

## MOSES CONFRONTED PHARAOH

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



## The STORY

Read the story of Moses and his interaction with Pharaoh in Exodus 6:1-12 and 7:1-13 from the NIV Bible.

**Please note:** The discussion questions in the following sections are written to serve as a guide in teaching our youngest children. Three to six year olds are not going to be able to answer these questions like their older brothers and sisters. Please refer to the God's Story Preschool Curriculum Outline for additional ideas.

After reading the story, use the following questions to involve the children in a discussion.

- What is this story about? (God tells Moses to go to Pharaoh and tell him to let the Israelites go.)
- Who went with Moses to talk to Pharaoh? (His brother, Aaron.)
- What did Aaron do with his staff? (He threw it down on the ground and it became a snake.)
- What did Pharaoh's magicians do? (They also threw their staffs to the ground and they became snakes.)
- If the Egyptian magicians could do the same thing that Moses and Aaron did, how do we know God is more powerful? (The snake that came from Aaron's staff ate the Egyptian snakes showing that God is more powerful.)

## CRAFT QUESTIONS

Coloring sheets have been provided that exemplify today's lesson: Aaron's snake eats the other snakes. Engage the children by asking:

- What happened to Pharaoh's heart? (It became hard because he did not want to obey God.)
- What did Moses warn would happen if Pharaoh did not obey? (God said that he would send plagues to Egypt.)
- Did Pharaoh think he was powerful? (Yes, Pharaoh thought he could do whatever he wanted.)
- What lessons can children learn about obeying from Pharaoh? (It is important not to harden your heart but obey your parents. If you disobey your parents you are like Pharaoh. There is punishment for disobedience.)

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### SNACK QUESTIONS

**While the children are eating the snack, engage the children by asking:**

- The Bible tells us that God hardened Pharaoh's heart. What does it mean that your heart becomes hard? (You don't want to obey; you just want to do what you want to do.)
- Can our hearts become hard? (Yes. We can disobey God and do what we want to do.)
- If God hardened Pharaoh's heart, was it Pharaoh's fault? (Yes, Pharaoh wanted to disobey.)
- How do you know if a child's heart is becoming hard? (He or she continues to disobey their parents or other adults and will not do what they are told.)

### 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)

### WORD BIBLE MEMORY

**BE A DOER OF THE WORD**

*Take time during the class to review the WORD Bible Memory verses with the class. Provide the opportunity for each child to recite the verses to an adult worker.*