

Parasha Shemot

Sunday—Project Day

Today you are going to be working on a project to share with the rest of your family on Shabbat. You can do all the work today, or spread it out over the week, but be sure to have it finished by Friday!

For the first part of the book of Exodus, you are going to be collecting some background information to help your family understand the Torah better. Keep all the information you find in a binder or a folder so that you can keep it to use again.

This week:

In Acts 7:22, it says that Moses was educated in all the wisdom of the Egyptians. Do some reading on ancient Egypt. What would the “wisdom of the Egyptians” consist of? Make a list of the subjects you think he might have learned and what they would have included.

Here are some places to look:

- the encyclopedia
- Bible dictionaries and handbooks
- children’s books on ancient Egypt (check the library)

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Monday—Read Exodus 1

Part 1: What is God Like?

The story of the Exodus begins by telling us that nothing can stop God from doing what He has planned to do, but people can choose either to follow along with God’s plans or not. Pharaoh tried to stop God, but he couldn’t. The midwives cooperated with God’s plans and did what was right.

What happens to people who try to stop God from doing what He planned to do? What happens to people who agree with God’s purpose by doing what is right? The answers to these questions tell us something about what God is like. Do the puzzle on the next page to read a secret message about God.

Part 2: Mitzvah Focus

Read Lev. 11:45 and Lev. 20:26.

These verses tell us to be “holy,” which means to be set apart as special for God. The Israelites had lived in Egypt for many years, and the Bible says that by the time of the Exodus, they had “filled” the land—they weren’t separate from the idol worshipping Egyptians anymore. What do you think happened to them when they began to mingle with the Egyptians? Read 1 Cor. 15:33.

What kinds of influences do *you* listen to? Do you listen to people who encourage you to be “holy” and special for God? Think about the things you are learning from...

- ...the books you read
- ...the movies you watch
- ...the friends you spend time with

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Ask an older person to tell you about at least one book that influenced them to be more set apart for God when they were your age. See if you can get a copy and read it yourself.

What is God Like?

Read the clues to help you unscramble the words below and write them in the spaces provided.
Using the numbers below the letters as a guide, copy the letters to the correct spaces in the grid at the bottom of the puzzle to read a secret message.

TAVOCNNE

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What God made with Avraham.

RWESO

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9 8

God _____ to give Avraham the land.

DGEOABN

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11 1

What He would deliver them from.

ERDMEE

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4 3

"I will _____ you with..."

MAR

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6

...an outstretched _____."

EMNA

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Caanan

ELOPEP

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15 2

"You shall be my _____"

YTEPG

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5 12 7

"I will bring you out of _____"

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Tuesday—Read Exodus 2



Did you get a book title from someone yesterday? If so, write it down here:

Ask your parents today if they can help you find a copy of it.

Part 1: What is God Like?

Do the puzzle on page 5 to find out one answer to this question from today's story. After you find out the secret message, answer this question:

—How did God show this in today's story?

Part 2: Mitzvah Focus

Read Ex. 23:9 and Lev. 19:34.

God wanted the Israelites to remember what it was like to be a stranger so that they would know how to be kind to strangers. It is always easier to be kind to others if we can remember what it is like to feel like they do.

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Do you have a younger brother or sister or know someone else who is younger than you? Try to remember what it is like to be their age. What kind of things did you like? What was important to you? Think of one special thing you can do for that person that would have meant a lot to you at their age.

What is God Like?

Find the listed words in the puzzle on the left. Write all the leftover letters in order in the spaces below to read a hidden message.

P G O D C A R S E S A B O U T
 H H I S P E N O E P L E A A N
 H D A H E E U N D I E R M S T
 A C N R T L A D S H L O R W T
 H E E S A A E Y I E F I A E E
 L D I E R O E A G V M E M L Y
 G L T O P S H Y R I E K T A H
 N X N I E S P P N S I L D I F
 I D Z S V T O E W M I A D G P
 T H O E D B Z W W R C N X A X
 T M F N F P Q R E Z A D D X O
 C Q R R W M V I X Q V B M V W
 Q C A E D I F G J S G T G D D
 A V F K S J G Y P L A U V U F
 L E A Y H V R J H G N W Y E G

- EGYPT
- LAND
- MOSES
- AARON
- FAMILIES
- LEVI
- PHARAOH
- AMRAM
- ISRAEL
- LISTEN
- SPEECH

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Wednesday—Read Exodus 3



Did you do your Torah project yesterday? If so, write down what happened:

Part 1: What is God Like?

Do the puzzle on page 5 to find out one answer to this question from today's story.

Part 2: Mitzvah Focus

Read Exodus 3:5. Moses had to take his shoes off in the presence of God as a reminder that he was supposed to depend on nothing besides God. Just like our shoes come in between our feet and the ground when we wear them, making it seem as if it is the shoes that are supporting our weight instead of the ground, so things or people can come between us and God, and make us think that they are our helper, protector and provider when it is really God who is those things for us. God wants us to make sure that we don't depend on anything else besides Him.

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Orthodox Jews try to say 100 blessings a day in order to remind themselves that everything they have and enjoy comes from God. Remembering to thank God helps us remember that God is the one who provides for us, helps us, and protects us. Today, see how many things you can thank God for throughout the day. Keep count and write it down! Can you make it to 100?

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Thursday—Read Exodus 4



Did you do your Torah project yesterday? If so, write down how many things you remembered to thank God for.

Part 1: What is God Like?

Do the puzzle on page 5 to find out one answer to this question from today's story. After you find out the secret message, answer this question:

—How did God show this in today's story? To help you figure it out, read Genesis 15:13, 14 and Genesis 17:7, 8 and then Exodus 3:7, 8.

Part 2: Mitzvah Focus

Read Lev. 25:17. The Jewish rabbis say that this verse is talking about doing wrong to each other by the words we say to them or about them. How did Moses wrong the Israelites by his words in today's reading? Read Ex. 4:1 again.

Do you ever say things because you have assumed the worst about someone else? Is your speech about others or to others critical and unkind or is it gracious and encouraging?

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Find a piece of bright colored yarn and a safety pin. Pin the yarn to your clothes where you will see it often through the day. Every time you see it today, think about the things you said since the last time you saw it. Was your speech kind and encouraging, or did you wrong someone with the things you said? If you said something unkind or critical to someone, go to them and ask for forgiveness.

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Friday—Read Exodus 5



Did you complete your Torah project yesterday? If so, write down what happened:

Part 1: What is God Like?

Do the puzzle on the next page to find out one answer to this question from today's story. After you find out the secret message, answer this question:

—How did this truth about God make Moses feel in today's story?

—How should we respond when we feel like Moses did? Read Lam. 3:21-26.

Part 2: Mitzvah Focus

Read Deut. 4:39 and Ex. 20:2. Has your father ever told you to do something “just because I’m the Daddy and I said so”? Just like you are to obey your parents because they are the parents, God wants us to obey Him because we know and honor Him as our God. In Exodus 5:2, Pharaoh did not obey this mitzvah. How would the story of Exodus been different if he had?

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Ask an older person to tell you about a time when he made a choice to obey God just because he honored God, even when obeying seemed like a difficult thing to do. Ask him to tell you what happened and what he thinks would have happened if he hadn't obeyed.

What is God Like?

Find the listed words in the puzzle on the left. Write all the leftover letters in the spaces below to read a

W E C A N N N L O T A L W A Y
S U N D E E R I S T A N D W H
A T G O H D I V S D D O I N G
B E C S A U S E E I H E I B S
S O O M U C H S S E F G O R E
A G T E R T H T A N S I W E A
R E M X H B I O Y T L U R K W
X W G W T N D C E S K P F E M
A K D P C O G K I U U N Y E Y
T N I T X S H R E C L N J H R
X E I P J B F K J T A M C F E
V O L I A H X L S W E R B E H
N N R R J O O M T W J D U B B
I P W J N C K T U J S S C S U
K D E N E D R A H V Q I F F K

BOILS
DISTINCTION
FIRE
GOSHEN
HAIL
HARDENED
HEBREWS
LIVESTOCK
REFUSE

