



LESSON 2 FOR LEADERS

INVITATION

We invite you to pause, listen, and shift your gaze toward the Father ...

LESSON AT A GLANCE

WONDER TRUTH: God Is Powerful

SCRIPTURE: Exodus 6–12

WORD OF WONDER: From Jeremiah 32:17

I love this Bible story. God accomplished one of the greatest rescues known to humankind by working through a broken, imperfect man. Moses didn't think he was the right guy. He didn't think he had the skills God needed for the task. In fact, he seemed to have every excuse in the book as to why he couldn't do it.

This gives me so much hope. It reminds me that I don't need to have everything together to be effective for the Lord. God is powerful, and He doesn't need us to carry out His plan. But He chooses to work through us anyway.

God tells Moses, "Now you will see what I will do to Pharaoh" (Exodus 6:1). Did you catch that? It's not what Moses would do; it's what *God* would do.

Set aside time this week to read Exodus 6–12. As you do, notice all that God does. Keep a list or underline in your Bible. Rather than skim past the familiar parts of the story, pause to wonder at the incredible power of our God.

And guess what? God is still powerful. That same God who turned the Nile to blood and caused total darkness in Egypt is your God who loves you and wants you to depend on Him in every aspect of your life.

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DID YOU KNOW?

FOUNDATION BUILDING BLOCKS

WHO?

Moses was the great-grandson of Levi, one of Jacob's 12 sons. He was the youngest of three children. God worked through Pharaoh's daughter to raise Moses, so he would be protected from genocide. God had already planned to work through Moses to free the Israelites from slavery.

WHAT?

God used a series of 10 plagues to convince Pharaoh to let the Israelites leave, so they could worship God. God chose specific plagues that directly targeted the gods of Egypt to show that He was more powerful than their gods.

WHERE?

The Israelites lived in Goshen, in the northeastern portion of Egypt. God targeted the plagues to affect all the places the Egyptians lived while bringing no harm to the Israelites in the land of Goshen, further distinguishing His people as His.

WHEN?

God promised Abraham that his descendants would possess the land of Canaan and told them they would be slaves for 400 years. Freedom came for the Israelites after 400 years, just as God had said.

CONNECTING TO GOD'S BIG STORY

God had a plan for redemption as soon as Adam and Eve sinned. He chose to show His power and carry out His plan just as He said He would through His chosen people, Israel—the people through whom our Savior, Jesus, would be born.



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LESSON 2 EARLY CHILDHOOD

Activity: Frogs and Bugs and Bandages

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: Frogs and Bugs Sheet

Before the kids arrive, print and cut out the images from the Frogs and Bugs Sheet.

In God's big story today, God used different things to show His power and save His people. Let's see how many of the things we can name.

Hold up each picture from the Frogs and Bugs Sheet. Ask the kids to name the thing in each picture.



- River—**This is a river. In our story, God turned a river red.**
- Frog—**This is a frog. What sound does a frog make?** Allow the kids to respond.
- Locust—**This is a grasshopper. God even used bugs to save His people!**
- Bandage—**This is a bandage. What do we use bandages for? To help when we get hurt or sick.**
God even used sickness and sores to help save His people.

In our story today, God used lots of different things to show how powerful He is. Our Wonder Truth today is **GOD IS POWERFUL**.

Encourage the kids to do the following motions while you repeat the Wonder Truth. Older toddlers can say the words with you as they do the motions.

GOD IS—*Point up.*

POWERFUL—*Flex your muscles.*



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Prayer of Invitation

Before entering into God's big story, lead kids in a prayer of invitation. Use the prayer here or your own words: **God, thank You for being here with us today. We love You and want to hear from You today. Holy Spirit, help us listen to and understand God's big story. Help us remember that You're always powerful. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

God's Big Story

Pull out the Bible

Ask: What is this called? ***The Bible***

Ask: Why is the Bible special? ***Because it is God's word. Everything in it is true. It really happened.***

Tell the Bible Story

The Beginner's Bible, pages 104-110

Ten Plagues

Word of Wonder

WORD OF WONDER

Nothing is too hard for God.

— from Jeremiah 32:17



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Activity: Frogs, Bugs, Bye!

Today we learned about when God saved His people by showing His power to the people in Egypt. He used things like frogs and grasshoppers to show His power. We're going to play a listening game to help us remember how God used His power so Pharoah would let the Israelites go.

Encourage the kids to listen carefully. When you say, "frog," they can pretend to be a frog. When you say, "bug," they can pretend to fly like a bug. When you say, "Go," they can jump or stand up. When you say, "Bye," they can walk or crawl to the other side of the room.

Say each word and encourage the kids to do the motions after you say them. Repeat as time allows.

- **Frog**—Pretend to be a frog.
- **Bug**—Pretend to fly like a flying bug.
- **Go**—Stand up.
- **Bye**—Crawl or walk to the other side of the room.

Prayer and Blessing

After the kids finish the activity, pray with them and thank God for how powerful He is.

God, we praise You for how powerful You are. Thank You that You use your power to help us and save us. Nothing is more powerful than You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Encourage the kids to hold their hands out in front of them, with palms up, as if their hands are open to receive something. Tell them to listen and receive the blessing as you speak it over them.

Blessing: God sees you, loves you, and is more powerful than any situation you will ever face! May you always trust Him, and may you see Him do powerful things in your life!