



HEROES OF THE FAITH

Large Group

LESSON 5: LARGE GROUP

Moses

MAIN IDEA

God can do great things through anyone, regardless of their weaknesses or insecurities.

BIBLE PASSAGES

- Exodus 2:11–14:31

MEMORY VERSE

The LORD is my light and my salvation— so why should I be afraid?

The LORD is my fortress, protecting me from danger, so why should I tremble?

Psalm 27:1, NLT



Prepare your heart to teach.
Plan for the lesson.



Introduce the story of the Gospel.
(10-15 minutes)



Play large group games.
(25 minutes)

Prepare



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QUESTIONS

- How can you be praying for the student this week? Are there any specific students or requests you can pray for?
- Are there any changes and additions needed for the Large Group Lesson?
- Is there anything specific you need to communicate to the small group leaders?

MATERIALS NEEDED:

- Bible
- (Optional) Cane, gray wig, and glasses
- (Optional) Theme music from *Mission Impossible*
- (Optional) Printout 1
- (Optional) "Plagues Kit":
 - Hail = ping-pong balls
 - Livestock = plastic cow figure
 - Darkness = sunglasses
 - Frogs = plastic frogs
 - Blood = jar of water with red food coloring
 - Gnats = black dryer lint
 - Flies = plastic flies
 - Boils = rubber finger
 - First born = mask
 - Locusts = plastic bugs

Large Group



Introduce the story of the Gospel.
(10-15 minutes)

INTRODUCTION

Welcome the students to Crossroads and tell them you are glad they came this week.

(Optional) Go through the “Who is Jesus” call and response.

(Optional) As a group, say the memory verse for this week.

Open with prayer for the students.

THE STORY OF MOSES

If you have chosen to use the cane, wig, and glasses for the Large Group, ask a student to come up and help play Moses. The student is to act out the story as you tell the story of Moses.

A long time ago, God’s people—the Jewish people—were slaves to the people of Egypt. God saw their misery, and he wanted to set them free.

The problem was that Egypt was really strong. In fact, their army may have been the strongest army on earth at that time.

There was a man named Moses. He was Jewish. he had grown up in the Pharaoh’s palace, but he killed an Egyptian and had to run for his life.

40 years later, Moses was an old man (80 years old already), and he was working out in the wilderness as a shepherd.

One day, while Moses was in the wilderness caring for his sheep, God called to him from inside a burning bush. God told Moses that he was going to set the people of Israel free from slavery, and that he was going to use Moses to do this.

Moses said that he could not do it—it was an impossible task after all. How can one man go against the strongest country on earth?

Moses was really weak. Moses was so weak because he couldn’t believe that God would pick him because he had many fears and doubts. (Explain the doubts—“I can’t speak well.” “No one will listen to me.”)

But finally Moses obeyed God, and he returned to Egypt to speak to the king—the pharaoh. Moses had one message for the pharaoh: “Let my people go!”

Have a student stand up next to a leader and tell the leader, **Let my people go!** The leader shouts back, **NO WAY!**

Now, there was no way that Moses could force Pharaoh to let the people go, but God was on his side, and God fought for Moses and his people.

God sent horrible disasters called plagues onto the Egyptians to convince them to let the people go.



“Who is Jesus”
Call and Response

Narrator: Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, said no. So, God sent 10 terrible things, called plagues, to Egypt.

Scene 1: The Plague of Blood

- Narrator: The first plague turned all the water in Egypt into blood!
- Sound effect: Gurgling water
- Visual: Show a picture or drawing of red water filling rivers and buckets.

Moses told Pharaoh, "Let my people go!"

Pharaoh said, "NO!"

Scene 2: The Plague of Frogs

- Narrator: Next, frogs hopped out of the Nile River and covered the land!
- Sound effect: Ribbit, ribbit, ribbit
- Visual: Show a picture or drawing of frogs everywhere.

Moses told Pharaoh, "Let my people go!"

Pharaoh said, "NO!"

Scene 3: The Plague of Lice/Gnats

- Narrator: Tiny, itchy gnats covered everything!
- Sound effect: Scratching
- Visual: Show a picture or drawing of people scratching.

Moses told Pharaoh, "Let my people go!"

Pharaoh said, "NO!"

Scene 4: The Plague of Flies

- Narrator: Flies covered the skies, buzzing around ruining the land.
- Sound effect: Buzz
- Visual: Show a picture or drawing of flies everywhere.

Moses told Pharaoh, "Let my people go!"

Pharaoh said, "NO!"

Scene 5: The Plague of Livestock

- Narrator: Livestock like cows, horses, donkeys, and sheep died, leaving less and less for the people to eat.
- Sound effect: Cow noises
- Visual: Show a picture or drawing of cows lying down.

Moses told Pharaoh, "Let my people go!"

Pharaoh said, "NO!"

Scene 6: The Plague of Boils

- Narrator: Painful boils covered the Egyptians and their animals.
- Sound effect: Ouch!
- Visual: Show a picture or drawing of people with boils.

Moses told Pharaoh, "Let my people go!"

Pharaoh said, "NO!"

Scene 7: The Plague of Hail

- Narrator: Big hailstones fell from the sky and ruined the crops.
- Sound effect: Thump, thump, thump
- Visual: Show a picture or drawing of hail falling.

Moses told Pharaoh, "Let my people go!"

Pharaoh said, "NO!"

Scene 8: The Plague of Locusts

- Narrator: Swarms of locusts ate all the plants that were left.
- Sound effect: Rustling
- Visual: Show a picture or drawing of locusts covering the ground.

Moses told Pharaoh, "Let my people go!"

Pharaoh said, "NO!"

Scene 9: The Plague of Darkness

- Narrator: A thick darkness covered the land for three days.
- Sound effect: Creaking
- Visual: Show a picture or drawing of people stumbling around in the dark.

Moses told Pharaoh, "Let my people go!"

Pharaoh said, "NO!"

Scene 10: The Plague of the Firstborn

- Narrator: The last plague was the worst. All the firstborn children in Egypt died.
- Sound effect: Crying
- Visual: Show a picture or drawing of a sad family.

Moses told Pharaoh, "Let my people go!"

Pharaoh said..... "GO!"

After all of these plagues, Pharaoh finally let the people go free. God used Moses (who was really quite wimpy) to stand up to the strongest nation on earth. Moses (after much convincing) believed God, and God acted on his behalf to give him the ability to succeed at his impossible mission. God may be calling some of you to do a "Mission Impossible". If he does, he will give you everything you need to succeed if you will trust him and obey.