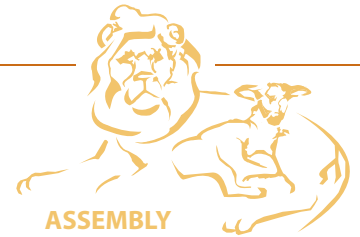


MOSES CONFRONTED PHARAOH

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: EXODUS 6:1-12 & 7:1-13



This story is fairly easy for the children to understand if read from the NIV.

Read the story from Exodus 6:10-12 and 7:1-13.

The following are some ideas for creative ways that you can present this material.

LESSON IDEAS**SOFT HEART, HARD HEART****Supplies:**

- three heart shapes made from red felt or red foam
- three heart shapes out of cardboard or plastic.

Make the hearts small enough for a child to hide in their hand or pocket

In class ask for six volunteers. Give three of the children soft hearts and three of the children hard hearts. Tell the children with the soft hearts to carefully do everything you tell them to do. Tell the children with the hard hearts not to follow your commands.

These instructions should be given so the rest of the class does not know who has which kind of heart. Play this game like Simon Says by using the following commands:

Teacher says:

- Jump up and down
- Raise your hand
- Smile, etc.

After you give several commands, see if the rest of the class can pick out which children have the soft hearts. You can try this several times rotating children so that everyone gets a turn.

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FELT BOARD STORY

Supplies:

- check the felt board supplies prior to class so that you can organize the characters you want to use.

- Prior to class make up three felt snakes. You can keep the eyes separate.

When the staff turns into a snake, you can add the eyes to make it look alive. Make Aaron's snake a bit larger so that it can cover over the other snakes to make it seem that it is eating up the others

Tell the story of Moses, Aaron, and the snakes with the felt board.



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Where Is Jesus?

Please use the following comments connecting today's lesson to the Gospel to help inform your understanding and serve you by aiding your preparation for class. Remember, we want to do more than present disconnected Bible stories and lessons to our young children. We want them to understand how each story in the Bible plays a part in God's greater plan of redemption.

God's purpose involved hardening the heart of Pharaoh so God's greatness and glory would be revealed. Moses came to Pharaoh and asked him to allow God's people to worship and hold a festival to God. Pharaoh refused, even after six plagues and many miraculous signs. Similarly, in spite of the many miraculous signs Jesus performed, the Hebrew rulers did not believe. They too were used of God, in His plan to deliver His Son up to death. So once again, the hardening revealed God's greatness and glory.

Moses was the prophet who brought the word of the Lord to Pharaoh just as Jesus was the prophet who brought the Word of God to all of us. Even as Pharaoh hardened his heart against that word, so many people today harden their hearts against the Gospel.

For the Scripture says to Pharaoh:

I raised you up for this very purpose, that I might display my power in you and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth. (Romans 9:17)

