

MAIN POINT:

Prickly Problems: God Rescues Us

MEMORY VERSE:

"We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him." Romans 8:28

BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

God sent Moses back to Egypt to rescue His people from being slaves to the Pharaoh of Egypt. Moses warned Pharaoh that if he didn't let God's people go, God would send plagues against Pharaoh. Pharaoh refused and so God sent a plague. Again, Moses requested that Pharaoh let his people go, and again Pharaoh refused. Ten times Moses made his request, ten times Pharaoh refused, and ten times God sent a plague. The last plague took the life of the firstborn son of every household. Only the Israelites, who had put blood from a lamb on their doorframes, were saved from the death of a firstborn. Pharaoh immediately told the Israelites to leave. So in haste, they did!

WATCH IT

Find the lesson video on our website: <https://cchurch.ca/childrens-online>

DO IT → FOAM CACTUS

Supplies:

- Toothpicks (10 per child)
- 3-inch foam ball (1 per child)
- Peat cup (1 per child)
- Green tissue paper (1/8 sheet per child)
- God Rescues Us label for the cup (1 per child, or write it on the cup with marker)
- White glue
- Foam brush for spreading the glue (1 per child)

Activity Instructions:

- Have children coat their foam ball in a light layer of white glue. Wrap with green tissue paper.
- Place a thin layer of glue around the edge of the peat cup. Place ball on top.
- Gently stick toothpicks into the foam ball to make it look like a cactus.
- Place the label on the cup that says "God Rescues Us", or write it on with a marker.

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TALK ABOUT IT:

Do this section with your child while they're putting together their craft.

- 1. If you were an Israelite escaping Egypt, you've just seen 10 plagues sent by God, and you have no idea where you're going except to the middle of the desert, how would you be feeling? Excited and ready for adventure, or scared and not so sure about going?** (Encourage them to share their opinions.)
- 2. Those Israelites certainly needed rescuing, which is exactly what God did. If you saw a friend who needed rescuing, you would probably jump right in to help them, wouldn't you? Well guess what? Your friends who don't yet know Jesus, need rescuing from their sin. Only Jesus can rescue them from their sin, but they might not even know they need Him! Our job is to tell everyone about Jesus, how He rescued us, and how much He loves us. Who do you know that doesn't know Jesus, that you could tell?** (Friends at school, friends on sports teams, friends in the neighbourhood, family members such as younger siblings or cousins.)
- 3. When we tell others how Jesus has made a difference in our life, that is called sharing our testimony. If you've already made a decision to follow Jesus, you have a testimony! You can share with your friends how God Rescues Us because He sent Jesus. The easiest way to tell our friends about Jesus is to share what is different in your life now that you are following Jesus and becoming more like Him. Maybe you used to take things that weren't yours, but Jesus has helped you to stop. Maybe you used to never share with your siblings, but Jesus has helped you learn to be generous. If you haven't yet made a choice to follow Jesus, you can learn about Him with a friend. Maybe you can offer to read your Bible with a friend and learn more about God's love. What sort of testimony do you have to share or a way you can learn more about God with a friend?** (Share your age-appropriate one-minute story of how you chose to follow Jesus and how you are becoming more like Him/how He's changed you.)

FAMILY PRAYER:

Dear God, thank You that You rescue us from our sin. Please help us to live our lives more and more like You, so that others will know that God Rescues Us. In Jesus' name, amen.

OFFERING

Our offering for the months of July to September is going to a partner church in SE Asia to help farmers with micro-farming of chickens and frogs.

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