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STUDENT DEVOTIONAL UNIT 4

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UNIT 4: GOD DELIVERS HIS PEOPLE

Session 1: God Called Moses Exodus 1-4



Sunday, November 24

Why does sin
separate us
from God?

Because God is holy,
sin has broken our
relationship with God.

Memory Verse: Psalm 34:17

"The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears, and rescues them from all their troubles."

Monday,
November 25

SESSION 1



Before you read...

- ▶ We are moving forward in God's story to the book of Exodus, the second book of the Bible. The book of Genesis ended with the story of Joseph's family. After a great famine came to the land, Jacob, his 11 sons, and their families moved to Egypt where Joseph lived. God's promise to make Abraham's family into a great nation was being fulfilled as Jacob's family grew. The people from Jacob's family became known as the nation of Israel.
- ▶ This week we will begin reading many years after Joseph's death. The nation of Israel became slaves under a new Pharaoh in Egypt. The Egyptians made the Israelites' lives bitter with hard work. We will also read how God called a man named Moses to rescue them.



Read Exodus 1:22-2:10

- ▶ What order did Pharaoh give to all of his people?

- ▶ Describe what baby Moses' mother did to save him.

- ▶ Who rescued baby Moses from the river?



Before you read...

- ▶ This week we are reading about God's people, the Israelites. They were slaves in Egypt and had to work very hard. God sent a man named Moses to rescue them. Yesterday, we read that Pharaoh, the leader of Egypt, made a rule to kill all of the baby boys. BUT, Moses' mom rescued him by hiding him for 3 months and then placing him in a basket in the river. Pharaoh's daughter felt sorry for baby Moses and rescued him and brought him to live with her.
- ▶ When Moses got older, Pharaoh wanted to kill him again. He fled to a place called Midian and married a woman named Zipporah, the daughter of Jethro. We will begin reading about Moses as an adult in the land of Midian.



Read Exodus 3:1-6

- ▶ What amazing sight did Moses see?

- ▶ Who spoke to Moses in this place?

- ▶ Imagine you were Moses in this situation. What would you have been thinking and feeling?

Wednesday,
November 27

SESSION 1



Before you read...

- ▶ This week we are reading about God's people, the Israelites. They were slaves in Egypt and had to work very hard. God sent a man named Moses to rescue them.
- ▶ Yesterday, we read that Moses was in the land of Midian tending sheep when God began speaking to him from a burning bush!



Read Exodus 3:7-12

- ▶ What did the Lord see happening to His people in Egypt?

- ▶ What did God want Moses to do?

- ▶ Did Moses think he was the one to lead the Israelites out of Egypt?



Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday, we read that God saw the suffering of His people, the Israelites. He asked Moses to go to Egypt and tell Pharaoh to let God's people go.
- ▶ Moses did not think he would be able to convince anyone to follow him. For the rest of chapter 3, Moses makes excuses about why he should not go to Egypt and asks God a bunch of questions. God keeps telling Moses that he is the one God has chosen to lead the people.



Read Exodus 4:1-9

- ▶ What does Moses say to the Lord at the beginning of chapter 4?

- ▶ What two signs does God perform to prove to Moses that He can do anything?

- ▶ Do you think Moses will believe God and want to go to Egypt after seeing these miracles?

Friday,
November 29

SESSION 1



Before you read...

- ▶ This week we are reading about God's people, the Israelites. They were slaves in Egypt and had to work very hard. God sent a man named Moses to rescue them.
- ▶ Yesterday, we read that Moses did not think people would listen to him, so God made his staff a snake and gave his hand a disease and then returned them to normal again. God was showing Moses that He would provide the power Moses needed to convince the people to follow him.



Read Exodus 4:10-20

- ▶ What excuse did Moses give the Lord in verse 10?

- ▶ How did God feel about all of Moses' excuses?

- ▶ Moses FINALLY obeyed God. Who and what did he take with him to Egypt?

Coded Words for God Spoke to Moses

Each number stands for a letter of the alphabet. Write the correct letter in the blank to find the coded words and phrase.

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UNIT 4: GOD DELIVERS HIS PEOPLE

Session 2: Moses Confronted Pharaoh Exodus 5-12



Sunday, December 1

Why does sin
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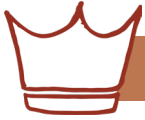
Memory Verse: Psalm 34:17

"The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears, and rescues them from all their troubles."



Before you read...

- ▶ This week, we will continue to read from the book of Exodus as we learn more about how God saved His people from slavery in Egypt. We will see that Pharaoh's hard heart caused the Egyptians to suffer, but God's people were delivered.
- ▶ Last week, we left off with Moses returning to Egypt with his wife, sons and the staff of God. His brother Aaron also went with him to speak to the people because Moses told God he was not a good speaker.



Read Exodus 5:1-9

- ▶ What was Pharaoh's response when Moses and Aaron told him to let God's people go?

- ▶ What order did Pharaoh give to the slave drivers who were in charge of God's people?

- ▶ How do you think God's people felt when this happened?

Tuesday,
December 3

SESSION 2



Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday, we read that Pharaoh did not want to obey the Lord and ordered that the slave drivers make the work harder for the Israelites. God's people were very angry with Moses and Aaron that their work got harder.

God told Moses and Aaron that He would force Pharaoh to let the people go. God would tell them what to say to Pharaoh and Pharaoh's heart would be hardened. Then God would send a plague on the Egyptian people so that the Egyptians would know that He is the Lord.



Today will look a little different. You are going to read a verse or 2 for each of the first 9 plagues and then write down the plague God sent.

- ▶ 1. Read Exodus 7:20-21. What is the first plague?

- ▶ 2. Read Exodus 8:5. What is the second plague?

- ▶ 3. Read Exodus 8:16. What is the third plague?

▶ 4. Read Exodus 8:21. What is the fourth plague?

▶ 5. Read Exodus 9:2-4. What is the fifth plague?

▶ 6. Read Exodus 9:8-9. What is the sixth plague?

▶ 7. Read Exodus 9:22-24. What is the seventh plague?

▶ 8. Read Exodus 10:3-5. What is the eighth plague?

▶ 9. Read Exodus 10:22. What is the ninth plague?

Wednesday,
December 4

SESSION 2



Before you read...

- ▶ This week, we will continue to read from the book of Exodus as we learn more about how God saved His people from slavery in Egypt. We will see that Pharaoh's hard heart caused the Egyptians to suffer, but God's people were delivered.
- ▶ Yesterday, we read that God sent nine different plagues on the Egyptian people because Pharaoh's heart was hard and he would not let the people go. After every single plague, Pharaoh begged Moses to ask God to stop the plague, but when God stopped the plague, Pharaoh still did not let God's people go. We have one more plague to read about. We will focus on this tenth and final plague for the rest of this week.



Read Exodus 11:4-8

- ▶ What is the final plague God was going to send on Egypt?

- ▶ Would this plague harm any of the Israelites?

- ▶ Do you think Pharaoh believed God would do what Moses warned him God would do?



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- ▶ Yesterday, we read that Moses told Pharaoh about one more plague that was to come from God. The Lord was going to kill every single firstborn son in Egypt. All royalty, all slaves, even the cattle. BUT, God would not touch the Israelites!
- ▶ Today’s reading is going to talk about killing an animal. It might be hard to read about blood, but it is VERY important in God’s story.



Read Exodus 12:1-13

- ▶ What kind of animal were God’s people supposed to kill?

- ▶ What were they supposed to do with the blood?

- ▶ What is the blood a sign for?

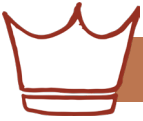
Friday,
December 6

SESSION 2



Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday, we read that God gave very specific instructions to His people. They were to take a perfect lamb and kill it. They were to spread its blood over their doorframes. Then they were to eat the meat with their sandals and coats on.
- ▶ Jesus is also referred to as the perfect, spotless lamb. His blood saves us from our sin just as the Passover lamb's blood saved the firstborn of the Israelites. Because of Jesus' loving heart, He willingly suffered on the cross so we could be saved from sin.



Read Exodus 12:29-32

- ▶ What did God do at midnight?

- ▶ Could God's people save themselves from slavery in Egypt? Who saved them?

- ▶ Can we save ourselves from sin? Why? Who saves us?

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10 Plagues of Egypt Word Search



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| PESTILENCE | LOCUSTS | PHARAOH |



UNIT 4: GOD DELIVERS HIS PEOPLE

Session 3: Moses Parted the Red Sea Exodus 13-15



Sunday, December 8

Why does sin
separate us
from God?

Because God is holy,
sin has broken our
relationship with God.

Memory Verse: Psalm 34:17

“The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears, and rescues them from all their troubles.”

**Before you read...**

- ▶ In the last two weeks, we read how God called Moses to return to Egypt to free His people from slavery. Through Moses, eventually, Pharaoh let Israel go.
- ▶ This week, we will read what happened after Israel left Egypt. We'll see how God performed miracles to save His people once again.

**Read Exodus 13:17-22**

- ▶ Where did God lead the Israelites when Pharaoh let them go?

- ▶ How did the Lord guide them by day and by night?

- ▶ Draw a picture of what you think the Israelites looked like as they left Egypt following the Lord.

Tuesday,
December 10

SESSION 3



Before you read...

- ▶ We are reading about when God called Moses to return to Egypt to free His people from slavery. God displayed His great power through ten plagues to show Pharaoh that God is the one true God. Pharaoh eventually let the Israelites leave Egypt, but God needed to perform a few more miracles to get His people to safety.
- ▶ Yesterday, we read that God led His people out of Egypt the long way on the desert road towards the Red Sea. The Lord went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Amazing!



Read Exodus 14:1-6

- ▶ What did God say Pharaoh would think about the Israelites in the desert?

- ▶ What did Pharaoh and his officials do after the Israelites left?

- ▶ Why did God allow Pharaoh's heart to harden?



Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday, we read that God told His people to turn around and camp by the sea. God also hardened Pharaoh's heart and allowed him to chase after the Israelites so that God would gain glory and all of the Egyptians will know that He is Lord.



Read Exodus 14:10-14

- ▶ What did the Israelites say when they saw the Egyptians chasing them?

- ▶ Write down the exact words Moses told the Israelites in verse 13 and 14.

- ▶ The Israelites had to face their fear and be still and let the Lord fight for them. Can you think of a time when you or someone you know had to face a fear and let the Lord fight?

Thursday,
December 12

SESSION 3



Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday, we read that the Israelites were terrified when they saw the Egyptians chasing them. But Moses gave them great instructions. He told them to not be afraid, stand firm, be still and let the Lord fight for them. Those are powerful words we can still live by today!



Read Exodus 14:15-22

What did God tell Moses to do?

How did the Israelites cross the Red Sea?

Close your eyes and imagine the largest body of water you have ever seen. Now imagine that water spread apart and a dry path in the middle. What would it feel like to walk down that path?



Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday, we read that God told Moses to stretch out his hand over the Red Sea to divide the water so that the Israelites could walk through on dry ground. What an incredible miracle!
- ▶ The Israelites faced certain death, but God miraculously made a way for them to be saved by parting the Red Sea. We are all sinners and face certain death for our sin, but God miraculously made the way for us to be saved by sending Jesus to die in our place for our sin and rise again.



Read Exodus 14:23-31

- ▶ What happened to the Egyptians who chased the Israelites into the Red Sea?

- ▶ What did the Israelites do when they saw what happened to the Egyptians?

- ▶ Extra Challenge thinking question: What does it mean to fear God?

The Parting of the Red Sea

And when the Israelites saw the mighty hand of the LORD displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the LORD and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant. Exodus 14:31 (NIV)

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



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UNIT 4: GOD DELIVERS HIS PEOPLE

Session 4: God Provided for His People Exodus 15-17



Sunday, December 15

Why does sin
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Memory Verse: Psalm 34:17

"The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears, and rescues them from all their troubles."

Monday,
December 16

SESSION 4



Before you read...

- ▶ Last week, we read that through Moses, God displayed His power and made a way for Israel to escape the Egyptians by parting the Red Sea. God's plan was unfolding to rescue His people and bring them to the land He promised Abraham.
- ▶ This week, we will see how the Israelites are now in the wilderness and complaining to God and Moses. But God still provided exactly what they needed.



Read Exodus 15:22-26

- ▶ How long did the Israelites go without water?

- ▶ What did God tell Moses to do to make the water drinkable?

- ▶ What did God tell the Israelites to do in verse 26?



Before you read...

- ▶ This week we are reading about when the Israelites were wandering in the wilderness and complaining to God and Moses. But God still provided exactly what they needed.
- ▶ Yesterday, we read that the people went 3 days without water and when they finally found water, it was bitter. When the people grumbled, God told Moses to throw a piece of wood in the water and it made the water drinkable.



Read Exodus 16:2-5

- ▶ What did the Israelites complain about to Moses and Aaron?

- ▶ What did the Lord say He would give the Israelites from heaven?

- ▶ Why did the Lord instruct them to bring in twice as much on the sixth day?

Wednesday,
December 18

SESSION 4



Before you read...

- ▶ This week we are reading about when the Israelites were wandering in the wilderness and complaining to God and Moses. But God still provided exactly what they needed.
- ▶ Yesterday, we read that the Israelites complained to Moses and Aaron about not having enough food. So God told Moses He would provide bread from heaven for the people. He also instructed them to gather twice as much on the sixth day because they were supposed to rest on the seventh day.



Read Exodus 16:13-20

- ▶ What came and covered the camp in the evening?

- ▶ What happened when the Israelites tried to keep the bread until the next morning?

- ▶ Why do you think God wanted the people to gather the bread each morning instead of keeping overnight?



Before you read...

- ▶ This week we are reading about when the Israelites were wandering in the wilderness and complaining to God and Moses. But God still provided exactly what they needed.
- ▶ Yesterday, we read that God sent quail to cover the camp in the evening and bread to cover it in the morning. When the Israelites tried to keep the bread until the next day, it was rotten and full of maggots!
- ▶ God was teaching the people to trust and obey Him. God told them to gather twice as much on the sixth day because they needed to rest on the seventh day—the Sabbath.



Read Exodus 16:27-34

- ▶ Did the people find any manna when they went out to gather it on the seventh day?

- ▶ How does verse 31 describe the manna?

- ▶ How long did the Israelites eat manna?

Friday,
December 20

SESSION 4



Before you read...

- ▶ This week we are reading about when the Israelites were wandering in the wilderness and complaining to God and Moses. But God still provided exactly what they needed.
- ▶ Yesterday, we read that when the Israelites went to gather the bread on the seventh day, there was none. God's people needed to learn to trust His provision for them. The people of Israel called the bread manna. It was white and tasted like wafers. They ate it for 40 years!

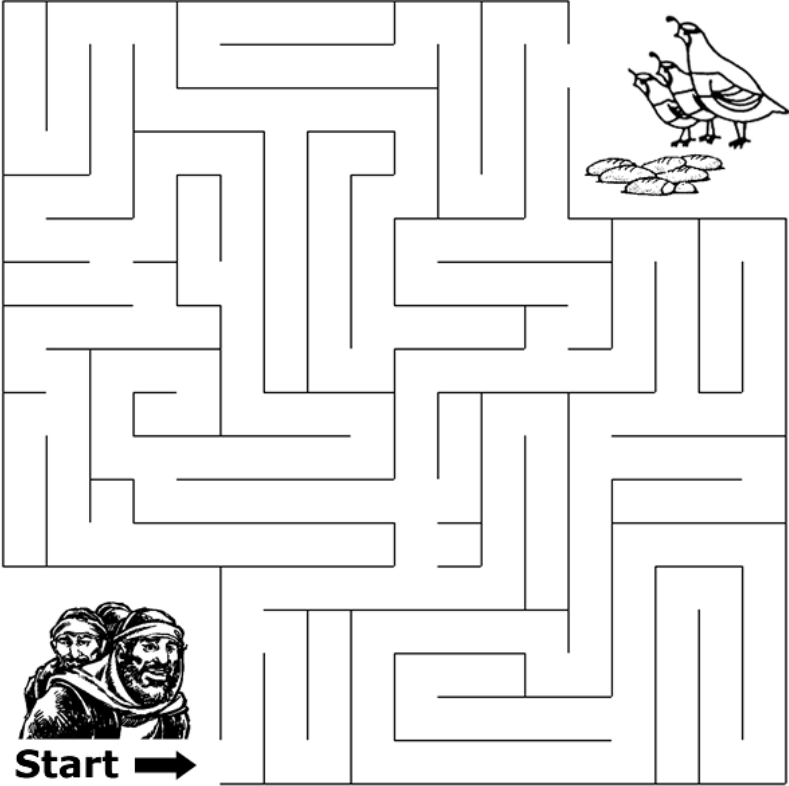


Read Exodus 17:1-7

- ▶ The Israelites are complaining again! What do they want in this passage?

- ▶ What did Moses have to do to get water this time?

- ▶ When are you most likely to complain? How could you choose to trust God instead?



Help the Israelites find the bread and quail!

UNIT 4: GOD DELIVERS HIS PEOPLE

Christmas Session:
Jesus Is Our Greatest Gift
Matthew 1, Luke 2



Sunday, December 22

Why does sin
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Memory Verse: Psalm 34:17

“The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears, and rescues them from all their troubles.”



Before you read...

- ▶ This week, we are going to pause in the middle of reading Exodus to focus on Jesus' birth. We will be reading from Matthew and Luke to learn more about when Jesus came to earth.
- ▶ Much like God sent Moses to Egypt to rescue His people from slavery to Pharaoh, God sent Jesus to earth to rescue His people from slavery to sin.



Read Matthew 1:18-21

- ▶ How was Mary "with child"?

- ▶ What did Joseph want to do at first when he found out Mary was pregnant?

- ▶ What did the angel tell Joseph that Jesus would do?

Tuesday,
December 24

CHRISTMAS SESSION



Before you read...

- ▶ This week, we are going to pause in the middle of reading Exodus to focus on Jesus' birth. We will be reading from Matthew and Luke to learn more about when Jesus came to earth.
- ▶ Much like God sent Moses to Egypt to rescue His people from slavery to Pharaoh, God sent Jesus to earth to rescue His people from slavery to sin.
- ▶ Yesterday, we read that Mary was "with child" because of the Holy Spirit. An angel told Joseph that this baby was to be named Jesus and He would save His people from their sins.



Read Matthew 1:22-25

- ▶ Why did these things take place? (verse 22)

- ▶ Extra Credit—what prophet said verse 23?

- ▶ Why do you think Joseph immediately obeyed what the angel of the Lord said?



Before you read...

- ▶ Much like God sent Moses to Egypt to rescue His people from slavery to Pharaoh, God sent Jesus to earth to rescue His people from slavery to sin.
- ▶ Yesterday, we read that “all of these things” took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophets. God always keeps His promises!!



Read Luke 2:1-7

- ▶ How is Jesus part of your family’s Christmas celebration?

- ▶ What is your favorite Christmas tradition?

- ▶ How is Jesus greater than any presents you receive?

Thursday,
December 26

CHRISTMAS SESSION



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- ▶ This week, we are going to pause in the middle of reading Exodus to focus on Jesus' birth. We will be reading from Matthew and Luke to learn more about when Jesus came to earth.
- ▶ Much like God sent Moses to Egypt to rescue His people from slavery to Pharaoh, God sent Jesus to earth to rescue His people from slavery to sin.
- ▶ Yesterday, we read the passage from Luke 2 where Jesus was born. It is such a humble, sweet passage where God came to earth to be with us!



Read Luke 2:8-14

- ▶ Who were the first people to find out that Jesus was born?

- ▶ How did the angels describe Jesus?

- ▶ What kind of news was this?



Before you read...

- ▶ Much like God sent Moses to Egypt to rescue His people from slavery to Pharaoh, God sent Jesus to earth to rescue His people from slavery to sin.
- ▶ Yesterday, we read that some shepherds living out in the fields were the first to hear about Jesus' birth. It was good news of great joy that a SAVIOR had been born!



Read Luke 2:15-20

- ▶ What did the shepherds do immediately after the angels left?

- ▶ Describe how the shepherds and the people responded to the news of Jesus' birth.

- ▶ How did you praise Jesus this Christmas season?

Prophets Foretold Jesus' Birth Word Line Up

Unscramble each of the clue words. Take the letters that appear in the circled spaces and use them for the final question.

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UNIT 4: GOD DELIVERS HIS PEOPLE

Session 5: Moses Led the Israelites Exodus 17-18



Sunday, December 29

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Monday,
December 30

SESSION 5



Before you read...

- ▶ This week, we are returning to Exodus where Moses has just led God's people through the Red Sea and into the wilderness. God's people complained about food and water and God showed grace to provide for them every time.
- ▶ God chose Moses to lead His people, but Moses was just a dude. He was sinful, needed guidance and grew tired. God called Moses to lead, but God also provided help for Moses to lead the people.



Read Exodus 17:8-13

- ▶ When were the Israelites winning the battle?

- ▶ When were the Amalekites winning the battle?

- ▶ How did God help Moses?



Before you read...

- ▶ God chose Moses to lead His people, but Moses was just a dude. He was sinful, needed guidance and grew tired. God called Moses to lead, but God also provided help for Moses to lead the people.
- ▶ Yesterday, we read that as long as Moses held up his hands in the air, the Israelites were winning the battle against the Amalekites. So, God helped Moses by giving him 2 men, one to hold up each arm, which allowed the Israelites to win the battle.



Read Exodus 18:5-11

- ▶ Who came to Moses in the desert?

- ▶ What did Moses tell those people about?

- ▶ What was their response?

Wednesday,
January 1

SESSION 5



Before you read...

- ▶ God chose Moses to lead His people, but Moses was just a dude. He was sinful, needed guidance and grew tired. God called Moses to lead, but God also provided help for Moses to lead the people.
- ▶ Yesterday, we read that Moses' father-in-law, wife, and 2 sons came to him in the desert. Moses told them all about what God had done to rescue them from Pharaoh. Jethro praised the Lord and declared Him greater than all other gods.



Read Exodus 18:13-16

- ▶ What did Moses do on the next day?

- ▶ How long did this take?

- ▶ Was Moses the only judge for the people or were there others?



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- ▶ God chose Moses to lead His people, but Moses was just a dude. He was sinful, needed guidance and grew tired. God called Moses to lead, but God also provided help for Moses to lead the people. Yesterday, we read that Moses spent all day from morning to evening sitting as a judge for the people, to settle all of their disputes. He was the only judge for the people.



Read Exodus 18:17-23

- ▶ Why did Moses’ father-in-law say that what Moses was doing was not good?

- ▶ What was Moses’ father-in-law’s suggestion to solve the problem?

- ▶ Do you think this seems like a good suggestion? Why or why not?

Friday,
January 3

SESSION 5



Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday, we read that Moses' father-in-law said that Moses would wear himself out being the only judge for the people. He suggested that Moses appoint capable men to help him solve the simple problems.
- ▶ Moses was a great leader, but he was just a dude. He was not able to meet all the needs of all the people by himself. Jesus is fully man and fully God. He is able to hear and respond to all of our prayers, and His death and resurrection provides salvation to everyone who trusts in Him.

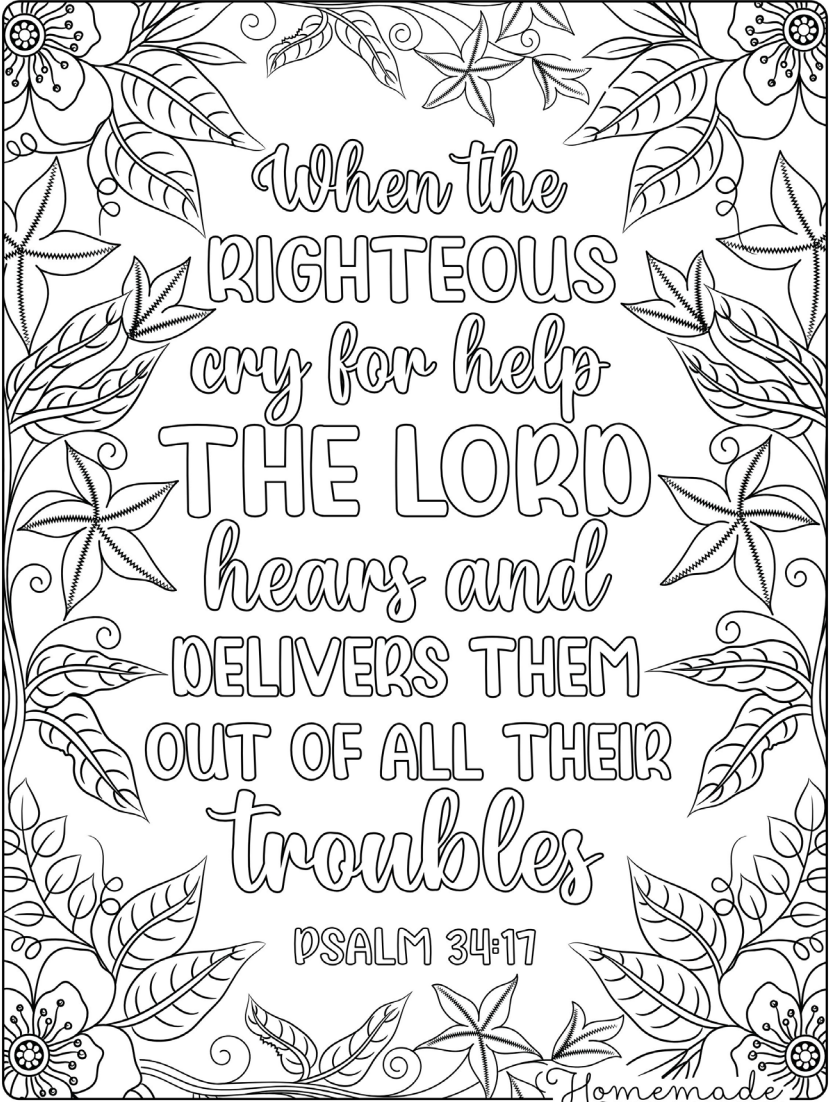


Read Exodus 18:24-27

- ▶ Did Moses listen to his father-in-law's idea?

- ▶ Do you think this plan worked for the Israelites?

- ▶ How is this like our church or government today?



When the
RIGHTEOUS
cry for help
THE LORD
hears and
DELIVERS THEM
OUT OF ALL THEIR
troubles

PSALM 34:17

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