



FAITH AT HOME - SEPTEMBER 2020

THE STORY OF MOSES - GODLY PLAY AT HOME

Each week, watch the video with your child, and any added instructions or ideas on the website. Use the Faith at Home kit supplies and instructions (and your child's own creativity) to make the story at home, building it week by week. Talk together about the wondering questions. Encourage play with the story pieces. Find a special container for your Story of Moses, and set aside time for Godly Play together!

FIND THE VIDEOS FOR THE STORY OF MOSES FOR EACH WEEK ON OUR WEBSITE: [HTTPS://GROWINGFAITHATHOME.ORG/FAITH-AT-HOME/](https://growingfaithathome.org/faith-at-home/)

Supplies Needed:

You can find these materials in your Faith at Home kit, or around the house or yard.

In your kit:

- Tan felt underlay (9/6)
- People of God wooden peg figures (9/6)
- Basket (9/6)
- Baby Moses (9/6)
- Candle for burning bush (don't light without an adult!) (9/6)
- Blue felt for water (9/13)
- Model Magic to make quail and manna container (9/20)
- Blue yarn for water (9/27)

Find at home:

- Something soft to put in the basket (9/6)
- Something green to cover the basket (9/6)
- A stick to be the staff (9/6)
- Optional: something besides the candle to be the burning bush (9/6)
- A rock (9/27)



WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 6 - THE STORY OF MOSES PART 1: (BABY TO PASSOVER)

Find the videos for The Story of Moses for each week
on our Website: <https://growingfaithathome.org/faith-at-home/>

Before you begin, find:

- *Something soft to put in the basket*
- *Something green to cover the basket*
- *A stick to be the staff*
- *Optional: find or make something besides the candle to be the burning bush*

With your child, watch the video on our website, then follow along with the story like this:

(Spread out your tan felt underlay. Add some people of God.)

Many years ago, the people of God came to the land of Egypt, looking for food and safety, and they found it, but then a new Pharaoh ruled, one who did not know all that had come before. The people of God became slaves. They were trapped and could not go home.

(Trap the people of God with your hands.)

There were so many people of God in Egypt that the Pharaoh was afraid they would take his kingdom away from him, so he made a terrible law that all Hebrew baby boys should be killed.

(Add the basket and the baby. Cover the baby with green reeds.)

One of the mothers made a basket and hid her baby boy inside, She put the basket in the reeds by the Nile river. The baby's sister, Miriam followed it as it floated all the way to Pharaoh's palace.

(Make a floating motion with your hand.)

The daughter of Pharaoh found the basket.

(Uncover the basket.)

She named the baby Moses. His sister made sure he was safe, and Moses grew up. He saw how the Egyptians hurt the people of God. He got angry, and ran away across the desert. He had a family, and became a shepherd for forty years.

One day, Moses was caring for the sheep, and saw a bush that was burning but did not burn up.

(Add the burning bush.)

God spoke to Moses from the burning bush, and said, “Moses, take off your shoes, this is holy ground. I have heard the cries of my people in Egypt. Go down there and set the people free. I will be with you. I am who I am.”

So Moses went back to Egypt to tell Pharaoh to let God’s people go.

(Add Moses’ shepherd’s staff.)

With his shepherd’s staff in his hand, Moses went many times to Pharaoh, and many times Pharaoh said “No!”

(Make a blocking motion with your hand.)

Moses did many signs and wonders with his staff, and also terrible things happened in the land of Egypt - plagues and darkness and death. But God told the people of God how to be safe, and it passed over them.

(Make a motion of passing over with your hand.)

Finally the Pharaoh said “Yes”, the people of God could go, leave Egypt, and be free.

(Block the people of God with your hand again, then lift it.)

Wondering questions:

- I wonder what happens next to Moses and the people of God?
- I wonder what it was like for Moses here....and here....and here.... (*point to each of the symbols in the story.*)
- Does this story of Moses remind you of any family baby stories? Tell some together.
- I wonder how Moses knew to trust God?
- I wonder how you know to trust God?



WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 13 - THE STORY OF MOSES PART 2: (THROUGH THE WATER)

Find the videos for The Story of Moses for each week
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Before you begin, roll out your tan felt underlay.

Retell the first part of the story as written in Part 1, or summarize as you add:

- *People of God*
- *Basket and baby*
- *Burning bush*
- *Staff*

After the terrible things happened, Pharaoh told Moses that the people of God could leave Egypt. The people hurried to pack all they could carry. They baked bread for the journey so fast that it had no time to rise - it was flat. Then they went into the desert. The desert is a dangerous place. No one goes into the desert unless they have to. The people of God hurried until they came to the sea.

(Add blue felt pieces to be the water. Move the people of God next to the water.)

The Egyptians followed them in their chariots. The army of Pharaoh pushed the people against the water, and they didn't know what to do. They were trapped again.

(Use your hand to show God coming close to Moses)

God came so close to Moses, and Moses came so close to God that Moses knew how to lead the people through the water into freedom.

(Fold back the blue felt pieces to make a passage. Take the people through one at a time. You can add feelings for each one: *This one looks so scared he can barely move. This one is running. This one is happy. This one is confused.*)

When all the people of God were safe on the other side, the water closed behind them, and they were free. Pharaoh's army could not follow.

(Close the blue felt water.)

The people were so happy to be free, they just had to give thanks to God, and Miriam, the sister of Moses, led the dancing!

(Move the people of God into a circle.)

Wondering questions:

- I wonder what happens next to Moses and the people of God?
- I wonder how the people of God felt when they came to the water, and were trapped again?
- I wonder if you have ever felt that way? Tell any stories you might have about those times.
- I wonder why the people danced on the other side of the water?
- I wonder if you have ever been happy enough to dance like that? Tell any family stories you have about dancing.



WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 20 - THE STORY OF MOSES PART 3: (MANNA AND QUAIL)

**Find the videos for The Story of Moses for each week
on our Website:**

<https://growingfaithathome.org/faith-at-home/>

Before you begin, use the Model Magic or Playdoh to work with your child to make:

- *two small birds to be the quail*
- *a container/jar to represent manna*

Roll out your tan felt underlay. Retell the first parts of the story as written in Part 1 and 2, or summarize as you add:

- *People of God*
- *Basket and baby*
- *Burning bush*
- *Staff*
- *Blue felt water*

Tell the story together:

After Moses led the people through the water into freedom, and Miriam led the dancing, the people of God began their journey.

(Walk the people of God ahead, then stop.)

Moses led the people through the desert for 40 years, camping here and there. The desert is a dangerous place. There is very little food to eat. The people grew tired and hungry and discouraged. They grumbled to Moses. "We are hungry, Moses! Why did we leave Egypt, where at least there was food? Now we might starve to death."

God came close to Moses and Moses came close to God.

(Use your hand to show God coming close to Moses)

God told Moses, "I am going to send bread from heaven for you all. Every day, the people should gather enough for just that one day, except for the sixth day of the week, you may gather enough for two days." Moses told the people, "God has heard your complaining, and God will provide. Remember that it is God who brought you out of the land of Egypt."

That evening, a great cloud of quail covered where the people of God camped, and they had meat to eat.

(Put down quail you have made.)

In the morning on the ground the people found something white and flaky. It tasted like wafers made with honey. The people said "What is it?" which in Hebrew sounds like "manna" and that is what they called it. Every day they would gather in jars and baskets just enough manna to eat.

(Put down the container/jar you have made.)

For all the 40 years the people of God were in the desert, God provided them manna.

Wondering questions:

- I wonder what happens next to Moses and the people of God?
- I wonder if you have ever felt hungry and complaining like the people of God did?
Tell some family stories about times of complaining.
- I wonder how the people felt when they saw the quail?
- I wonder if you have ever tasted something like manna?
- I wonder how the people remembered that God would provide enough for every day?
- I wonder how you remember that God provides food to eat?



WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 27 - THE STORY OF MOSES PART 4: (WATER FROM A ROCK)

**Find the videos for The Story of Moses for each week
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Before you begin, find outside:

- **A rock**

Roll out your tan felt underlay. Retell the first parts of the story as written in Part 1, 2 and 3, or summarize as you add:

- *People of God*
- *Basket and baby*
- *Burning bush*
- *Staff*
- *Blue felt water*
- *Quail*
- *Manna jar*

Tell the story together:

The people of God were in the desert following Moses. The desert is a dangerous place. There is very little water to drink. Even when the people had enough food to eat, they were thirsty from traveling, and they complained. One day they camped where there was no water. "Moses, we are thirsty! Give us water to drink! Why did you lead us out of Egypt into a desert where we will all die of thirst?"

Once again, God came close to Moses, and Moses came close to God.

(Use your hand to show God coming close to Moses)

Moses said, "God, what shall I do with these people?" And God answered, "Go ahead of the people. Take your staff, and go to the rock at the place called Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink."

(Put down the rock.)

So Moses went to Horeb, took his staff, and struck the rock.

(Pick up staff and tap the rock. Spread out blue yarn to be the water.)

And just like God said, water flowed from the rock, and the people of God had enough to drink.

Wondering questions:

- I wonder what happens next to Moses and the people of God?
- I wonder if you have ever felt thirsty like the people of God did? Tell some family stories about times of thirst.
- I wonder what Moses thought would happen when he hit the rock?
- I wonder if the people found something else to complain about after they had enough to drink?
- I wonder how you can remember to give God thanks for water?

THE STORY OF MOSES WILL CONTINUE IN OCTOBER! STAY TUNED.....