

5. Pray: Father God, please help us to hear your voice clearly. Help us to care more about what you tell us to do than what others around us try to tell us.

***** Day 4 *****

1. Read Exodus 6:1.

6 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Now you will see what I will do to Pharaoh. I will use my great power against him, and he will let my people go. He will be so ready for them to leave that he will force them to go."

2. On Day 3 we saw that Moses was questioning God. Moses started to doubt that he was the right guy to be going to Pharaoh. But, today we read the words of the Lord back to Moses. What is the Lord going to do?
3. God is going to rescue his people! There is nothing Pharaoh can do to stop God from rescuing His people. This is exciting news, because everyone needs to be rescued from the sin in their life. When we are born, we desire to sin until we allow Jesus to rescue us. Sin is something that blocks our ability to show real love to others.
4. Ask Your Parents: Has Jesus rescued you from your sin? How do you know?
5. Pray: Loving Lord, we want to know Jesus today. I want to allow Him to rescue me from my sin so I can love Jesus with all of my heart and love others too.



Exodus 5:1-6:1
***** Day 1 *****

1. Read Exodus 5:1-4.

5 After Moses and Aaron talked to the people, they went to Pharaoh and said, "The LORD, the God of Israel, says, 'Let my people go into the desert so that they can have a festival to honor me.'" ² But Pharaoh said, "Who is the LORD? Why should I obey him? Why should I let Israel go? I don't even know who this LORD is, so I refuse to let Israel go."

³ Then Aaron and Moses said, "The God of the Hebrews has talked with us. So we beg you to let us travel three days into the desert. There we will offer a sacrifice to the LORD our God. If we don't do this, he might become angry and destroy us. He might make us die from sickness or war."

2. Pharaoh wasn't interested in following God's plea to let the Israelites go. What reason does Pharaoh give for refusing to let Israel go?
3. Ask Your Parents: Which of God's teachings were you unwilling to obey in your life before you were a Christian?
4. Do you believe God is real and that he wants to talk to you about the things you should do and the things you should not do? Why or why not?
5. Pray: Lord, help us to know you are real. Give us a desire to love you and serve you.

***** Day 2 *****

1. Read Exodus 5:4-19.

⁴ But Pharaoh said to them, “Moses and Aaron, you are bothering the workers. Let them do their work. Go back to your own work! ⁵ There are very many workers, and you are keeping them from doing their jobs.”

⁶ That same day Pharaoh gave a command to the slave masters and Hebrew foremen. ⁷ He said, “You have always given the people straw to use to make bricks. But now, tell them they have to go and find their own straw to make bricks. ⁸ But they must still make the same number of bricks as they did before. They have gotten lazy. That is why they are asking me to let them go. They don’t have enough work to do. That is why they asked me to let them make sacrifices to their God. ⁹ So make these people work harder. Keep them busy. Then they will not have enough time to listen to the lies of Moses.” ¹⁰ So the Egyptian slave masters and the Hebrew foremen went to the Israelites and said, “Pharaoh has decided that he will not give you straw for your bricks.

¹¹ You must go and get the straw for yourselves. So go and find straw, but you must still make as many bricks as you made before.” ¹² So the people went everywhere in Egypt looking for straw. ¹³ The slave masters forced the people to work even harder. They forced the people to make as many bricks as before. ¹⁴ The Egyptian slave masters had chosen the Hebrew foremen and had made them responsible for the work the people did. The Egyptian slave masters beat these foremen and said to them, “Why aren’t you making as many bricks as you made in the past? If you could do it then, you can do it now!” ¹⁵ Then the Hebrew foremen went to Pharaoh. They complained and said, “We are your servants. Why are you treating us like this? ¹⁶ You give us no straw, but you tell us to make as many bricks as before. And now our masters are beating us. Your people are wrong for doing this.” ¹⁷ Pharaoh answered, “You are lazy, and you don’t want to work! That is why you ask me to let you go. And that is why you want to leave here and make sacrifices to the LORD. ¹⁸ Now, go back to work! We will not give you any straw. And you must still make as many bricks as you did before.” ¹⁹ The Hebrew foremen knew they were in trouble, because the Pharaoh had told them, “You must still make as many bricks as you made before.”

2. What was Pharaoh making the Israelites do?

3. What would you have done if you were one of the Israelites?

4. Moses went to Pharaoh just like he was told, but Pharaoh actually ended up making the work even harder for the Israelites.

5. Ask Your Parents: Has God ever asked you to do something that actually made your life feel worse for a while before you saw the results God promised?

6. Pray: Precious Lord, help us to remain faithful to what you tell us to do even when it seems like it makes life more difficult. Help us remember the promises you have given us.

***** Day 3 *****

1. Read Exodus 5:20-23.

²⁰ When they were leaving the meeting with Pharaoh, they passed Moses and Aaron. Moses and Aaron were waiting for them. ²¹ So they said to Moses and Aaron, “May the LORD judge and punish you for what you did! You made Pharaoh and his rulers hate us. You have given them an excuse to kill us.”

²² Then Moses prayed to the LORD and said, “Lord, why have you done this terrible thing to your people? Why did you send me here? ²³ I went to Pharaoh and said what you told me to say. But since that time he has made the people suffer, and you have done nothing to help them!”

2. On Day 2, you learned that Moses did what God asked Him to do, but Pharaoh made the work of the Israelites more difficult. Today, we read the response of the Israelite people to Moses. What did the Israelites say to Moses?

3. How did Moses feel after the Israelites told Moses that he made Pharaoh hate them?

4. Ask Your Parents: Think of a time God asked you to do something. Did you ever question God because a person said something that discouraged you?