

Free from Slavery

Materials

- Paper
- Pencils
- Crayons
- Scissors

Introduction

What is the worst, most dreaded chore you have at your home?

Today's Bible story is about the people of Israel and how they had to do things a million times worse than rotten chores. They were slaves in Egypt and they had to make mud bricks all day, every day. Things went from bad to worse for them until God decided to help them.

There are many people in our lives and in our world who need God's help. Brainstorm a list of people who need help, then pray for them together before beginning the lesson.

Story

Open your Bibles to Exodus chapter 5. Discuss that "Exodus" means "going out" or "exit."

Divide the class into pairs. Assign each pair a passage from the list below. (Make sure everyone has a part.) Ask pairs to read their assigned passage, then draw pictures that tell what happened in that passage.

- Exodus 5:1-9
- Exodus 5:10-21
- Exodus 5:22-6:1
- Exodus 6:2-9
- Exodus 6:10-13

When all are finished, take turns showing pictures and telling the story in order.

Discuss: The Israelites had it bad under Pharaoh. While you or I might call it a rough day if our video game consoles break, or if they run out of sale items at the mall, the slaves would call it a good day if they weren't beaten or if they had enough straw to make all the bricks as the taskmasters ordered. They suffered every day, and God suffered with them. That's why God sent Moses to put Pharaoh out of the slave business.

- Why do you think Pharaoh wouldn't listen to Moses?
- Why did Pharaoh say no?
- Why do you think the slaves didn't fight back when Pharaoh made their work harder?
- Why do you think they were afraid to go?
- How did God finally convince Pharaoh to release the Israelites?
- How does this story tie into God's Big Rescue Plan for His people?

Time Capsule

Following the attached instructions, fold origami frogs (from the plagues).