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Infants B2

God keeps his promises Week 2



Introduction question

Who are some important people in Australia?

Imagine if, one day, you were asked to be a messenger and take one of these very important people a very special message. That would be an adventure!

How would you feel about that? Would you do anything special to get ready? What would you like to say to that person?

Today you'll hear about someone who was chosen in a very surprising way to give a special message to an important person. It really was quite an adventure!

Bible focus

What was the name of the baby you heard about last week?

Circle the answers you think are right!

When Moses' mother put him in the basket in the river, did she know what would happen next?

YES NO

When the king's daughter came to the river, did she know she would find a baby?

YES NO

Did Miriam, Moses' sister, know that the king's daughter would adopt him?

YES NO

Who did know what was going to happen?

MOSES GOD THE KING OF EGYPT

God knew his people, the Hebrews, were in danger from the King of Egypt. He knew how he was going to help them.

Let's find out more about how God kept his promise to give Abraham's family a land of their own.

God kept Moses safe. He was even looked after by his own mother until he was old enough to live with the king's daughter in the palace.



But even though Moses lived like a prince in the palace, he never forgot that he was a member of the family of Abraham, one of God's people.

Meanwhile, God's special people, the Hebrews, were still being treated very badly by the king.

They had to work hard making bricks. The bricks were used to build palaces, houses and sheds for storing food. Every day the Egyptians were cruel to the Hebrew people. It was very hard working in the hot sun but the Egyptians in charge of them did not let them rest.

How do you think the Hebrew people felt?

The Hebrew people longed to live under God's rule in the land he had promised Abraham so long ago. Things would be much better in the Promised Land.

One day, when he was grown up, Moses went outside to where his own people, the Hebrews, were hard at work. He saw something terrible. An Egyptian was hurting one of his people. This made Moses so angry that he had a terrible fight with the Egyptian. The king soon found out and he became very angry. He wanted to harm Moses, so Moses ran for his life! He escaped to the desert where he knew he could live in safety.

The Hebrew people were still working hard and being hurt by the Egyptians. They were frightened of the king and the men who were in charge of them. But they weren't able to leave Egypt, so they cried out to God:

They cried out for help, and God heard their loud cries. He did not forget the promise he had made to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and because he knew what was happening to his people, he felt sorry for them. Exodus 2:23b–25 (CEV)

What do you think God will do to show he will keep his promise to his people?

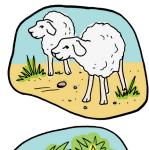
Well, one day Moses was out in the desert looking after some sheep.

Suddenly Moses saw a very strange thing: a bush on fire!











But Moses took a closer look, because there was something very strange about that fire. Even though the fire was blazing away, the bush wasn't burning! It wasn't going black at all! Moses couldn't believe his eyes! 'What's going on?' he wondered.

Then Moses heard a voice. Someone called his name. 'Moses, Moses, listen to me. I am the God of your people.'

'Oh wow!' thought Moses. He started to shake and tremble. He knew that God was right there with him. He covered his face with his hands and listened to what God said:

I have seen how my people are suffering as slaves in Egypt, and I have heard them beg for my help because of the way they are being mistreated. I feel sorry for them, and I have come down to rescue them from the Egyptians.

I will bring my people out of Egypt into a country where there is good land, rich with milk and honey. I will give them the land where the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites now live. My people have begged for my help, and I have seen how cruel the Egyptians are to them. Now go to the king! I am sending you to lead my people out of his country. Exodus 3:7–10 (CEV)

Moses was still scared and wondered if he would be able to go to Egypt and help God's people. He thought of lots of excuses to explain why he couldn't go. God knew how he felt, and spoke to Moses.

I will be with you. And you will know that I am the one who sent you, when you worship me on this mountain after you have led my people out of Egypt. Exodus 3:12 (CEV)

God told Moses all the things that would happen when he went back to Egypt.

Moses had been specially chosen by God to be his messenger. God wanted Moses to go to the king and tell him to let the Hebrew people go so they could live in the land that God had promised to Abraham many years before.

But Moses was still nervous about being God's messenger and he thought up more excuses. God was kind, and so he sent his brother Aaron with him to help him.

Moses knew that God was with him and he knew that he should obey God. It was time for him to leave the desert and go back to the palace.

Moses' life is certainly full of adventure! It's like a big rescue adventure!

God used Moses to keep his promises to Abraham. God's plan for his people was that they would leave Egypt to go to the country he had given them in order to live as his people under his rule.

The big rescue adventure continues in the next lesson.

Pray

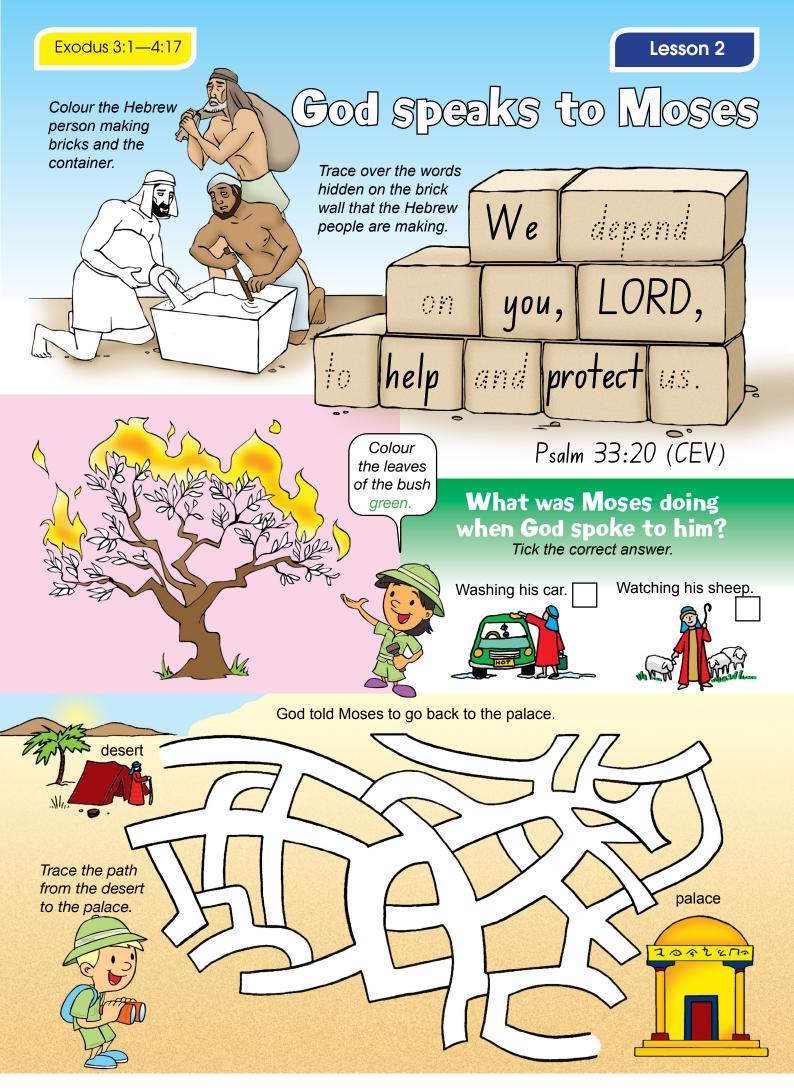
Dear God, thank you that you know what we need. Thank you that you protected Moses so that he could help your people. Help us to learn more about your love and to understand that you have a plan for our lives. Amen.

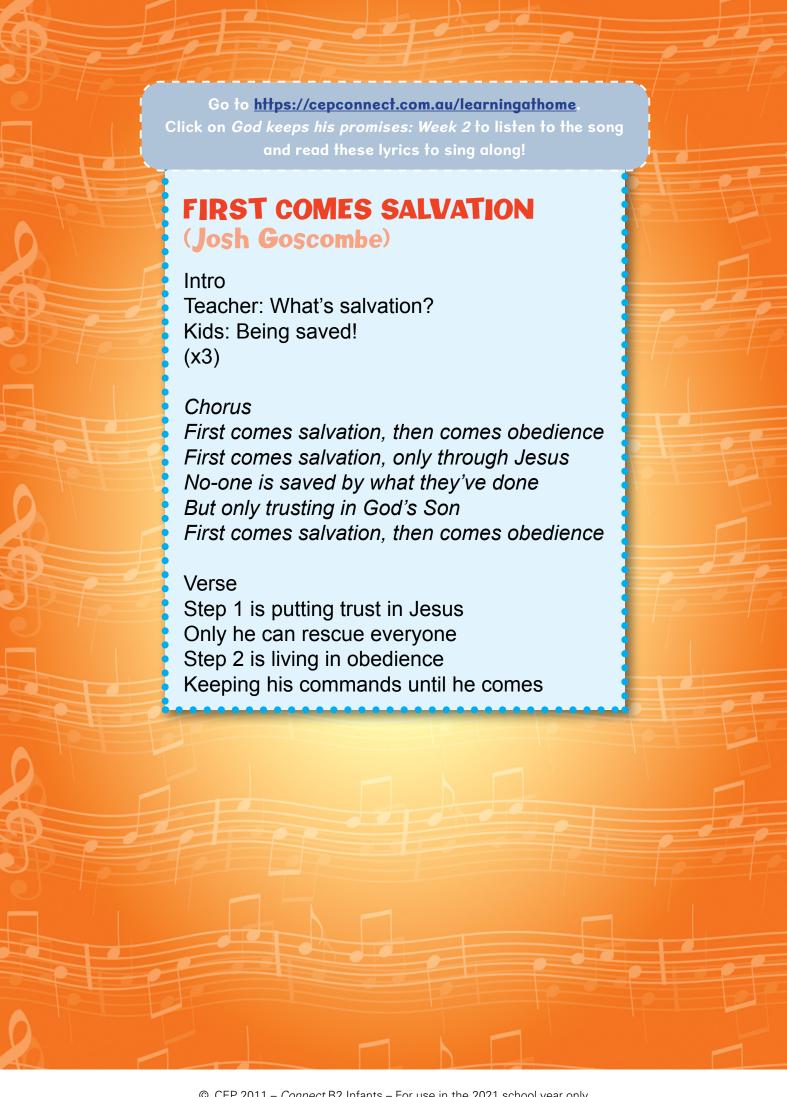
Watch

'God's story: Moses'. Go to https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0eEHT6dCKbl. This video has extra information from the Bible, such as the miracles that God does to give Moses confidence.

Sing

Go to https://cepconnect.com.au/learningathome. Click on 'God keeps his promises: Week 2' and then look for the song 'First comes salvation'. You will also find the lyrics here in your lesson material so you can read or sing along.







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