

Going Deeper

As you hear and study these stories each week, consider what God has to say to you and your family. What is God's message to us? Consider the following basic pattern as a way of forming family devotions:

- Light a candle to help you focus this time as "God time." Pray a simple prayer together.
- Take a moment to check in with each other; what are each person's "highs" and "lows" today?
- Read aloud from the Daily Bible Readings from below. Discuss the questions following each.

End with a blessing, by simply tracing a cross on each other's forehead. The Lord's Prayer is a good way to end your devotion time. If you used a candle, extinguish it as a sign of the end of the devotions.

(Note: This is only a suggested pattern. It will vary with your household's context and patterns. What works best for you? First thing in the morning? Over breakfast? Bed time? Be creative and flexible with how you practice and keep your devotions!)

Sunday : Read Exodus 12:1-13; 13:1-8

God gives the Israelites instructions on how to prepare and remember their exodus from Egypt.

- If you were leaving home and did not know if you would return, how would you prepare?
- What is an action or prayer that you do that reminds you of your freedom through Jesus?

Monday: Read Exodus 13:17-22

God leads the Israelites out of Egypt with a cloud and a pillar of fire.

- When have you not known where you were going and had to trust someone to lead you?
- How do you think the Israelites felt leaving and not knowing where they were going?

Tuesday: Read Exodus 14:5-25

When the Egyptian army tries to capture the Israelites, God leads the Israelites to safety.

- Have you ever changed your mind about something big? What was it?
- When have you had to trust that God would provide, even when it seemed impossible?

Wednesday: Read Exodus 16:1-8

When the Israelites become hungry and restless, God provides manna for them to eat.

- When is a time that God provided for you in a time of need?
- Why do you think God told the Israelites to only gather what they needed for each day?

Thursday: Read Exodus 19:1-9, 20-25

Moses receives instructions on how the Israelites should live as God's chosen people.

- Since the whole earth and all people are God's, what does it mean that the Israelites were God's chosen people?
- As Christians, what are some things God calls us to do?

Friday: Read Exodus 20:1-17

The Ten Commandments contain instructions on how to live in relationship with God and others.

- What is a commandment you struggle with?
- What is a commandment that comes naturally to you?

Saturday: Read Exodus 24:9-18

Moses goes to a mountaintop to be in God's presence and receive the tablets with the commandments.

- Have you ever had a "mountaintop" experience where you felt God's presence? What happened?
- Why do you think only certain people could see God? Why were Moses and Joshua the only ones invited to the top of the mountain?