

AND WHEN IN TIME TO COME YOUR SON ASKS YOU,  
'WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?' YOU SHALL SAY TO HIM,

'By a strong hand the Lord  
brought us out of Egypt,  
from the house of slavery.'

EXODUS 13:14



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# FOUNDATION CAFÉ SERVICE

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## Moses

### Plagues and Passover



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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 and 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 LETTER'S

Two boys. Both had to run away from a ruler who wanted to kill them. Both grew up in Egypt. Both the unlikely fulfilment of God's great promises to his people. Both led people to freedom. Both taught their followers to remember what God was doing with bread and wine. Both talked of a lamb dying to keep people safe.

There are innumerable parallels between Jesus and Moses and as we get closer to Easter they will become stronger and stronger. As we reflect on the Passover this week it's a good chance to think about what Jesus was doing at the Last Supper. He took the most important meal in the Jewish year, the meal that showed that God had saved his people, and made it about himself. He made the powerful claim that the most important thing was actually about him. He claimed to be the new lamb that would keep people safe and set people free.

Jesus makes a lot of big claims, as we get closer to Easter let us allow them to challenge us. Do we take his claims seriously?