

The Holy Prophet Moses

Lesson Focus | Salvation history continues with Moses, who led God’s people out of slavery in Egypt and toward the Promised Land. Through Moses, God gave the Israelites the Ten Commandments. When Moses died, Joshua led the Israelites into the Promised Land. For many years, Israel was ruled by representatives of God called judges, then God gave them a king. The first king of Israel was Saul; the second was David.

1 | begin

- Pray the Glory Be with your child.
- Find online a map of the Middle East in the ancient world. Have your child locate Egypt and Israel. Compare the map with a modern-day map.
- Read Exodus 3:7–12 aloud.

2 | summarize

Summarize this week’s lesson for your child:

Example: *God continued salvation history with Moses, who led the Israelites out of Egypt; Joshua, who led them into the Promised Land; and David, Israel’s great king.*

3 | review

Review this week’s lesson by asking your child the following questions:

1. By what name did God reveal himself to Moses? (*Yahweh, which means “I AM.”*)
2. What is the journey the Israelites took out of Egypt and into the Promised Land? (*The Exodus.*)
3. What two things did God require of Moses when he renewed his covenant with Israel? (*1. Obedience to the Ten Commandments; 2. Animal sacrifice.*)
4. What does consecrate mean? (*To set apart for God.*)
5. What is anointing? (*The pouring of oil on a person or thing as a sign of being chosen by God.*)
6. How did the Passover prefigure the Eucharist? (*The Israelites were saved from death and slavery when the lamb was sacrificed and eaten, and its blood was sprinkled on the doorpost. Jesus, the Lamb of God, was sacrificed, and his blood was shed to save us from slavery to sin and death. We eat the Lamb of God in the Eucharist.*)

References

- Student Textbook: Chapter 5, pp. 35–40
- Sacred Scripture: Ex 2–33; Lev 3–7; Josh 1, 6; Judg 16; 1 Sam 8–10, 16–17; 2 Sam 6–7
- *Catechism of the Catholic Church*: 62–64, 571, 1164, 1362–65, 2056–63, 2574–90

Mt. Sinai.



4 | apply

Help your child apply this week's lesson by asking the following questions:

1. In what ways do you see yourself in the Israelites? What do you have in common with them?
2. What did you learn about God from his dealings with the Israelites?
3. Do you ever find yourself struggling to trust God or doubting his goodness? How can remembering the history of God and the Israelites help you through that struggle?

5 | conclude

- With your child, pray the Our Father.

6 | follow up

During the week, do at least one of the following activities with your child:

1. Memorize Psalm 117:2.
2. Walk through your church and find examples of persons and things that have been consecrated to God (e.g., saints who were religious, holy vessels, windows, etc.).
3. Pray an Act of Faith (see Appendix) during evening prayers.

*For great is his
mercy toward us; and
the faithfulness of
the LORD endures
for ever. Praise the
LORD!*

—Psalm 117:2

notes
