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## Moses Finally Home



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## KNOW WHAT:

- Today we are continuing our series on the life of Moses, a famous Israelite who led God's people to freedom. So far we have heard about Moses as a baby, how he met God in a bush that didn't burn. This week we hear about how God used him to set the Israelites free.
- Moses went to Pharaoh to tell him to set God's people free but Pharaoh said 'no'. God sent 10 plagues as a sign to Egypt but each time Pharaoh still said no.
- God kept the Israelites safe from the plagues so that only the Egyptians were affected. God protected them from the last plague by telling them to have a special meal which became known as the 'Passover' because the plague 'passed over' them.
- After the 10th plague Pharaoh agreed to set the Israelites free and they followed God and Moses into the desert to find a new home.
- Jesus celebrated the Passover just before he died and used it for the first ever 'communion'.

## SO WHAT:

- God had promised Joseph's great grandad (Abraham) that he would look after his family. Long after Abraham or Joseph God still kept his promise and looked after Moses.
- It is good to remember what God has done for us and tell the stories of our faith.

## NOW WHAT:

- Let's trust God even when things are scary or difficult.
- Let's share our stories and celebrate the things that God has done for us.

## LUKE'S LETTERS:

This story is a double-edged sword for me. On the one hand it contains one of my favourite thoughts in the Bible, on the other hand I'm gutted for Moses.

The story of Moses and the first generation of Israelites not making it to the promised land seemed really harsh until I became a parent. It wasn't until I heard myself telling my children that they couldn't have something they wanted that I understood God's perspective. Sometimes our children are their own worst enemies when it comes to having what they want. The reality is that even though it may not always feel like it, God is always fair. He more often than not lets people get on with their own decisions, there are only so many times that you can tell a child 'no' before something has to happen.

Good news though, for those who do get it he gives ways of talking about him and sharing his goodness. That's what happens with these stones and what is at the heart of Foundation for me. I hope that everything we do on Sundays sparks a conversation within families that lasts through the week. Life with God isn't just 45minutes a week but instead keeping on sharing what is going on and what God is saying to us.