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FUNDOCY Homework: Moses and the Wanderings

Lesson Taught on Sunday, November 18

Homework Due: Sunday, December 2

There's an old saying, "God doesn't call the gifted. God gifts the called." When God calls, God isn't looking for excuses, perfection or talent. It's not your power, intelligence, or status that will make you a "sacred agent" of God—it's your availability and willingness. Moses was a reluctant "sacred agent" at first, but God didn't take "no" for an answer. God told Moses, "I will be with you. Now go!" When Moses finally went to Pharaoh, things started to change. By answering God's call, Moses found God's power unleashed through him.

As we learn about Moses and how God used Moses to lead God's people from slavery into freedom, we are called to ask ourselves "am I willing to boldly act, even when I don't want to, or when I don't feel qualified or prepared?" Once again, we are reminded that God works through everyone, even when we don't think we know what we're doing!

Part I: The Lesson

1. Read Exodus 1:15-22.

- The Pharaoh (king of Egypt) is afraid of the power of the Hebrew people. He wants to kill of their baby boys.
- How does he plan to kill the babies?

2. Read Exodus 2:1-10. Moses, as a Hebrew boy baby, should have been killed. But instead, what happens to him?

3. A new Pharaoh comes to power, and he is even harsher to the Hebrew people. Read Exodus 2:23-25.

- What do the Hebrew people do when this new king comes to power?

- How does God respond?

4. After God hears the cries of the people, God decides to do something to help the people. God needs a leader to help the Hebrew people. God chooses Moses. Read Exodus 3:1-12.

- How does God appear to Moses to tell him the plan? (Ex. 3:2)
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- What does God say to Moses?

- A. "I am the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob,"
- B. "I have observed the misery of my people,"
- C. "I will send you to bring my people out of Egypt,"
- D. All of the above

5. Read Ex. 4:10-17.

- Is Moses happy about God's plan? _____
- Does Moses feel prepared to do what God is calling him to do? _____

6. God instructs Moses to go to Pharaoh and demand that Pharaoh let the Hebrew people go free. Read. Ex. 5:1-2.

- What does Pharaoh say in response to Moses' request?
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7. The Hebrew people aren't convinced that Moses is the one to lead them out of Egypt. They also aren't convinced that God is thinking of them at all! They are afraid that God has abandoned them. Read Ex. 6:1-8 (this is what God told Moses to tell the Hebrews in order to convince them that God did care about them!)

- Complete the verse: [This is God talking] "I will take you as my people, _____"
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(Ex. 6:7)

8. God sends a series of plagues to Pharaoh, in order to convince Pharaoh to let the Hebrew people go free. Skim Ex. 7-11 and list three plagues that God sends upon Pharaoh.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

9. Read Ex. 12:29-32. What does Pharaoh finally do? _____

10. Read Ex. 14:5-7. Write "the chase is on!" in the margin. Pharaoh decides to come after the Hebrew people (after he has already said they can go free!)

11. Read Ex. 14:21-23 and Ex. 14:26-29.

- How does God save the Hebrew people?

12. The people are finally free! But now they wander around in the wilderness for 40 years, often fighting with each other and complaining.

- In Ex. 20, God gives the people a gift to help them to live with each other. Turn to Ex. 20. What does God give them here? _____

13. Again and again God saves God's people only to see them grumble and complain. Talk about ungrateful!

- Do you think the people will ever behave correctly?

- Do you think God will ever give up on them? Why or why not?

Part II: Reflection Questions (There are NO wrong answers here!)

1. When Moses finally led Israel to freedom, they complained a lot. Do you have any friends who complain a lot? _____

Have you ever had a friend who was ungrateful for something you did?

How did it make you feel?

How do you think God feels after giving us life and breath, only to have us grumble, complain, and act in an ungrateful manner?

2. Describe a time when God called you to do something you either didn't want to do, or didn't know how to do it.

Did you end up doing whatever it was God called you to do? How did you do it?

3. Your coach is cursing a lot, using God's name in vain, and swearing at teammates every time they make a mistake. What do you say to the coach?
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