

## MOSES GIVES PHARAOH GOD'S MESSAGE

### Scripture:

Exodus 4:29-7:7

### Materials Needed:

Dry erase board/markers  
Robes for kids to act parts

**Memory Verse:** I Corinthians 15:58 Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

**Objectives:** As a result of this lesson, I want my student

To Know:

When Moses obeyed God and took His message to the people and opposition came not only from the Egyptians, but also from the Israelites, Moses and Aaron continued to obey God in spite of the opposition.

To Realize:

One should not give up doing the work God has given them to do when opposition and trouble come.

To Respond: by remaining steadfast to the work God has given them to do, even when it has difficulties.

### Approach:

Play a review game from last week or ask: "Last week we studied how God came to Moses with the announcement that He had seen the suffering of the Israelites and He was going to deliver them...through Moses! What did Moses think would happen (again!) if he went back to Egypt?" (write these three things on the board: the Israelites wouldn't believe; Pharaoh wouldn't let them go; the whole thing would fail.) Do you think that's what happened? (Note: they will say "no" because they know the end of the story, but the first two things actually do happen in today's lesson—so this question is setting them up!) Let's see what happened...

### Outline of Passage:

Scripture:  
Exodus 4:29-5:1

I. Moses Tells Israelites and  
Pharaoh God's Message

A. "God Has a Message"

### Lesson Development:

**Note:** if you want to bring a couple of robes for the kids to dress up in the various roles:  
Moses/Pharaoh/Israelites. Tell the story and leave pauses for the students to then act it out.

<p>Scripture Exodus 5:2-14</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Does signs</li> <li>2. People worship</li> </ol> <p>B. Moses Tells Pharaoh to Let people go worship</p> <p>II. Pharaoh Refuses God's Message</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. "Who is the Lord?"</li> <li>B. "Let us go 3 day journey"</li> <li>C. Pharaoh order more work <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. "Lazy!"</li> <li>2. Get own straw</li> <li>3. Same # of bricks</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<p>Wow! Is that what Moses thought their response was going to be? He's probably a little surprised! So far...so good.</p> <p>Isn't that what Moses was afraid was going to happen?</p> <p>Would you say that what Moses thought would happen, has happened?</p>
<p>Scripture Exodus 5:15-21</p>	<p>III. People Angry with Moses</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Protest to Pharaoh</li> <li>B. Turn against Moses/Aaron</li> <li>C. Moses distraught</li> </ol>	<p><b>Read 5:22</b>—"You have not delivered your people at all!!"</p> <p>Take another poll. "At THIS POINT...has what Moses thought would happen, happened?" How many say yes? No?</p>
<p>Exodus 6:1-8 6:9 6:10-13 7:1-7</p>	<p>IV. Moses and Aaron Continue in Obedience</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. God Gives Moses words</li> <li>B. Israelites still don't listen</li> <li>C. Moses fears Pharaoh</li> <li>D. God shares plan and what will happen</li> </ol>	<p>(point back to three things on board from set up that Moses thought would happen)</p> <p>Did the Israelites listen? No Did Pharaoh let them go? No Did the whole thing fail? No Was it easy? No. Did Moses quit? No!! Why not? (because God was still working His plan out.)</p>

**Conclusion:**

Have you ever felt like quitting doing the right thing because it was hard? What would Moses tell you to do today? Why? Let's pray.

**Boardwork:**

## MOSES GIVES PHARAOH GOD'S MESSAGE HELPS FOR THE TEACHER

### **Personal Application Questions:**

1. What God-given responsibilities do you have in your life right now that feel very difficult?
2. What things are currently discouraging you because they don't seem to be going as you had hoped?
3. Are there any things you feel disappointed with God about, that He hasn't helped the way you thought He would?
4. What encouragement can you take from this lesson?

### **Application Questions to think through for your Students:**

1. What things do your students face that are difficult for them?
2. What things would discourage them from following God's will for them?
3. What will your students do when God doesn't seem to be keeping His end of the bargain the way they thought he would?
4. How will this lesson encourage your students?

### **Memory Verse:**

I Corinthians 15:58 Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

Choose a game to teach the memory verse and write it here. List any materials you will need for this game:

### **Post-lesson Activity:**

Choose an activity from the Bible Skills book. Write down what you will need for the activity here:

### **Homework Ideas:**

Have your students pick one or two people to show intentional kindness to this week. It should be someone that they are close enough to gauge an initial response. Have the students write down how they think the person will respond. Then have the students carry out their experiment five times (doing something kind; giving a gift; saying encouraging words; asking questions of care, etc.). Have them record what the responses were to each act of kindness.