

1. Our choices and decisions affect ourselves and others.

During lesson time your child:

- *demonstrated growing familiarity with Scripture stories;*
- *retold the story of Moses and the people of Israel escaping from Israel;*
- *responded to parts of the story i.e. slavery and freedom;*
- *written a prayer of praise or thanks.*

The people of Israel lived in Egypt for many years. Their numbers grew. Pharaoh (the King), made the Israelites his slaves. They lived as slaves for many years. Life as a slave was hard. They prayed to God to save them from slavery in Egypt.

God heard the prayers of Israel and remembered the covenant he had made with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. God called Moses to go to Pharaoh and give him God's message "Let my people go." Pharaoh wouldn't listen. Many terrible things happened to Pharaoh and his people, but still they would not let the Israelites go.

One night Moses told the Israelites to eat a special meal of lamb and unleavened bread. They called this the great Passover meal. They were to dress in travel clothes, ready to leave at a moment's notice. Finally, Pharaoh agreed to let the people of Israel go. Moses gave the signal and all of Israel began the journey out of Egypt.

They had to hurry. They wanted to leave Egypt before Pharaoh changed his mind. Pharaoh did change his mind. He sent his mighty army to find the Israelites

and bring them back. Soon the people of Israel were trapped between the powerful army of Egypt and the Red Sea. Moses prayed to God.

God who is more powerful than an army, separated the sea and made a path for the people of Israel to walk across the sea on dry ground. The Israelites went across the sea to where they were safe and free. Then God closed the path so that the army could not follow them. God had saved the people from slavery and had given them freedom. The whole of Israel praised God. Miriam led them in dance and song.

SUGGESTED HOME ACTIVITIES

These are some suggested activities to do at home with your child.

1. Read the story of Moses above and help your child complete the activity page.
2. Watch a video or DVD about Moses e.g. "The Prince of Egypt."
3. On a map of the world find where Australia, Egypt and Israel/Palestine are.



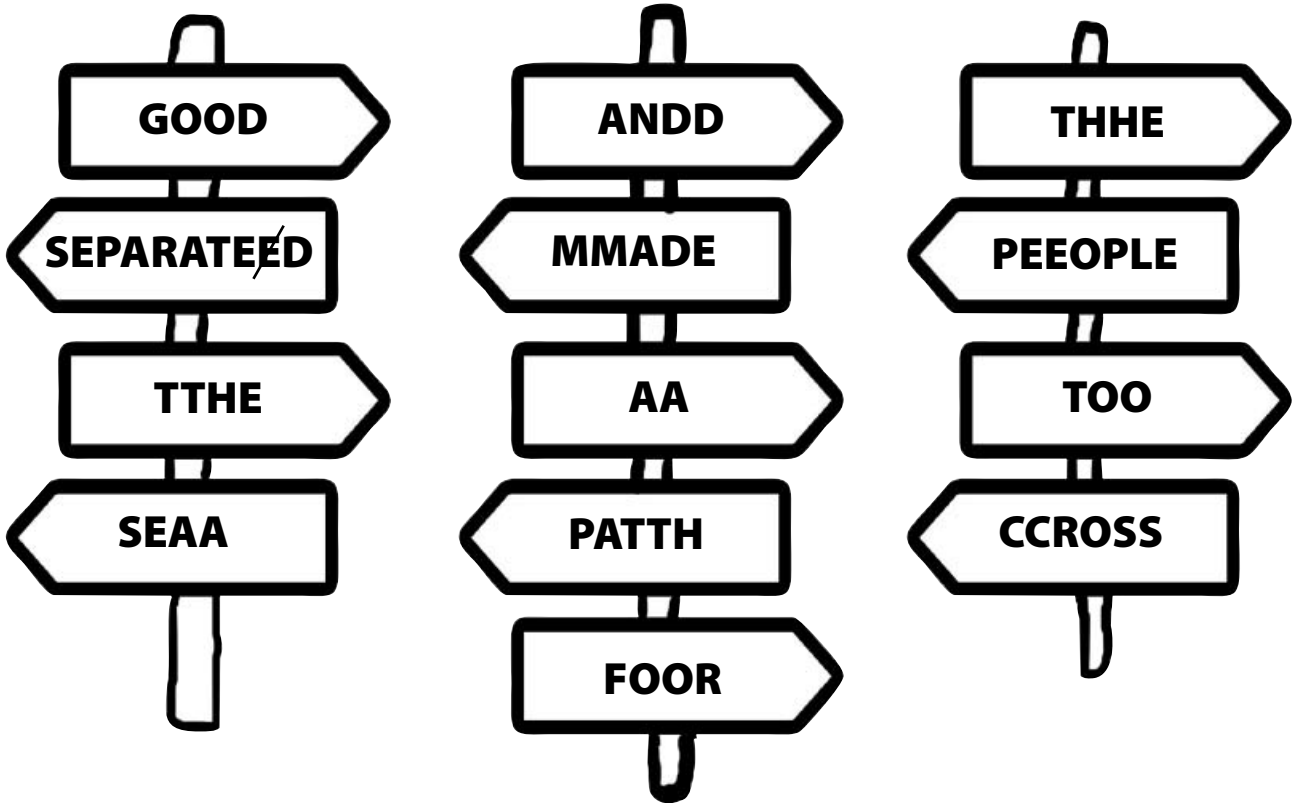
To Remember:

My freedom comes from God.

How did God free the people of Israel?

To find out follow the signposts. Each word has an extra letter. Cross out the incorrect letter to form the correct word.

Place the words in the lines to complete the mystery message.



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Sing to the Lord. Praise God.
God is our strength, he has given us freedom.
We will always praise him.
Sing to the Lord. Praise God forever.
Amen.