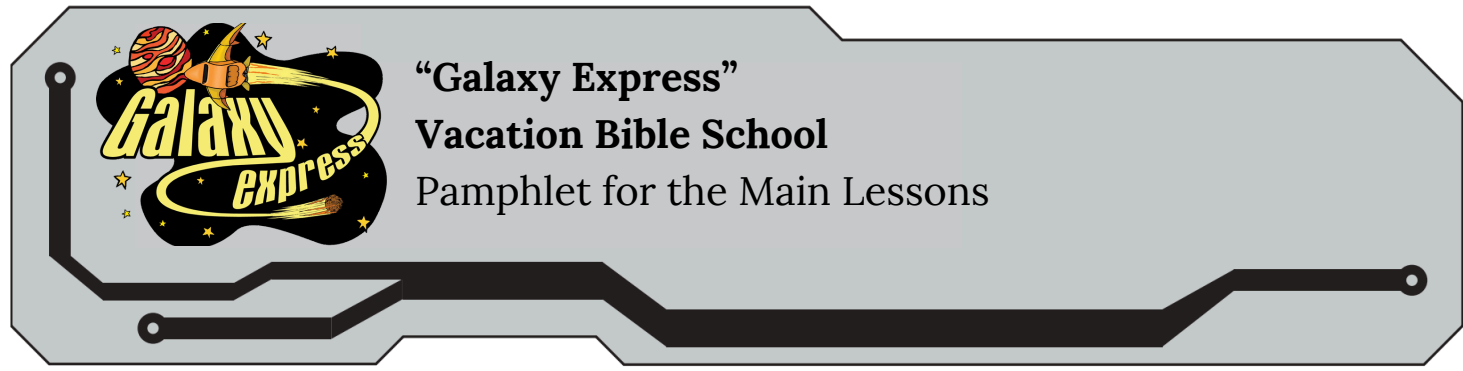
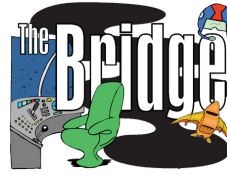


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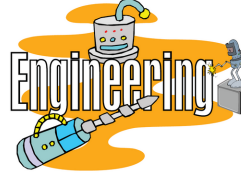
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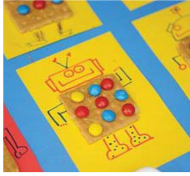
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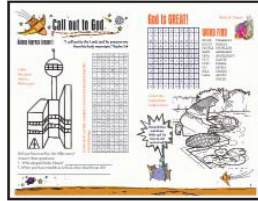
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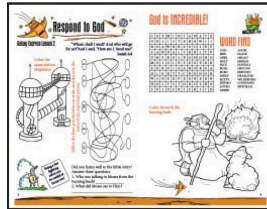
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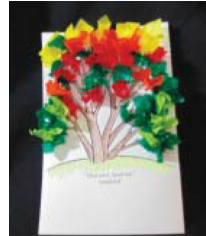
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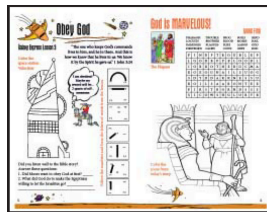
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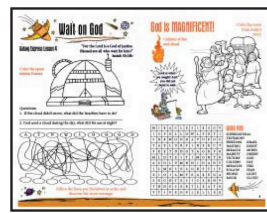
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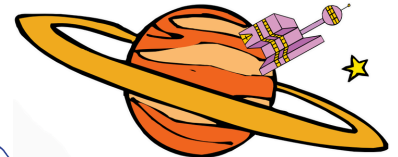
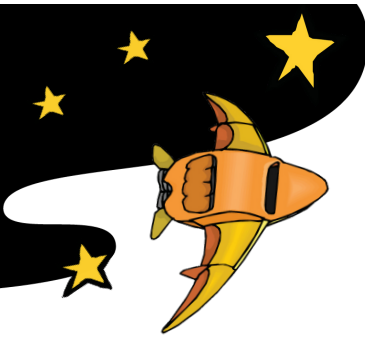


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1st Voyage

Call Out to God!



Incoming Message... (Verse)

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Urgent from Mission Control... Birth of Moses (Main Lesson)

The Israelites groaned in their slavery and cried out, and their cry for help because of their slavery went up to God. God heard their groaning and he remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac and with Jacob. So God looked on the Israelites and was concerned about them.

(Exodus 2:23-25 NIV)

The Bible show us in Exodus chapter 2 that the people of God learned an important lesson that we are learning today. We need to CALL OUT TO GOD when we need help with anything!

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The people of God at this time were not only poor and very hungry; but they were also mocked and laughed at by the Egyptians. With all the stress, they would also fight amongst themselves. Life was hard. Then to make matters worse, the Egyptian ruler declared that all baby boys must be killed! That is some serious persecution!!! If anyone needed to CALL OUT TO GOD, it was the Israelites.

But God had a plan. He carefully watched when Moses was born, and protected him from getting murdered. Moses' mom tried to hide him as long as she could from the bad soldiers that would take him away and kill him. There came a time when she couldn't hide him any longer. That is when she probably got a very good idea: to CALL OUT TO GOD! God watched over Moses as his mother put him in a basket in the river. He could have drowned or been carried far away, but God made sure that he was safe. The basket floated near the home of the Egyptian ruler where the daughter of pharaoh decided to take him as her own son. Our God is so GREAT! God had a plan for Moses' life and saw him even when he was a baby in a basket, drifting in the river. God sees you and me and knows each one of us.



Message Relay

"Call out to God!"

During this lesson, every time the students hear "Call out to God," have them respond by saying "Lord, Help me!" while they jump with both arms extended towards God.



Astronomical Observation

God is
GREAT

We can learn an important lesson today to CALL OUT TO GOD. Times can get tough for you and me. For example, we could have a hard time at school or a fight with a brother. The best thing you can do is CALL OUT TO GOD. The Israelites did just that. They were able to CALL OUT TO GOD and the Bible says that He heard them, and remembered them. God saw them and knew them. He took compassion on them, and saved them. He already had a plan in place with Moses... born an Israelite, saved from death, escaped in a basket, and adopted into Pharaoh's family. So let's put into action what we have learned today and CALL OUT TO GOD!

2nd Voyage

Respond to God!



Urgent from Mission Control...

(Main Lesson) *Moses and the Burning Bush*

Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law... There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up."

When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!"

And Moses said, "Here I am."

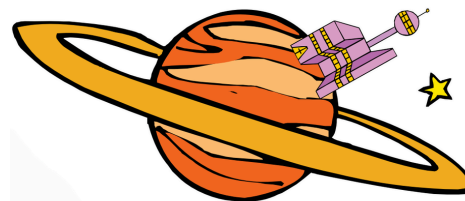
"Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God. (Exodus 3:1-6)

How incredible is our God to show up to talk to Moses!!! God called out to Moses, and He knew him by name! Today we are learning what we can do when God calls to us... RESPOND TO GOD!

Moses was minding his own business watching over the sheep. Moses wasn't praying or doing anything spiritual. God called to Him while he was working. He didn't say, 'Hey you over there' either, but He called Moses by name! All of a sudden Moses could hear someone calling his name... "MOSES, MOSES." He must have looked around trying to find who was calling His name. There was no one around him. He was all alone. Then he sees it. A bush on fire!!! Do you think he grabbed a fire extinguisher out of his bag and started to try to put the fire out? He probably hurried over to do something when he noticed that the bush wasn't actually burning. It was on fire, but not getting burnt! Then the bush started talking to him! Moses must have thought, "Should I RESPOND TO GOD?"

You and I normally do not see burning bushes, and God does not normally talk to us through an audible voice, but God is trying to communicate to us all the time. God is always trying to talk to you, spend moments with you or give you direction. The thing is that very few of us are listening to Him. Most people go around ignoring God all day long. They forget that he even exists, or that He wants to talk to us! God actually is hoping that you will RESPOND TO GOD! Isn't our God INCREDIBLE?

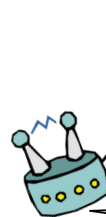
Moses could have chosen to ignore God just like we do today, but he stopped and listened. Then he opened his heart and mouth to RESPOND. He answered God with this phrase, "YES LORD, HERE I AM." God had a plan to save the Israelites from slavery. He wanted to use Moses. Moses answered God's call when he spoke that simple phrase, nothing fancy, just: "Here I am". God wants to do amazing things with your life too! He has great and incredible plans for you, but He needs you to stop and listen to Him. God wants you to RESPOND TO GOD!



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"Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I. Send me!'"
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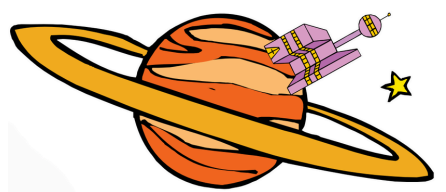


Astronomical Observation

God is
INCREDIBLE

3rd Voyage

Obey God!



Urgent from Mission Control...

(Main Lesson) *The plagues in Egypt*

“And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt... Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say.” But Moses said, “Pardon your servant, Lord. Please send someone else.” Then the LORD’s anger burned against Moses...

Then Moses went back to Jethro his father-in-law and said to him, “Let me return to my own people in Egypt to see if any of them are still alive.” (Exodus 3:9-10, 4:12-18)



Incoming Message...

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God had a marvelous plan to save His people from slavery and oppression. He wanted to show his Glory and Greatness at the same time as He delivered his people. He decided to use the plagues, a series of bad things, each one getting worse until the Egyptians decided to let His people go, and let God win. God wanted Moses to be the one to speak to Pharaoh. Moses was God’s guy, but Moses didn’t want to obey. Moses didn’t want to go. Moses begged and begged, saying that he wasn’t a good public speaker, that God was better off finding a different guy. Moses asked God to send someone else!!! Have you ever begged your mom not to make you go somewhere or do something? Then you know how Moses felt. God had a big plan, and it was important for Moses to OBEY GOD. God got tired of all the fussing Moses was doing. The Bible says that God got angry with him! God allowed Moses to have help, another guy to go with him. What do you think Moses did??? That’s right, in the end he did OBEY GOD!



Astronomical Observation

God is
MARVELOUS

God’s plan showed his glory and wonder starting with turning Moses’ staff into a snake and then back to a staff. Pharaoh refused to let God’s people go, so God started with the plagues, each time giving Pharaoh the opportunity to repent, but he would not. God then sent plague after plague: blood, frogs, gnats, flies, death of livestock, boils, hail, locusts, darkness, and death of the first born. After all that, pharaoh finally gave up and let God win! God’s people were free to leave. And they had seen the glory of God!

It all happened because Moses was willing to quit fussing, get up and GO, and OBEY GOD!

4th Voyage

Wait on God!



Incoming Message...

(Verse)

“For the Lord is a God of justice.
Blessed are all who wait for him!”
Isaiah 30:18b



Urgent from Mission Control...

(Main Lesson) *Cloud by day and fire by night*

As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up, and there were the Egyptians, marching after them. They were terrified and cried out to the LORD. They said to Moses, “Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt? Didn’t we say to you in Egypt, ‘Leave us alone; let us serve the Egyptians’? It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!” Moses answered the people, “Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the LORD will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still.” (Exodus 14:10-14)

Today we get to learn how the Israelites learned to WAIT ON GOD. As soon as the Egyptians let the people go they regretted it. Right away Pharaoh started chasing after them and wanted to bring them back into slavery. It would have felt like the huge victory of no longer being slaves was now lost. The enemy was chasing them and they were afraid. In fact, they started to complain and wished that they could return to Egypt. They actually thought they would prefer slavery to being free because they were being chased by the enemy in the desert. The last thing they wanted to do was to WAIT ON GOD. Isn't it amazing that the people were still afraid after seeing the glory of the Lord protecting them? God did the most amazing things for these people as they travelled! God sent a huge pillar of cloud to guide them in the daytime, and a huge pillar of fire to guide them at night and to give them light! Can you imagine over a million people walking across the desert with a pillar of fire in front of them? We don't know exactly how many people there were, or how tall the pillar was, but there was a large crowd, and it could NOT have been a small little flame. (Scholars have calculated if there were 600,000 fighting men, there could have been even up to 2 million people including woman, children and older men.) This is miraculous and magnificent! God guided them as they travelled with a huge supernatural sign, and yet they were still afraid when the enemy came at them.

You and I often get afraid just like the Israelites when we are trying to obey God. Sometimes our surroundings start to look like a desert with nowhere to turn and an enemy charging after us. Even when we have seen God's wonder and majesty, His miracles, and remember the times when He has saved us. But when we are scared, it is hard to WAIT ON GOD. The Israelites probably thought they had two options, either to run away or to fight. It probably never crossed their mind to just sit there and WAIT ON GOD. Who waits when anything bad is about to happen???



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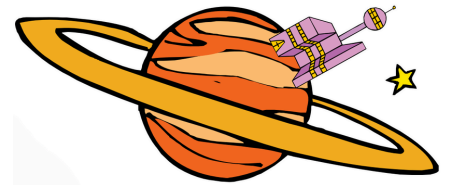
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Everyone knows that you either fight or run away, but God had a plan. Moses heard God's plan and shared it with everyone... “The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still.” God's plan was to fight the battle for them, while they just had to WAIT ON GOD! How many of you like to sit and wait? No one! These people were in trouble, just like you and I get into trouble at times. God's plan for them was to just WAIT ON GOD and let GOD do the fighting. Next time you are in trouble, ask God and see if He doesn't want to do the fighting for you. Your job will be the same as the Israelites: to WAIT ON GOD!

5th Voyage

Worship God!



Urgent from Mission Control...

(Main Lesson) **Crossing the Red Sea**

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the waters may flow back over the Egyptians and their chariots and horsemen." Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at daybreak the sea went back to its place. The Egyptians were fleeing toward it, and the LORD swept them into the sea. The water flowed back and covered the chariots and horsemen—the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not one of them survived. But the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. That day the LORD saved Israel from the hands of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore. Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD: "I will sing to the LORD, for he is highly exalted. Both horse and driver he has hurled into the sea. The LORD is my strength and my defence; he has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him." (Exodus 14:26-30, 15:1-2)

When we left the Israelites yesterday; they were in trouble and facing their enemies who were chasing them. They wanted to fight or flee, but chose to WAIT ON GOD. They found themselves trapped between the enemy army and the huge "Red Sea." They were trapped and waiting on God to come to their rescue, and HE DID!

Let's WORSHIP GOD!

God instructed Moses to hold his staff out over the sea and immediately the water started to part in two! The whole huge sea divided and left them a cool dry channel to walk across on dry land! This is one of the most amazing miracles of the Bible. The sea stopped and piled up while over a million people walked across. Then when the Egyptians tried to follow them, God had the sea come crashing down on them, killing them all! This is an example of God fighting the battle for you! There is nothing left to do but WORSHIP GOD for His wonderful miracle. Can you imagine crossing the sea on dry land and seeing God conquer your enemies, right in front of your eyes?

The first thing they did was to sing praises to God, worshipping Him for his wonder and might.

That should be our first response to God and his wonder as well, to WORSHIP GOD! When you ask God to help you with a test in school, and HE does, don't just sit there. Thank Him! When you feel good for doing well on that test, WORSHIP GOD! When you are tired of seeing your parents fighting and you pray to God to give them peace, and they suddenly stop fighting, WORSHIP GOD! When you ask God to see you and give you a project to help at church, and the teacher of a class asks you to be their assistant, WORSHIP GOD. When you ask God to help you avoid or stand up to a bully at school, and the bully and his whole family get moved to another city, WORSHIP GOD! There will always be different answers from God for a variety of problems we face. God is constantly helping us and caring for us, and we need to respond like the Israelites did: WORSHIP GOD!



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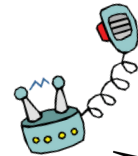
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