

# WeekEnders



## Exodus and Moses

WeekEnders are a simple and small guide for families to participate in worship together while they might be away from St. John's on Sunday. Families are invited to sing, pray, read and share with each other. One family member may lead the entire time or it is encouraged for different members to take turns reading, asking questions and leading. The WeekEnders can be done in stages throughout a weekend. For example: You may "pause" after a time of sharing on Friday night and then "continue" on Sunday morning. Many blessings as you worship our Lord together!

**Read:** Psalm 77:1-12

**A psalm.**

<sup>1</sup> I cried out to God for help; I cried out to God to hear me.

<sup>2</sup> When I was in distress, I sought the Lord; at night I stretched out untiring hands and my soul refused to be comforted.

<sup>3</sup> I remembered you, O God, and I groaned; I mused, and my spirit grew faint.

<sup>4</sup> You kept my eyes from closing; I was too troubled to speak.

<sup>5</sup> I thought about the former days, the years of long ago;

<sup>6</sup> I remembered my songs in the night. My heart mused and my spirit inquired:

<sup>7</sup> "Will the Lord reject forever? Will he never show his favor again?"

<sup>8</sup> Has his unfailing love vanished forever? Has his promise failed for all time?

<sup>9</sup> Has God forgotten to be merciful? Has he in anger withheld his compassion?"

<sup>10</sup> Then I thought, "To this I will appeal: the years of the right hand of the Most High."

<sup>11</sup> I will remember the deeds of the LORD; yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago.

<sup>12</sup> I will meditate on all your works and consider all your mighty deeds.

Offer your own prayer or the suggested: *Lord God, great are your deeds and your ways. Lead us in this time of worship. Help us to remember your miracles of today and of long ago. Like Moses accepted your invitation, help us to say "yes" to you. Amen*

**Share with each other:** What are some miracles and deeds of God that lead you to praise Him?

**Sing:** Forever

**Forever**

Words and Music by  
Chris Tomlin

1 Give thanks to the Lord our and  
2 With a mighty hand and  
3 From the rising to the  
God and King; His love endures for-ev-er.  
out-stretched arm; His love endures for-ev-er.  
set-ting sun. His love endures for-ev-er. And by the  
For He is good, He is above all things; His  
grace of God we will carry on; His  
love endures for-ev-er. Sing praise, sing praise.  
love endures for-ev-er. Sing praise, sing praise.  
love endures for-ev-er. Sing praise, sing praise.  
Sing praise, sing praise. For-ev-er  
er God is faith-ful, for-ev-er God is strong,  
for-ev-er God is with us, for-ev-er  
er, for-ev-er, for-ev-er, for-ev-er

**Read:** Exodus 2:1-10

**Exodus 2:1-10** Now a man of the house of Levi married a Levite woman, <sup>2</sup> and she became pregnant and gave birth to a son. When she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him for three months. <sup>3</sup> But when she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket for him and coated it with tar and pitch. Then she placed the child in it and put it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile. <sup>4</sup> His sister stood at a distance to see what would happen to him.

<sup>5</sup> Then Pharaoh's daughter went down to the Nile to bathe, and her attendants were walking along the river bank. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her slave girl to get it. <sup>6</sup> She opened it and saw the baby. He was crying, and she felt sorry for him. "This is one of the Hebrew babies," she said.

<sup>7</sup> Then his sister asked Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?"

<sup>8</sup> "Yes, go," she answered. And the girl went and got the baby's mother. <sup>9</sup> Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this baby and nurse him for me, and I will pay you." So the woman took the baby and nursed him. <sup>10</sup> When the child grew older, she took him to Pharaoh's daughter and he became her son. She named him Moses, saying, "I drew him out of the water."

**Sharing:** Pharaoh's daughter heard the cry of the baby Moses and had compassion on him. Later on God hears the cries of his people and send Moses to rescue them from Egypt.

- When was a time you cried out for someone to help you?
- When was a time you heard someone crying out for help and you responded? Why did you respond?
- Have you cried out to God? What is the cry of your heart?

**Pray:** One family member or all might participate in a time of prayer lifting up what was shared. Example: *Lord, help me hear the cries of others and respond.*

**Sing:** In My Life Lord, Be Glorified

In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified,  
In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

In my song, Lord, be glorified, be glorified,  
In my song, Lord, be glorified today.

In Your Church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified,  
In Your Church, Lord, be glorified today.

**Offertory:** What is something you would like to offer to the Lord this weekend? What can you give?

**Read:** Exodus 7:1-14

**Exodus 7:1-14** Then the LORD said to Moses, "See, I have made you like God to Pharaoh, and your brother Aaron will be your prophet. <sup>2</sup> You are to say everything I command you, and your brother Aaron is to tell Pharaoh to let the Israelites go out of his country. <sup>3</sup> But I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and though I multiply my miraculous signs and wonders in Egypt, <sup>4</sup> he will not listen to you. Then I will lay my hand on Egypt and with mighty acts of judgment I will bring out my divisions, my people the Israelites. <sup>5</sup> And the Egyptians will know that I am the LORD when I stretch out my hand against Egypt and bring the Israelites out of it."

<sup>6</sup> Moses and Aaron did just as the LORD commanded them. <sup>7</sup> Moses was eighty years old and Aaron eighty-three when they spoke to Pharaoh.

<sup>8</sup> The LORD said to Moses and Aaron, <sup>9</sup> "When Pharaoh says to you, 'Perform a miracle,' then say to Aaron, 'Take your staff and throw it down before Pharaoh,' and it will become a snake."

<sup>10</sup> So Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and did just as the LORD commanded. Aaron threw his staff down in front of Pharaoh and his officials, and it became a snake. <sup>11</sup> Pharaoh then summoned wise men and sorcerers, and the Egyptian magicians also did the same things by their secret arts: <sup>12</sup> Each one threw down his staff and it became a snake. But Aaron's staff swallowed

up their staffs. <sup>13</sup> Yet Pharaoh's heart became hard and he would not listen to them, just as the LORD had said.

<sup>14</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, "Pharaoh's heart is unyielding; he refuses to let the people go.

**Sharing:** Moses and Aaron were 80 and 83 years old respectively when they started this work for God. It's never too late to start your major life work for Jesus. What things did you notice about Moses and Aaron? What do you notice about Pharaoh? How does it make sense that God hardened Pharaoh's heart and Pharaoh also hardened his heart?

Because Pharaoh had a hard heart he didn't listen to God. Have you ever had a hard heart? What softened it? How do we keep our hearts soft and listening to God?

Read the passage again and share with each other your thoughts, insights and reflections. You may share something that the Holy Spirit might be impressing on you.

**Pray:** Share a joy or concern about the upcoming week. Then take turns praying for each other. It can be a simple sentence prayer where you are talking to God on behalf of the other person. Praying for someone else, especially a family member, is a great and wonderful privilege.

**Closing Song:** Revive Us Again!

**Revive Us Again**

Words and Music by  
William Paton MacKay and  
John Jenkins Husband

1 We praise Thee, O God, for the  
2 We praise Thee, O God, for Thy  
3 All glo - ry and praise to the

Son of Thy love— For Je - sus, who  
Spir - it of Light, who has shown us our  
Lamb that was slain, who has borne all our

died and is now gone a - bove. Hal - le -  
Sav - ior and scat - tered our night. Hal - le -  
sins and has cleansed ev - 'ry stain. Hal - le -

lu - jah! Thine the glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! A - men! Hal - le -  
lu - jah! Thine the glo - ry! Re - vive us a - gain.

**Benediction:** (One family member may say this to all the others.)  
We have worshipped together. We have prayed together, read the  
Word together, lifted our voices in song together, and shared with  
each other. Now may we go living for Jesus as a family by his  
grace, mercy and peace. Amen.

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