

Chapter 4: Deliverance

KNOW THE STORY ~ Monday

Before reading chapter 4 of *The Story*, answer the questions below to test your knowledge of this week's Scripture. Enter your answers in the column marked "1st Time."

Question	1 st Time	2 nd Time
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1. Why did Pharaoh's daughter agree to keep Moses?
 - a. She felt compassion for him.
 - b. She had been praying to have children of her own but she wasn't able to conceive.
 - c. She did not know he was a Hebrew child.
 - d. She was trying to hide him from the public.
2. According to God, why did Pharaoh let the Hebrews go?
 - a. Because he was afraid they were going to rebel against him otherwise.
 - b. Because they were nagging him constantly and he had had enough.
 - c. Because he became a believer and wanted to honor God's will.
 - d. Because of the plagues and God's mighty hand against him.
3. Why did Pharaoh change his mind and pursue the Israelites to the Red Sea?
 - a. He always second-guessed his own decisions.
 - b. He was upset they had taken so much plunder from the Egyptians.
 - c. He saw that the plagues had stopped.
 - d. He was concerned the Egyptians had lost their free labor source.
4. If the people listened and kept God's commands, what did he promise to do?
 - a. He promised to give them manna to eat.
 - b. He promised they would not get any Egyptian diseases.
 - c. He promised to provide quail for meat.
 - d. He promised to provide water to drink from a rock.

Now read Chapter 4 of *The Story*. After reading, revisit the questions to check your answers. Put your new answers in the column marked, "2nd Time."

Understand the Story ~ Tuesday

As you read Chapter 4 of *The Story* during the week, allow the story of the Israelites' deliverance to help you see how God provides for and protects his people.

1. Put yourself in Moses's sandals. What would it have been like to be asked to take on such a big challenge from God? How do you think you would have responded?
2. What do you think was the purpose behind the plagues? How do the different plagues add to the power of the story?
3. How do you wrestle with the idea that it was God who hardened Pharaoh's heart? How does this affect your view of God? What other truths about God do you need to consider as you reflect on this?
4. What do you learn about the character and heart of God from his deliverance of the people of Israel and his promises in the desert?
5. After reading chapter 4, what is one question you wish you could ask God about what you have read?

CONVERSATION ~ Wednesday

One day around a meal or your dinner table, have an intentional conversation about this week's topic. During the meal, read Exodus 13:3 ***Then Moses said to the people, "Commemorate this day, the day you came out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery, because the Lord brought you out of it with a mighty hand. Eat nothing containing yeast."***

Use this question for discussion:

- What are some examples of how God has provided for us in big ways?

PRAY TOGETHER

Focusing the last thoughts of our day on God can help us rest – truly rest – in him. Each night read and reflect on Exodus 13:3, either on your own or with others if there are others living in your home. Pray and ask God to help you fully embrace the story of Israel's deliverance. As you do this each night before bed, let the power of the verse impact both heart and mind.

LIVE THE STORY ~ Thursday

Take Action

We don't want to simply be hearers of the Word but also doers of the Word. Take some time to reflect on what you have read and studied this week.

1. Did you have a new discovery from your reading and study this week? If so, what was it?
2. Is there something you need to do based on what you learned?
3. Who can you tell about what you learned? Make a plan right now to share with that person.

TELL THE STORY ~ Friday

As we go through *The Story* together, we want to learn how to tell the story. This week we will begin to focus on Movement 1. Read through Movement 1 below several times as you continue to commit it to memory.

Movement 1: The Story of the Garden (Genesis 1-11)

In the Upper Story, God creates the Lower Story. His vision is to come down and be with us in a beautiful _____. The first two people reject God's vision and are escorted from _____. Their decision introduces _____ into the human race and keeps us from community with God. At this moment God gives a _____ and launches a plan to get us back. The rest of the bible is God's story of how he kept that promise and made it possible for us to enter a loving _____ with him.