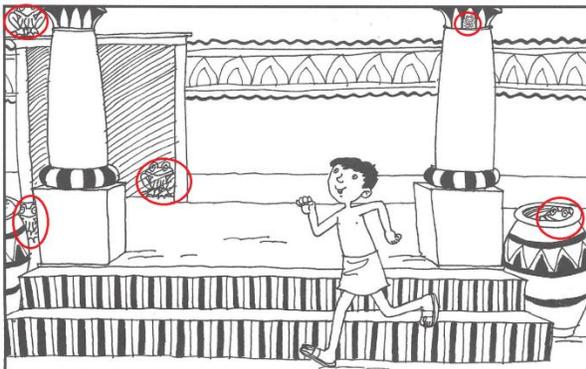
The Compare Puzzle – Page 1

Which of these outlines fits completely the finished drawings of the Egyptians pyramids that the Jewish people were forced to build?



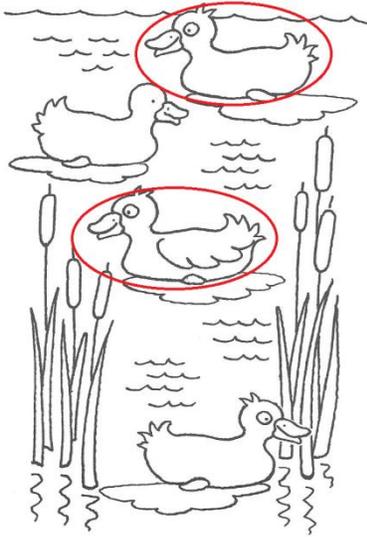
Find the Frogs Puzzle – Page 1

The princess paid Moses' mother to look after baby Moses when she finds him in the Nile. When he was older, he grew up as a royal prince. How many frogs can you find hidden here?



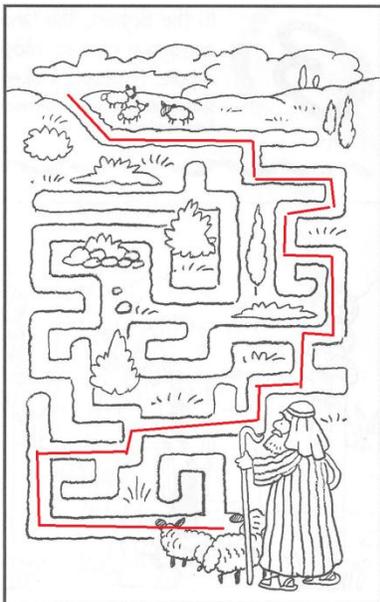
The Duck Puzzle – Page 2

The ducks in the Nile River are surprised to see baby Moses in a basket. Which two ducks are exactly the same?



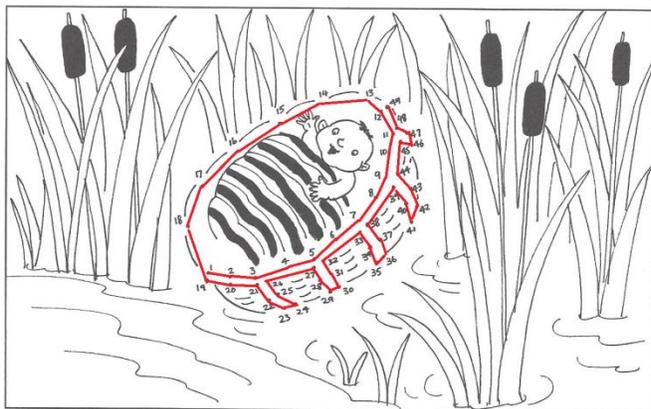
The Amazing Maze – Page 2

Moses is watching over his sheep just before he sees the burning bush. Can you find the right way to help Moses get to all his sheep?



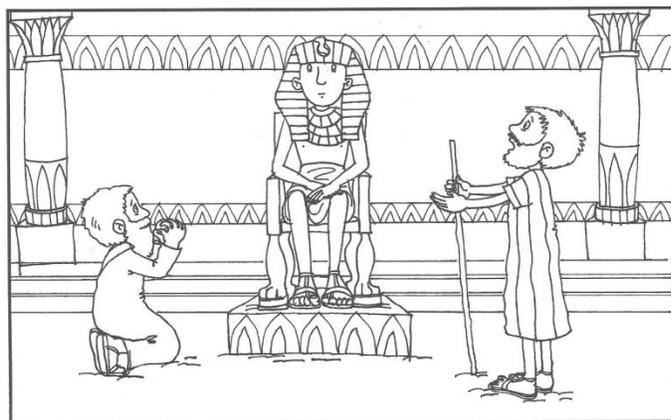
Dot-to-dot Puzzle – Page 3

When he was a baby, Moses' mother hid him among the reeds in the Nile River. Join up the dots to find what Moses' mother put him in.



What did she hide him in?

Moses and Aaron talking to Pharaoh – Color Me – Page 3



And afterward Moses and Aaron came and said to Pharaoh, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, Let My people go that they may celebrate a feast to Me in the wilderness." Exodus/Shemot 5:1

Color Me – Moses and the Burning Bush – Page 4



“And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush:
and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed.”
EXODUS 3:2

Shemot/Exodus 3:1-9 – Page 1

¹ Now Moses was pasturing the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian; and he led the flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²The angel of the LORD appeared to him in a blazing fire from the midst of a bush; and he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, yet the bush was not consumed. ³ So Moses said, “I must turn aside now and see this marvelous sight, why the bush is not burned up.” ⁴ When the LORD saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” ⁵ Then He said, “Do not come near here; remove your sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” ⁶ He said also, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” Then Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. ⁷ The LORD said, “I have surely seen the affliction of My people who are in Egypt, and have given heed to their cry because of their taskmasters, for I am aware of their sufferings. ⁸ “So I have come down to deliver them from the power of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanite and the Hittite and the Amorite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite. ⁹ “Now, behold, the cry of the sons of Israel has come to Me; furthermore, I have seen the oppression with which the Egyptians are oppressing them...”

Let's Learn Hebrew! – Page 1

Say: Our Hebrew word for this lesson is Shem. It is the root word of the Torah portion we are learning. Remember it is called Shemot.

שֵׁם

Shem - Name

הַשֵּׁם

HaShem – “The Name” a substitute name for God.

Questions – Pages 2

1. Now Moses was pasturing the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian; and he led the flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. (Shemot/Exodus 3:1)

True or False

Answer: True, exact quote in the scripture.

2. Circle the Correct Words: The angel of the LORD appeared to him in a blazing fire from the midst of a **(BUSH/TREE)** ... (Shemot/Exodus 3:2)

Answer: Bush

3. When Moses saw the Burning Bush, he noticed that the bush was burning. (Shemot/Exodus 3:2). What was strange about the burning bush?

- A. The bush was not consumed
- B. The bush eventually burned up
- C. The bush grew larger

Answer: A The bush was not consumed

4. Fill in the blanks: So Moses said, "I must turn aside now and see this _____ sight, why the bush is not _____ up." (Shemot/Exodus 3:3)

Answer: Marvelous, Burned

5. Fill in the blanks: When the LORD saw that he turned aside to _____, God _____ to him from the _____ of the bush and said, "Moses, Moses !" And he said, "Here I am." (Shemot/Exodus 3:4)

Answer: Look, Called, Midst

6. Then He said, "Do not come near here; **(PUT ON/REMOVE)** your sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." (Shemot/Exodus 3:5)

Answer: Remove

7. Fill In the Blanks: He said also, "I am the God of your father, the God of _____, the God of _____, and the God of _____." Then Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. (Shemot/Exodus 3:6)

Answer: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob

8. Fill In the Blanks: The LORD said, "I have surely seen the _____ of My people who are in Egypt, and have given heed to their cry because of their _____, for I am aware of their sufferings. (Shemot/Exodus 3:7)

Answer: Affliction, Taskmasters

9. Fill In the Blanks: "So I have come down to deliver them from the power of the _____, and to bring them up from that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the _____ and the _____ and the Amorite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite. (Shemot/Exodus 3:8)

Answer: Egyptians, Canaanite, Hittite,

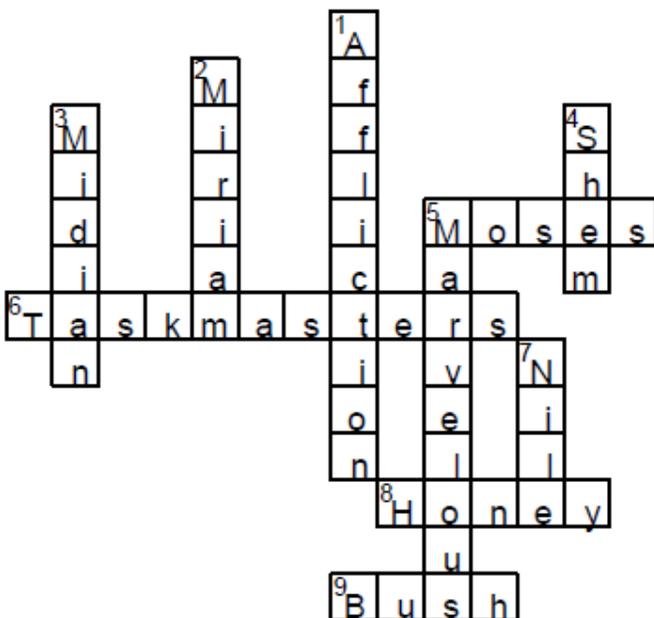
10. "Now, behold, the cry of the sons of Israel has come to Me; furthermore, I have seen the oppression with which the Romans are oppressing them..." (Shemot/Exodus 3:9)

True or False

Answer: False, it was the Egyptians, not the Romans

The Crossword Puzzle – Page 3

Complete the puzzle using the clues shown below.



Across

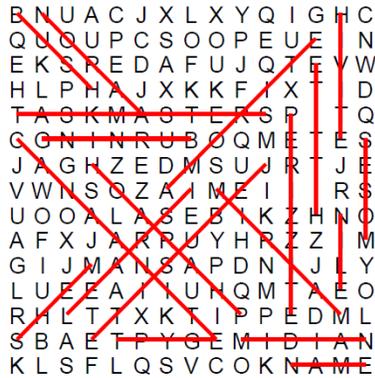
- Who was placed in a basket and placed in the Nile River?
- Who enforced the slavery and bad treatment of the Jewish people?
- The land promised to Israel is described as flowing with milk and _____ ?
- What was burning in the desert that caught Moses' attention?

Down

- The LORD said, "I have surely seen the _____ of My people who are in Egypt ... (Exodus 3:7)
- What was the name of Moses' sister?
- What is the country that Moses lived in when he left Egypt?
- The Hebrew word for "name"?
- So Moses said, "I must turn aside now and see this _____ sight, why the bush is not burned up." (Exodus 3:3)
- What is the name of the river in Egypt?

Word Search– Page x

Find the hidden words within the grid of letters.



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| Aaron | Canaanite | Israel | Moses | Pharaoh |
| Amorite | Egypt | Jebusite | Name | Shem |
| Burning | Hittite | Midian | Nile | Taskmasters |
| Bush | Hivite | Miriam | Perizzite | |

Just For Fun (Dot-to-Dot Puzzle) – Page x

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