

Fall Quarter 2019

Adults and Teens

Deliverance

The Call to Deliverance

September 1	A Long, Hard Oppression	<i>Exodus 1:7-22</i>
September 8	The Birth of Moses	<i>Exodus 2:1-10</i>
September 15	A Comfortable Exile	<i>Exodus 2:11-25</i>
September 22	Moses at the Burning Bush	<i>Exodus 3:1-10</i>

Preparation for Deliverance

September 29	“Let My People Go”	<i>Exodus 5:1-9</i>
October 6	A Plague of Blood	<i>Exodus 7:14-24</i>
October 13	Pharaoh’s Hardening Heart	<i>Exodus 9:27-35</i>
October 20	Final Confrontation with Pharaoh	<i>Exodus 10:21-29</i>
October 27	The Passover	<i>Exodus 12:1-14</i>

Deliverance Accomplished

November 3	Out of Egypt	<i>Exodus 12:29-42</i>
November 10	Pursuit of the Slaves	<i>Exodus 13:17—14:9</i>
November 17	Crossing the Red Sea	<i>Exodus 14:10-22</i>
November 24	Deliverance from Pharaoh’s Army	<i>Exodus 14:23-31</i>

The Exodus, God’s deliverance of Israel from Egyptian bondage, is one of the central events in Old Testament history. It is remembered annually even today by Jewish people throughout the world in the Passover celebration. Our studies this quarter look at this crucial event and how God, through both providence and miracles, brought it about.

The circumstances of Israel’s bondage in Egypt is the subject of the first lesson. Even though greatly oppressed, God multiplied the people and protected them from the pharaoh’s plan to murder their male children.

The next three lessons recount God’s unique call and preparation of the deliverer, Moses. Lesson 2 tells of the birth of Moses, his preservation through his parents’ faith, and the compassion of Pharaoh’s daughter. Lesson 3 then tells of the grown Moses’ identification with his own people and the rash act that led to his exile. We meet the now aged Moses in lesson 4, where we witness God’s dramatic call of him to return to Egypt to lead his people out of slavery.

The second unit of lessons (lessons 5 through 9) focuses on Moses’ confrontation with Pharaoh, as well as the Egyptian gods, as he presented God’s demand that the Israelites be set free. Lesson 5 describes the initial meeting with Pharaoh and the negative results. The sixth lesson brings us to the beginning of the divine plagues God brought upon Egypt, as the waters were turned to blood. Lesson 7 reviews the aftermath of the devastating plague of hail and Pharaoh’s failure to keep his promise to release the Israelites. The following lesson is on the plague of darkness and another refusal by Pharaoh to follow through on his promise to release the people.

God’s instructions to Israel about preparing for the final plague—the death of the firstborn—are found in lesson 9. Lesson 10 recounts the plague itself, which finally led to freedom for Israel. Lessons 10 through 13 describe the final deliverance of Israel from Egypt and then from the pursuing Egyptian army—which God destroyed in the sea through which Israel passed safely.

Through the lessons for this quarter, we gain a greater understanding and appreciation for God’s holiness, power, justice, and grace.

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Beginners, Primaries, and Juniors

Faith

People Who Had Faith in God

September 1	How Faith Works	<i>James 2:14-26</i>
September 8	Cain and Abel	<i>Genesis 4:1-16</i>
September 15	Abram's Faith in God	<i>Genesis 12:1-5; 15:1-6</i>
September 22	Rahab and the Spies	<i>Joshua 2:1-15</i>
September 29	Ruth and Naomi	<i>Ruth 1:1-8, 15-22</i>
October 6	Job: Hurting but Still Trusting God	<i>Job 2:1-10</i>
October 13	Ezra: Trusting God Through Danger	<i>Ezra 8:21-31</i>

People Who Had Faith in Jesus

October 20	Peter's Faith in Jesus	<i>Matthew 14:22-33</i>
October 27	A Father's Faith in Jesus	<i>Mark 9:14-27</i>
November 3	An Army Captain's Faith	<i>Luke 7:1-1</i>
November 10	A Blind Man's Faith	<i>Mark 10:46-52</i>
November 17	A Samaritan Woman's Faith	<i>John 4:5-14, 25-26</i>
November 24	A Jailer's Faith	<i>Acts 16:19b (start with "They caught"), 22-34</i>

The lessons this quarter deal with faith. Faith is of course the rudimentary, elementary, foundational bottom line upon which our salvation in Jesus rests. If we do not have that first step of believing faith in Jesus Christ, then we do not belong to Him.

As we grow and mature in Christ, our faith will continue to surpass the beginning stages of our relationship with the Lord as we build our lives upon the precepts and instructions found in the Word of God. All of us are at various stages of maturity regarding our faith, but none of us have reached our total potential in this area. We all have room to grow.

As you look at your students, you have no way of knowing what directions their lives will take and what variables they will face as they grow physically and spiritually. You must pray that God will give you the understanding of how best to help them grow in their Christian faith through the Word of God.

The first lesson deals with the concept of having faith along with good works that outwardly demonstrate the unseen faith inside the person. The next lesson deals with the faith and the good offering that Abel had and the sin that Cain had in his heart.

The lessons continue with various Old Testament examples of faith. Abraham displayed his faith in God by his obedience and his total belief in the promises of God. Rahab demonstrated her faith by her protection of the Israelite spies—in spite of the danger to herself—if her deception had been discovered.

Ruth had faith in the God of Naomi and was willing to commit her life to Naomi and to Naomi's God. God honored her faith by giving her a son, Obed, an ancestor of our Lord Jesus.

Job suffered greatly even though he led a righteous life. Satan was allowed to torment him mercilessly, but Job never lost his faith in God. This is perhaps the hardest lesson because none of us know what we may be called upon to endure in the future. Will our faith stand as secure and sure as that of Job? I pray so, but sometimes perhaps only with the help of God.

Ezra knew true danger could be lurking ahead, but he trusted God to get him to his destination safely. His faith was in God, not the soldiers of Artaxerxes.

In the New Testament there are many examples of people who exercised faith in Jesus for what they needed. Peter walked on water, a father's demon-possessed son was healed, a centurion's servant was healed, blind Bartimaeus was given sight, a Samaritan woman found living water from the Messiah, and a jailer was saved by faith in the Son of God.

As you teach this quarter, I pray that you will find encouragement, growth, and strengthening of your own faith in the examples of faith given in these lessons. May God bless you as you serve Him.