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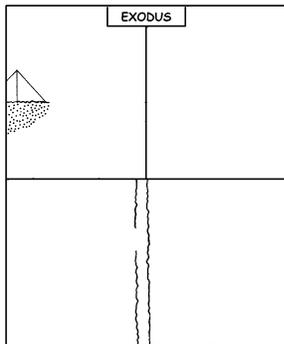
Going Out

Lesson Supplies: Wrapping paper samples, small twig with branches, cotton, small stone, glue, sandpaper, coloring pens. Add more 3-dimensional objects as desired.

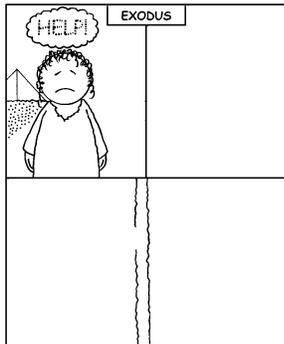
Key Characters: Miriam, Moses, Pharaoh, Children of Israel (Teachers may need to explain to students that "Israel", the name God gave Jacob, became the name of the whole family. They are also known as Hebrews and/or Jews).

Key Concepts: When we cry out to God, He hears us. God's answer may not be the way we want it, but He knows what He is doing. He wants us to remain faithful.

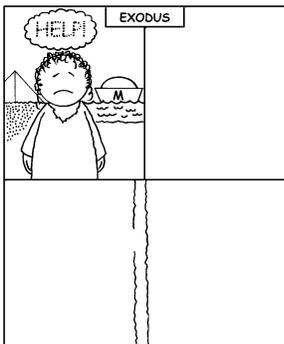
Orientation: It has been 350 years since the end of Genesis. The Children of Israel are still in Egypt and growing into a very large group of people. Joseph and his children have long since died. There is a king (called Pharaoh) ruling Egypt who has no knowledge of the great leaders like Jacob (Israel) and Joseph.



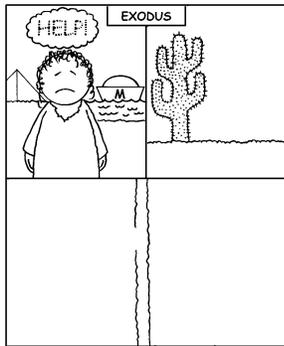
1. Times Have Changed in Egypt: (Color: ground, pyramid & sky in first square. Draw: dots, representing people, under pyramid). We remember from our last lesson that God first brought Joseph to Egypt and then Joseph's whole family went to live there. Over the next 350 years, by God's blessing, the Hebrews (the family name) had MANY babies (1:7). (Teacher may need to give illustrations to represent 350 years to help children grasp extended lengths of time).



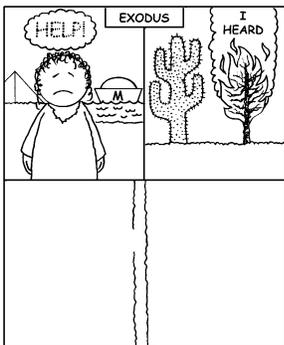
2. A Cry for Help! (Write: "Help" in balloon. Color: Woman's face & dress. Craft: paste paper on dress area). Because he did not know the story of how Joseph saved Egypt from famine and because he saw that the Israelites were larger than his nation. Pharaoh made them slaves and forced them to build his cities. Because they kept growing as a nation, he started killing their babies. The people cry and cry. They cry out to God for help. God hears their cry.



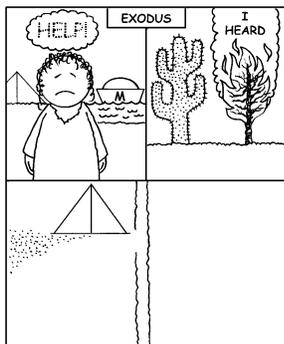
3. Moses is born. (Color: water & basket). One of the Hebrew mothers had a beautiful baby and hid him from the Egyptian guards. She put him in a basket to float in the Nile River hoping someone would see the baby and provide protection. The Hebrew mother also had a daughter named "Miriam" and told her to watch over her baby brother. Sure enough, an Egyptian princess rescued the baby from the river and named him "Moses" which means, "taken from the water".



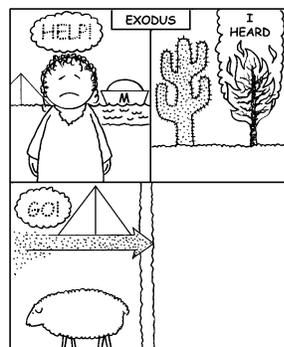
4. A Run to the Desert: (*Color: cactus & sky. Craft: paste sandpaper in dirt area*). Moses grows up in an Egyptian palace as the son of the Egyptian princess. Moses knows that he is a Hebrew. One day, when he sees a Hebrew brother being mistreated, he kills an Egyptian. The guards start looking for Moses to punish him! Moses runs to the desert to hide. Later, he becomes a shepherd in the desert. He probably sees lots of cactus and desert animals. Traveling all over the desert with his sheep, Moses learns all about the country.



5. A Miracle Bush! (*Trace: "Heard". Color: fire. Craft: glue a twig on the bush*). One day as Moses was watching the sheep, he sees a bush that was burning. He waited for the bush to burn up and disappear, but it didn't burn up! When Moses walked over to the bush, God spoke to him. "Take off your shoes in My presence." God then said, "I am sending you back to Egypt. I have heard the cry of my people and I'm sending you to rescue them." (3:10). Moses was very afraid to go back because he knew the Pharaoh would kill him. God told him, "Those who wanted to kill you are dead."



6. Back to Egypt: (*Color: sky, pyramid & ground with dots*). When Moses comes back to his family, he explains that God has sent him back to take them out of slavery. Then, with his brother Aaron, they go to Pharaoh. "God says, 'Let My people go!' (5:1). Pharaoh said, "No! You are not taking my slaves anywhere." Using His servant Moses, God brings 9 plagues (disasters) on Egypt, but still Pharaoh will not obey God. He refuses to free God's people from slavery. But God has one more plague to show His mighty power.

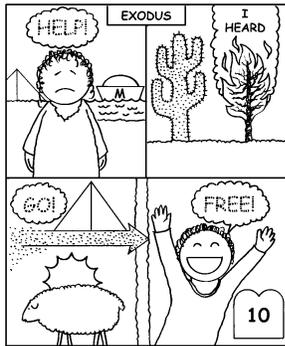


7. A Sad Night in Egypt: (*Trace: "GO!" in balloon. Draw: dots in arrow. Craft: paste cotton on lamb*). God instructed Moses to warn Pharaoh if he did not let the children of Israel go that every 1st born would die. Moses also instructed Israel to kill a lamb and paint the lamb's blood in 3 places on the doorpost. Pharaoh refused to free the Hebrews. That night, the first born male in Egypt died, except where blood was on the doorpost as God had instructed. When Pharaoh discovered that so many people had died, he screamed at Moses, "GO! Get out of my sight!" (12:31-32).



8. Free at Last! (*Color: Red Sea, background plus the woman.*
Craft: *paste paper on woman's dress & a small, flat stone*
beside woman. Write: "10" on the stone & "FREE!" in balloon).

The Hebrews head for the Red Sea (see map on page 169) and once there, God parts the waters for them to walk to the other side. They are free at last! Miriam, Moses' sister leads everyone in a song of deliverance. When they are hungry, God sends food from heaven. When they are thirsty, God gives them water from a rock (17:6). Moses is called to the top of Mt. Sinai to receive 10 commandments written by God on a stone. As a good Father, God took care of His children in the wilderness.



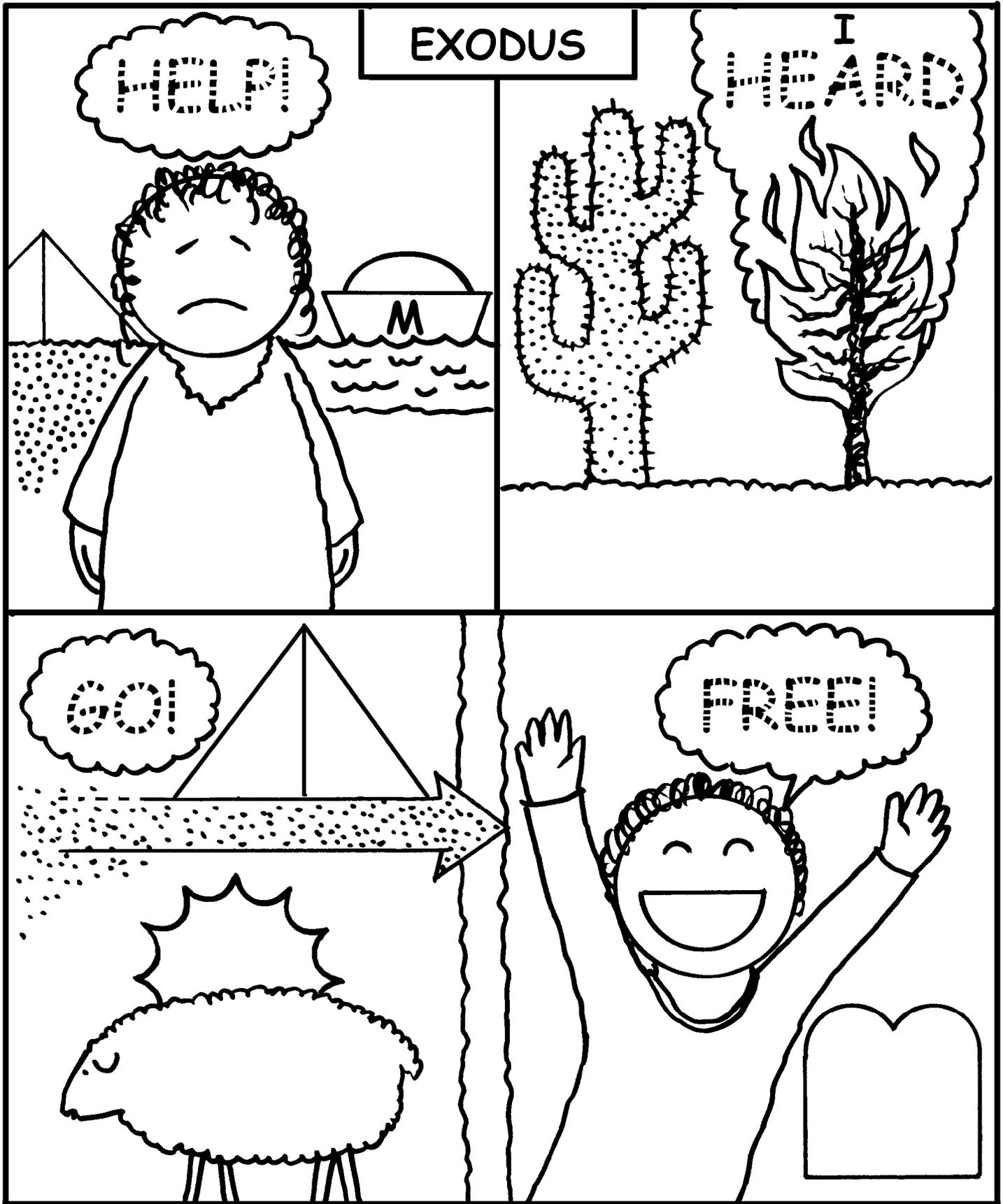
9. The Starburst. (*Color: the Starburst in bottom left frame.*

Read: 12:13). Remember in our last lesson, God told Adam and Eve that He would someday send His Son, Jesus, to the earth as our Savior. He would be called "the Lamb of God." With the "Passover Lamb" in Exodus, God is showing us that when His Son comes to the earth many years later. He will shed His blood to take away our sins. That is why we call this, the "Good News Starburst." As the Hebrews were protected by the blood covering their doorposts, we are protected by the blood of Jesus.*

Review Questions:

1. What does Moses' name mean?
2. What did Moses see in the desert that got his attention?
3. What was the last plague in Egypt?
4. How were they saved at the Red Sea?
5. How does the Passover Lamb show us God's plan for us?

Memorize a Key Verse: "The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth" (from Ex. 34:6).



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