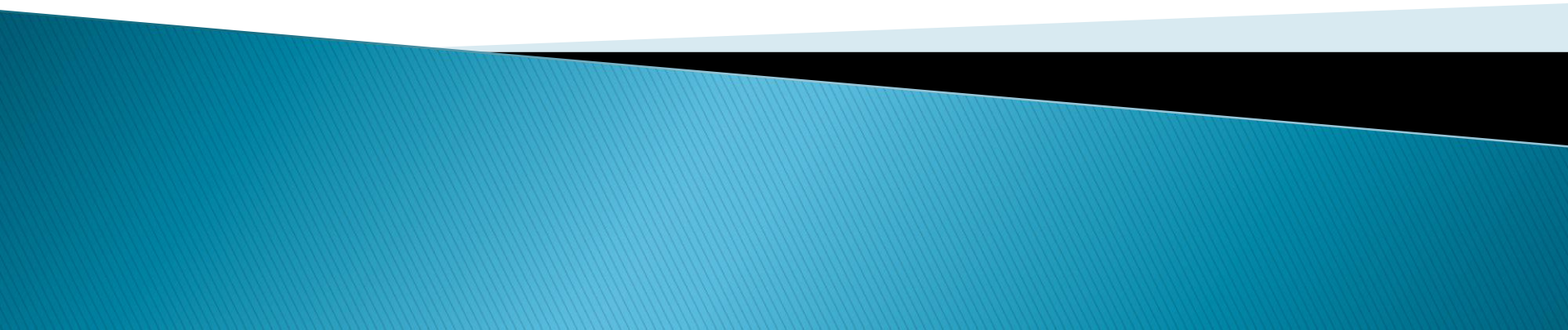# Lesson 9:
The Exodus

Icebreaker: If you have never met somebody, how do you get to know them? What questions do you ask?

Get to know Me

- Questions we might ask somebody we don't know:
  - What's your name?
  - Are you from around here?
  - Where do you work/go to school?
  - How many people are in your family?
  - What do you like to do for fun?
- How do we get to know who God is?

Get to know Me (continued)

- We get to know God in a couple ways:
    - First, through His creation (natural knowledge of God), because it shows us His power and His design for life
    - Second, we find out about God through what He reveals to us in His Word/the Bible (revelation), which shows us specifically that Jesus is our Savior
- In our lesson, God will show us that He is powerful, loving, patient, almighty, and more

The land of Goshen

- After Joseph rises to power in Egypt, he rescues his family from the famine in Canaan
- Jacob (Israel), his sons, and family (70 people) all move to a fertile land in Egypt called Goshen
- God's people happily live alongside the Egyptians for 300 years, growing until there were almost 2 million of them
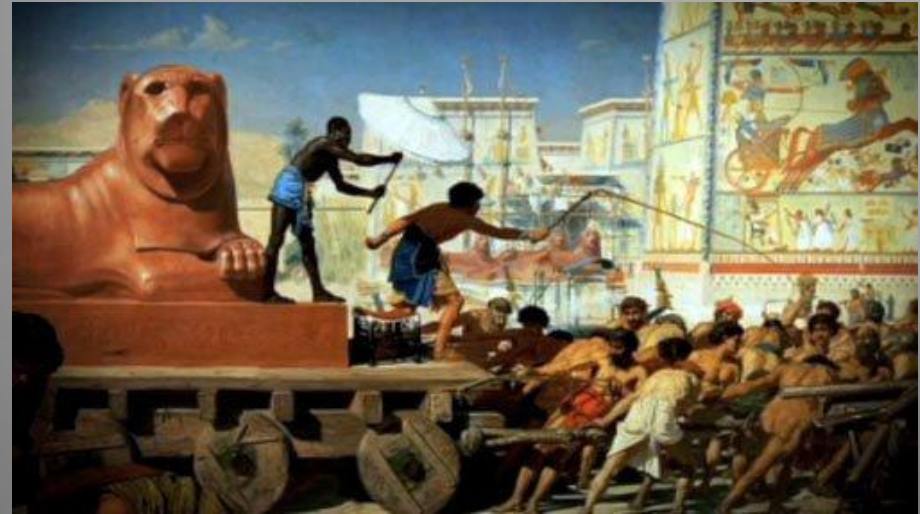- Read Exodus 1:8-10. What happened after the 300 years were up?

Joseph forgotten

- Even though Joseph was a hero who saved Egypt from famine, a new Pharaoh took power who didn't know about him
- This new Pharaoh was nervous and fearful about how many Hebrews there were in Egypt
- He thought that they might betray Egypt to their enemies and take over the country
- Read Exodus 1:11-14. What was this Pharaoh's solution to his fears?

Slavery in Egypt

- This Pharaoh made them into slaves to build cities for him and work in the fields
- He made their lives bitter, hard, and full of many burdens
- But no matter how hard he tried to break their spirits, God's people kept growing in number
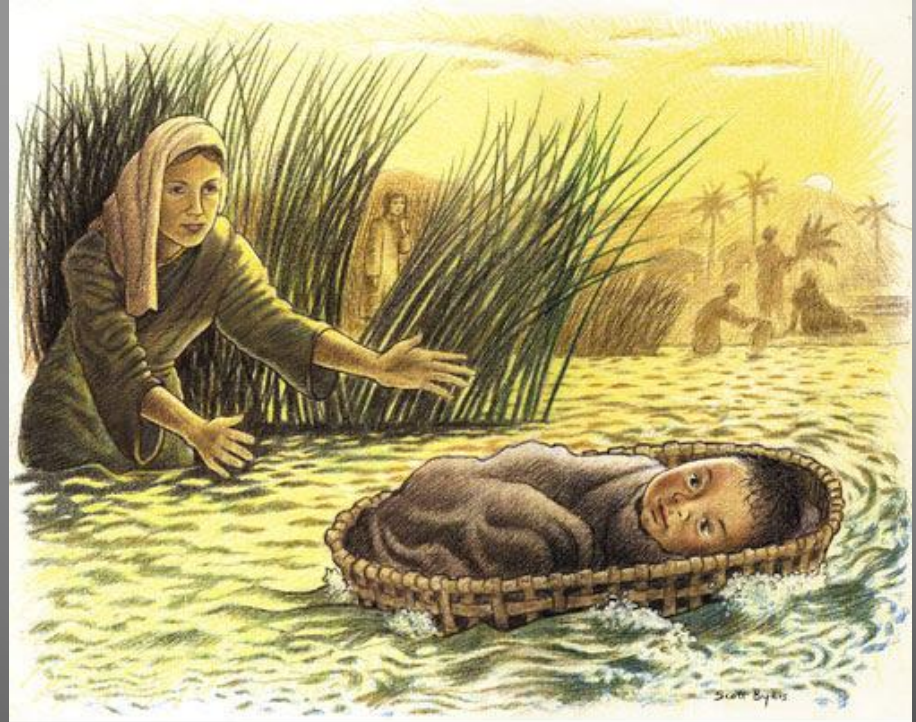- Read Exodus 1:16–18, 22. What horrible things did Pharaoh command next?

Into the Nile

- Pharaoh ordered that the Egyptian midwives kill all the Hebrew baby boys, but the midwives let them live

- Next, he commanded all his people to throw all the Hebrew baby boys into the Nile River

- Read Exodus 2:1-4. Who broke the rules and how did she do it?

Into the Nile (continued)

- Moses' mom saved her son from certain death by hiding him for 3 months after he was born
- After she couldn't hide him anymore, she made a basket, made it water-proof, and set it in the Nile river with her son in it
- Moses' sister Miriam watched to see what would happen to her brother
- Read Exodus 2:5-10. How did God protect baby Moses?

Out of the water

- The basket floated near Pharaoh's daughter while she was getting ready for a bath and her servants brought the basket to her
- Moses was crying and Pharaoh's daughter felt sorry for him
- Moses' sister Miriam asked her if she wanted a Hebrew woman to take care of the baby and she said yes
- Pharaoh's daughter named the boy Moses ("I drew him out of water") and he lived in Pharaoh's house when he was old enough
- Read Exodus 2:11-12, 15. Why did Moses end up leaving Egypt?

Flight to Midian

- After 40 years of living in Pharaoh's house, Moses saw a Hebrew being mistreated by an Egyptian
- Moses killed the Egyptian and tried to hide it, but soon, Pharaoh found out and wanted Moses dead
- Moses ran away to another country called Midian, got married, and lived there for 40 years
- Read Exodus 3:1-6. While in Midian, what amazing thing does Moses see?

The Burning Bush

- While Moses is watching a flock of sheep, he sees a bush on fire, but it was not turning into ashes
- When Moses tried to get a closer look, God spoke to him from out of the bush
- God introduces Himself as the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, so Moses was afraid to look at him
- Read Exodus 3:9-12. What was God's plan?

I have heard their cry

- God says He has heard His people crying out for help and for someone to deliver them from slavery
- In order to deliver them, God will send Moses to speak to Pharaoh
- Moses is very nervous, with many questions, but God says He will be with him
- Read Exodus 3:13-15. What does God say His name is?

The Great "I am"

- God says his name is "I am who I am"
- God also says that when people ask, Moses should say "I am" has sent me to you
- To this day, Jews never say God's name, out of respect
- Read John 8:57–59. Why were people so mad at Jesus in this story?

The Great "I am" (continued)

- People were mad because Jesus used the divine name and connected it to Himself
- Little did they know that Jesus is God, together with the Father and the Holy Spirit
- Because Jesus has made us worthy, we can say His name all we want
- Today, if people ask us about God's name, we can say His name is Yahweh (also Jehovah or the LORD), based on the Tetragrammaton , a transliteration of the Hebrew
- Read Exodus 4:21, 5:1-2, 5-6. What was Pharaoh's response to Moses' message?

Bricks without straw

- Pharaoh did not let God's people go, as God told Moses beforehand
- In fact, Pharaoh made their work harder, making them get their own straw so they could make bricks
- Even though it was harder, they still had to make just as many bricks, which made the people angry with Moses and his brother Aaron
- Skim Exodus 7–11. What did God do about Pharaoh's stubbornness?

The Plagues

- God sent 10 plagues upon Egypt:
  - 1st: Nile to blood
  - 2nd: Frogs
  - 3rd: Gnats
  - 4th: Flies
  - 5th: Livestock
  - 6th: Boils
  - 7th: Hail
  - 8th: Locusts
  - 9th: Darkness
  - 10th: Firstborn

The Plagues (continued)

- By each plague, God defeated a false Egyptian god and showed that He was the only true God
- After each plague, Pharaoh was defiant, stubborn, and even tried to make deals with God and Moses
- How do people harden their hearts against God today?

Hardened heart

- Today, there are many people with hard hearts, for many reasons:
  - Might have had something bad happen to them
  - Might not like being told what to do
  - Might believe that they know better than God
- If a person hardens their heart against God permanently, rejecting Jesus as their Savior, they will be eternally separated from God and cannot be saved
- Read Exodus 12:3, 5, 7-8, 11-13. What is the Passover? Why is it important?

The Passover

- The Passover is important, because it is a reminder of how God saves and preserves His people
- God told his people to be ready with their sandals on, staff in hand, ready to flee Egypt
- Then He said to take a pure, spotless lamb and sacrifice it, spreading its blood on the doorposts and eating it quickly with unleavened bread and herbs
- All those with the blood on their door, God passed over and did not take their firstborn
- Jesus is our pure, spotless lamb, whose blood saves us and spares us from God's wrath
- Read Exodus 12:29-32. What happened to Pharaoh and the Egyptians as this was going on?

Take your people and go

- God took every firstborn of the Egyptians, people and animals, but He spared His people
- With the 10th plague, God defeated Pharaoh himself, who Egyptians though was Ra's son, and Pharaoh agrees to let God's people go
- Read Exodus 14:5–6, 10, 13–16, 21–23, 26–29. What trouble did God's people still run into?

Parting of the Red Sea

- After they left, Pharaoh changed his mind and went after them
- By the Red Sea, he caught up to them, but God told Moses to lift up his staff and part the sea
- God's people walked through, but the waters crashed down on the Egyptians, so God's people were saved
- What have you learned about what kind of God you have and what He's done for you?

I am the LORD

- God cares
  - Heard the cries of His people and did something about it
- God is patient
  - God gave Pharaoh 10 chances to repent
- God is powerful
  - God performed signs, unleashed the plagues, and parted the Red Sea
- God is almighty
  - God is greater than Pharaoh, Ra, other false gods or anybody else
- God saves
  - At the right time, God brings His people out of trouble

Homework

- If not done already, go through and complete all of lesson 9 and write in your answers when asked for
- Be ready for a quiz on Lessons 8/9 in two weeks
- No class next week