

Moses leads the people out of Egypt

Exodus 1-15

About 350 years had passed. The Israelites were still living in Egypt but life had changed – they were no longer the accepted family of the celebrated Joseph. They were now slaves, working at building new cities – making bricks! To make it worse the current Pharaoh had decided to try to reduce the numbers of Israelites by killing the babies! The Israelites, quite understandably thought God had forgotten them – but God always keeps his promises – and he had promised his people a home in the land of Canaan. Meanwhile, a baby was born to one family from the tribe of Levi. His mother hid him but, in an effort to save him, when he got too big to hide she came up with a plan to get none other than Pharaoh's family to bring him up. When he grew up he tried to help his people but he did it in the wrong way and had to run away but God hadn't finished with him yet! Have you guessed who it is yet?

Watch the story here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RdSQT7DS1II>

Or here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rzcYLCYItuc>

Or here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0uf-PgW7rqE>

1. Our eighth decoration for the Jesse Tree

Make a burning bush to remember that God heard the cry of his people and rescued them. Find lots of small twigs, with leaves on if possible. Tie them together with some thread and fix them into a base made of plasticine or blue-tack or maybe clay. You might want to colour the base so it looks like grass. Then make some red or yellow or orange flames out of plastic sweet papers and using the end of a pencil gently push them into the base so that they look like flames amongst the twigs.

2. Moses and Miriam praise and thank God

A lot happened between Moses meeting God in the bush and the Israelites crossing the Red Sea and escaping from Egypt and Pharaoh, and the first thing that Moses the Israelites did when they got to the other side of the water was to worship God with singing and dancing. Miriam, Moses' sister (you remember her from when he was a baby) and all the women played tambourines and danced.

Make a tambourine using metal bottle tops or buttons. Attach 2 or 3 together round the edge of a paper plate so that when you shake it it rattles. Attach ribbons or string so it looks good when you shake it.

Write a song of praise and thanks to God. You might want to thank him for the good things from 2020. Moses and Miriam had been through some bad stuff but they found the good stuff to praise God for.

If you can, make up music to sing your song to. If not use a tune you know.

Sing and dance and make music to God.



Psalm 150

Praise the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens.

Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness.

Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre, praise him with tambourine and dancing, praise him with the strings and pipe, praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals.

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.

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