Teaching Goal

Review key components from the life of Moses.

Scripture

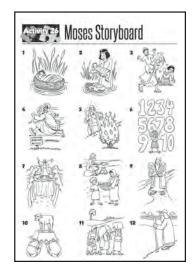
See activity.

Materials

Large piece of paper or flip chart
Marker
Tape
Pictures included with the activity.
{PDF copies of the pictures are available at www.famtime.com/GodsAwesomeStory}

Words that are written in **bold** are when you, the leader, are speaking. Feel free to use your own words.

Note: There are many ways to "store up God's word in our hearts." One way is through scripture memorization.



Another is through reading and hearing the Bible stories over and over. Memorizing the key components within a Bible story and their chronological order is helpful in learning the full story of the Bible. You may also want to watch a movie on the story as a refresher before completing this activity. {Movies may omit some components of the biblical story or add details that are not in the biblical story. Helping family members identify what is and what is not in the biblical story can be part of the lesson.} Modify the difficulty by reducing or increasing the number of components to be identified. Repeat this activity every few weeks until family members memorize the key events.

Be flexible. Key components listed in this activity may be broad in scope and cover several parts of the story. Credit family members who guess part of the broader event and then fill in the other details as you match the picture with the number. The two lists of components are not exhaustive. Family members may identify components of the story not included in either list. If you know the event is part of the story then credit the family member with a point. Add the additional component to the second list. If you are unsure about the event being part of the story then encourage family members to look it up in their Bibles or on the internet. You do not have to know all the answers! Teaching your children how to find the correct answer is just as valuable as knowing the answer.

A. Activity 1

{Optional but strongly recommended.} Consider watching the DVD "Mountain of Fire: The Search for the True Mt. Sinai."

B. Activity 2

Label the large piece of paper "Moses" and divide into 12 numbered sections. Moses is one of the most well-known men in the Bible. I've divided this paper into 12 sections, one section for each key component taken from the life of Moses. We will earn 1 point for each of the 12 components we can remember. I have a second, more detailed list of components taken from the life of Moses. We will earn a point for correctly identifying any of the components on the second list or any other components that are part of the biblical account but not on either list. We'll do this activity again in a few weeks and see if we can earn more points than today. Rotate from one family member to the next giving each person a turn. As the leader, you will know the answers and may choose to facilitate and not take a turn. Start with the youngest family members. Accept partial answers and add in the missing information. The answers do not need to be given in numeric order. Tape the picture depicting the component of the story to the corresponding numbered section.

12 Key Components from the Story of Moses

- 1. To save his life, Moses is put into a basket and floated in the Nile river. **Exodus 2**
- **2**. Pharaoh's daughter finds Moses in the river and raises him as an Egyptian. **Exodus 2**
- **3**. Moses witnesses an Egyptian attacking a Hebrew slave and he kills the Egyptian. **Exodus 2**
- 4. Pharaoh threatens to kill Moses so he flees to Midian. Exodus 2
- **5**. In Midian, God appears to Moses in a burning bush and tells him to return to Egypt. **Exodus 3**
- **6**. God sends 10 plagues upon Egypt because Pharaoh refuses to let the Israelites go. **Exodus 7-11**
- **7**. God divides the water and Moses and the Israelites cross the Red Sea on dry land. **Exodus 13-14**
- **8**. God provides the people with manna and quail to eat. **Exodus 16**

- . Moses climbs Mt. Sinai and God gives him the Ten Commandments. **Exodus 20**
- . While Moses is on the mountain, Aaron and the Israelites build a golden calf idol which makes God and Moses angry. Moses smashes the 10 commandment tablets. **Exodus 32**
- . People rebel against Moses and refuse to cross into the Promised Land. God gives them the consequence of living in the wilderness for 40 years. **Numbers 14**
- . Moses dies on Mt. Nebo. He can see the Promised Land but he does not cross into it. **Deuteronomy 34**

Additional Components from the Story of Moses

- . In Midian, Moses meets Jethro and marries his daughter, Zipporah. They have two sons. **Exodus 2**
- . Moses returns to Egypt with his brother Aaron who will do the talking. **Exodus 4**
- . God comes to kill Moses for disobedience. Zipporah saves Moses' life by circumcising their boys. **Exodus 4**
- . Moses and Aaron speak to Pharaoh. As a sign that God has sent them, Aaron's staff turns into a snake. **Exodus 7**
- 17. The last plague is the Passover. The angel of death passes over homes where the family put lamb's blood over the doors. The lives of the older sons are spared. **Exodus 12**
- . God leads the Israelites out of Egypt with a pillar of fire at night and pillar of smoke in the day. **Exodus 13-14**
- . God provides water from a rock at Meribah. **Exodus 17**
- . The Israelites defeat the Amalekites. As long as Aaron and Hur held up Moses' arms, the Israelites would win the battle. **Exodus 17**
- 21. Moses and the Israelites camp at Mount Sinai. Exodus 19
- . Moses is given directions to build the Ark of the Covenant where God will dwell. Exodus 25:19, 23. Moses is given directions to build the Tabernacle, a tent where the Ark is kept. **Exodus 25:19, 23**
- . God gives Moses a second copy of the 10 Commandments on stone tablets. **Exodus 34**

- **25**. Moses' face shines from being in God's presence. **Exodus 34**
- **26**. Moses' brother Aaron and his sister Miriam oppose Moses as God's leader. **Numbers 12**
- **27**. Moses sends 12 spies to check out the Promised Land. Ten spies come back with negative reports while 2 spies, Joshua and Caleb, come back with positive reports about capturing the land. **Numbers 13**
- **28**. For a second time, God gives water from a rock. God tells Moses to speak to the rock, but he doesn't trust God and strikes the rock twice. Because of his disobedience, Moses will not be allowed into the Promised Land. **Numbers 20**
- **29**. God causes poisonous snakes to attack the people. If they look at the image of a bronze snake on a pole, their lives will be spared. **Numbers 21**
- **30**. Joshua is appointed to succeed Moses. **Numbers 27**
- **31**. Moses' 120 years can be divided into 3 sections. 1-40 living in Egypt. 41-80 living in Midian. 81-120 living in the wilderness.
- **32**.
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C. Application

What can we learn and apply to our lives today from Moses' life more than **3,500 years ago?** *Listen to answers.* Write down any additional applications.

- God has a plan for our lives and it starts from the day we are born.
- God used Moses even though he was not perfect—he killed an Egyptian, tried to talk God out of having him lead the Israelites, struck the rock twice—God can use us, too.
- God can do the impossible. The 10 plagues, crossing the Red Sea, providing food and water for 2,000,000+ people in the desert. Trust God to provide.
- There are rules in life. Break those rules and there are consequences.
- God's ways are not our ways. They may seem really peculiar, but he is working to accomplish his plan in our lives.
- **D**. Close in Prayer



Moses Storyboard

