

THE ISRAELITES ARE SLAVES

Exodus 1:6-22

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⁶Now Joseph and all his brothers and all that generation died, ⁷but the Israelites were fruitful and multiplied greatly and became exceedingly numerous, so that the land was filled with them.

⁸Then a new king, who did not know about Joseph, came to power in Egypt. ⁹“Look,” he said to his people, “the Israelites have become much too numerous for us. ¹⁰Come, we must deal shrewdly with them or they will become even more numerous and, if war breaks out, will join our enemies, fight against us and leave the country.”

¹¹So they put slave masters over them to oppress them with forced labor, and they built Pithom and Rameses as store cities for Pharaoh. ¹²But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread; so the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites ¹³and worked them ruthlessly. ¹⁴They made their lives bitter with hard labor in brick and mortar and with all kinds of work in the fields; in all their hard labor the Egyptians used them ruthlessly.

¹⁵The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, whose names

were Shiphrah and Puah, ¹⁶“When you help the Hebrew women in childbirth and observe them on the delivery stool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, let her live.” ¹⁷The midwives, however, feared God and did not do what the king of Egypt had told them to do; they let the boys live. ¹⁸Then the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and asked them, “Why have you done this? Why have you let the boys live?”

¹⁹The midwives answered Pharaoh, “Hebrew women are not like Egyptian women; they are vigorous and give birth before the midwives arrive.”

²⁰So God was kind to the midwives and the people increased and became even more numerous.

²¹And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families of their own.

²²Then Pharaoh gave this order to all his people: “Every boy that is born you must throw into the Nile, but let every girl live.”

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POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	QUESTIONS
5		1.) What was the new king of Egypt worried about? (Verse 10)
5		2.) What did the Egyptians make the Israelites do? (Verse 11)
5		3.) What did Pharaoh tell the people to do with every Hebrew boy that was born? (Verse 22)
5		4.) Why do you think Pharaoh gave the order to kill all the baby boys?

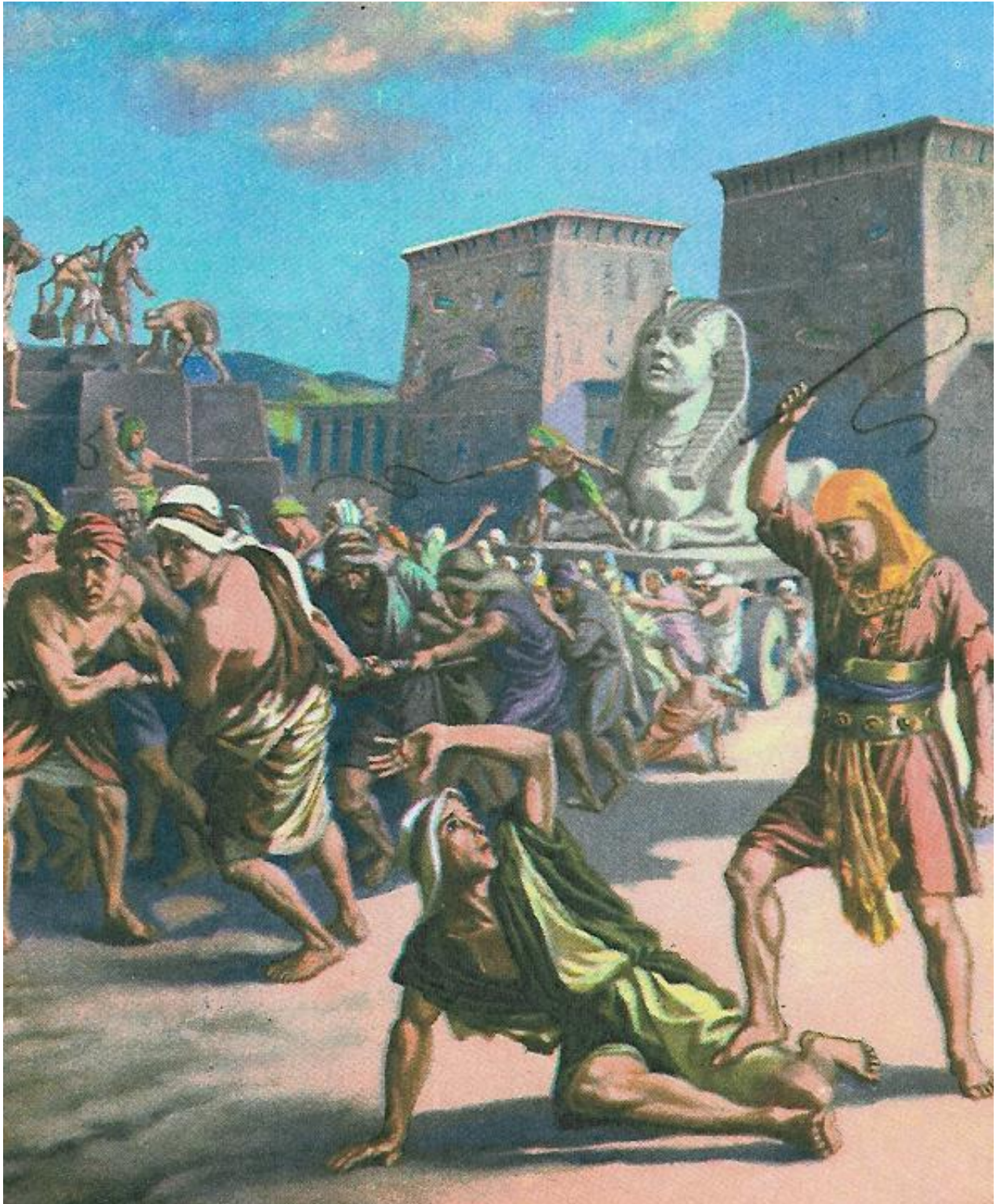
POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		<p>“So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">1 Corinthians 10:31</p>

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	HOME CONNECTION	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
5		<i>I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.</i>	
5		<i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>	
10		<i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i>	

TOTAL POINTS	CLUB CONNECTION
	LEADER'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE __/__/__

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The Israelites are upset because Pharaoh made them slaves

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CRAFT/ACTIVITY: CHAINS

Students will make paper chains to remind them that the Israelites were slaves in Egypt.

MATERIALS

1. Strips of construction (1"x9")
2. Glue or Tape



DIRECTIONS

1. Distribute strips of construction paper to each student.
2. Have students glue or tape interlocking circles together.

FOR DISCUSSION

As students are working on their chains, remind them that the new Pharaoh was afraid that the Israelites would take over as they increased in numbers. The new Pharaoh made the Israelites slaves and ordered that baby boys be put to death. As our memory verse states, we must do all things for the glory of God...even if the circumstances are difficult.

TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:

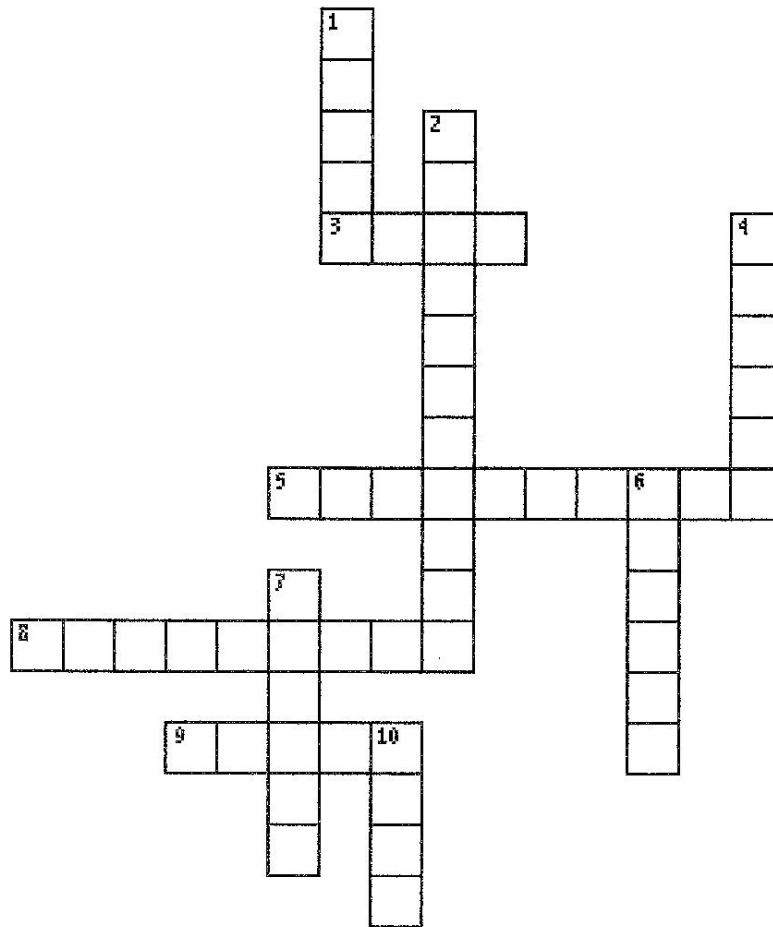
Approximately 10 minutes

MEMORY VERSE

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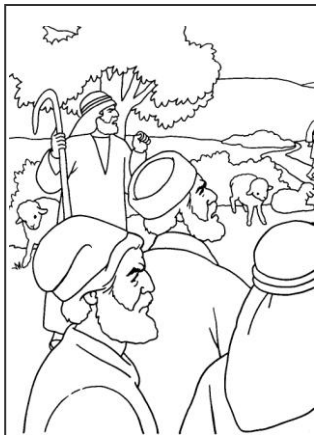


- 3 ACROSS "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you _____" **MATTHEW 11:28**
- 1 DOWN "The children of Israel were fruitful and increased abundantly, multiplied and grew exceedingly mighty; and the land was _____ with them." **EXODUS 1:7**
- 10 DOWN "Now there arose a new _____ over Egypt, who did not know Joseph." **EXODUS 1:8**
- 3 DOWN The king "said to his people, 'Look, the people of the children of _____ are more and mightier than we.'" **EXODUS 1:9**
- 2 DOWN "They set _____ over them to afflict them with their burdens." **EXODUS 1:11**
- 7 DOWN "They built for Pharaoh supply _____, Pithom and Raamses." **EXODUS 1:11**
- 5 ACROSS "But the more they afflicted them, the more they _____ and grew." **EXODUS 1:12**
- 3 ACROSS "So the _____ made the children of Israel serve with rigor". **EXODUS 1:13**
- 1 ACROSS "And they made their lives bitter with hard bondage- in mortar, in _____, and in all manner of service in the field." **EXODUS 1:14**
- DOWN "All their service in which they made them serve was with _____." **EXODUS 1:14**

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A SPECIAL REPORT ON EXODUS 1:6-22

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The Israelites were still living in Egypt because of the famine from many years before. They came to buy food in Egypt when there was no food in their own land. When the Israelites ran out of money, they became slaves in Egypt. By

this time, Joseph's family had grown old and died.

A new pharaoh, or king, came to power. He became worried about all of the Israelites living in his country. He thought they would keep having children and possibly fight against his people when they grew up. Pharaoh decided something must be done about the Israelites.

Pharaoh put slave masters over the Israelites to make their lives difficult. The slave masters treated the Israelites very badly.

Pharaoh then wanted all Hebrew baby boys to be killed when they were born. He told the midwives to kill the baby boys, but they feared God. The midwives did not obey Pharaoh.

Pharaoh did not give up. He did not want any Hebrew boys to grow up and fight against him. So Pharaoh told all his people to throw any boy that was born into the Nile River. The girls did not have to be thrown into the river. They could live.

To find out more, check out Exodus 1:6-22.

QUESTIONS

1. Why were the Israelites living in Egypt?
2. What was the new Pharaoh worried about?
3. What did Pharaoh want his people to do to the Hebrew boys?
4. Why do you think the midwives disobeyed Pharaoh?

MEMORY VERSE

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FILL IN THE BLANKS

Pharaoh	slaves	Egypt
Nile	killed	fight

The Israelites were still living in _____ . They were working as _____ because they had no food in their own land. A new _____ was worried that the Israelites might _____ against him. Pharaoh ordered all the boys to be _____ . He wanted them thrown into the _____ River.