

BRICKS WITHOUT STRAW

Exodus 5:1-21

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¹Afterward Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and said, “This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: ‘Let my people go, so that they may hold a festival to me in the desert.’”

²Pharaoh said, “Who is the LORD, that I should obey him and let Israel go? I do not know the LORD and I will not let Israel go.”

³Then they said, “The God of the Hebrews has met with us. Now let us take a three-day journey into the desert to offer sacrifices to the LORD our God, or he may strike us with plagues or with the sword.”

⁴But the king of Egypt said, “Moses and Aaron, why are you taking the people away from their labor? Get back to your work!” ⁵Then Pharaoh said, “Look, the people of the land are now numerous, and you are stopping them from working.”

⁶That same day Pharaoh gave this order to the slave drivers and foremen in charge of the people: ⁷“You are no longer to supply the people with straw for making bricks; let them go and gather their own straw. ⁸But require them to make the same number of bricks as before; don’t reduce the quota. They are lazy; that is why they are crying out, ‘Let us go and sacrifice to our God.’ ⁹Make the work harder for the men so that they keep working and pay no attention to lies.”

¹⁰Then the slave drivers and the foremen went out and said to the people, “This is what Pharaoh says: ‘I will not give you any more straw. ¹¹Go and get your

own straw wherever you can find it, but your work will not be reduced at all.’” ¹²So the people scattered all over Egypt to gather stubble to use for straw. ¹³The slave drivers kept pressing them, saying, “Complete the work required of you for each day, just as when you had straw.” ¹⁴The Israelite foremen appointed by Pharaoh’s slave drivers were beaten and were asked, “Why didn’t you meet your quota of bricks yesterday or today, as before?”

¹⁵Then the Israelite foremen went and appealed to Pharaoh: “Why have you treated your servants this way? ¹⁶Your servants are given no straw, yet we are told, ‘Make bricks!’ Your servants are being beaten, but the fault is with your own people.”

¹⁷Pharaoh said, “Lazy, that’s what you are—lazy! That is why you keep saying, ‘Let us go and sacrifice to the LORD.’ ¹⁸Now get to work. You will not be given any straw, yet you must produce your full quota of bricks.”

¹⁹The Israelite foremen realized they were in trouble when they were told, “You are not to reduce the number of bricks required of you for each day.” ²⁰When they left Pharaoh, they found Moses and Aaron waiting to meet them, ²¹and they said, “May the LORD look upon you and judge you! You have made us a stench to Pharaoh and his officials and have put a sword in their hand to kill us.”

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POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	QUESTIONS
5		1.) What did Moses and Aaron tell Pharaoh to do?
5		2.) Instead of letting the people go, what did Pharaoh tell the slave drivers to do? (Verses 6-9)
5		3.) Why were the Israelites upset with Moses and Aaron? (Verse 21)
5		4.) Why do you think Pharaoh did not give the Israelites straw to make bricks anymore?

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		<p>“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Colossians 3:23</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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CRAFT/ACTIVITY: BRICKS WITHOUT STRAW

Students will make edible bricks to remind them how the Egyptian slave drivers told the Israelites that they must make more and more bricks without straw.

MATERIALS

1. Regular Graham Crackers
2. Powdered Sugar
3. Creamy Peanut Butter
4. Oreo Cookies
5. Gallon Sized Freezer Storage Bags
6. Medium Sized Bowl
7. Large Spoon
8. Wax Paper



DIRECTIONS

1. Put 1 bag of graham crackers (11 full crackers) into a gallon sized freezer storage bag. Zip shut. Place zipped bag into another gallon sized storage bag. Zip shut.
2. Pass the double-bagged graham crackers around the table for students to smash. The finer, the better.
3. Repeat steps one and two with 10 Oreo cookies.
4. Combine both the crushed graham crackers and crushed Oreos into a medium sized bowl.
5. Mix in 1 cup of powdered sugar.
6. Stir in 1 cup of peanut butter.
7. Pass the bowl around the table and allow each student to mix the ingredients together with a large spoon.
8. The consistency should be just moist enough for the graham crackers and Oreo cookies to stick together. If the consistency is too dry, add more peanut butter. If it is too moist, add more sugar.
9. Scoop out an equal amount of “dirt” onto wax paper for each student to form into bricks with their fingers. Bricks should be formed into 1 inch cubes.

FOR DISCUSSION

As students are working on their “bricks” help them realize that God was about to use Moses to lead the people out of Egypt. Ten plagues would strike the Egyptians due to Pharaoh’s hardened heart. As our Memory Verse indicates, no matter what the circumstances, we should work as it is for the Lord himself.

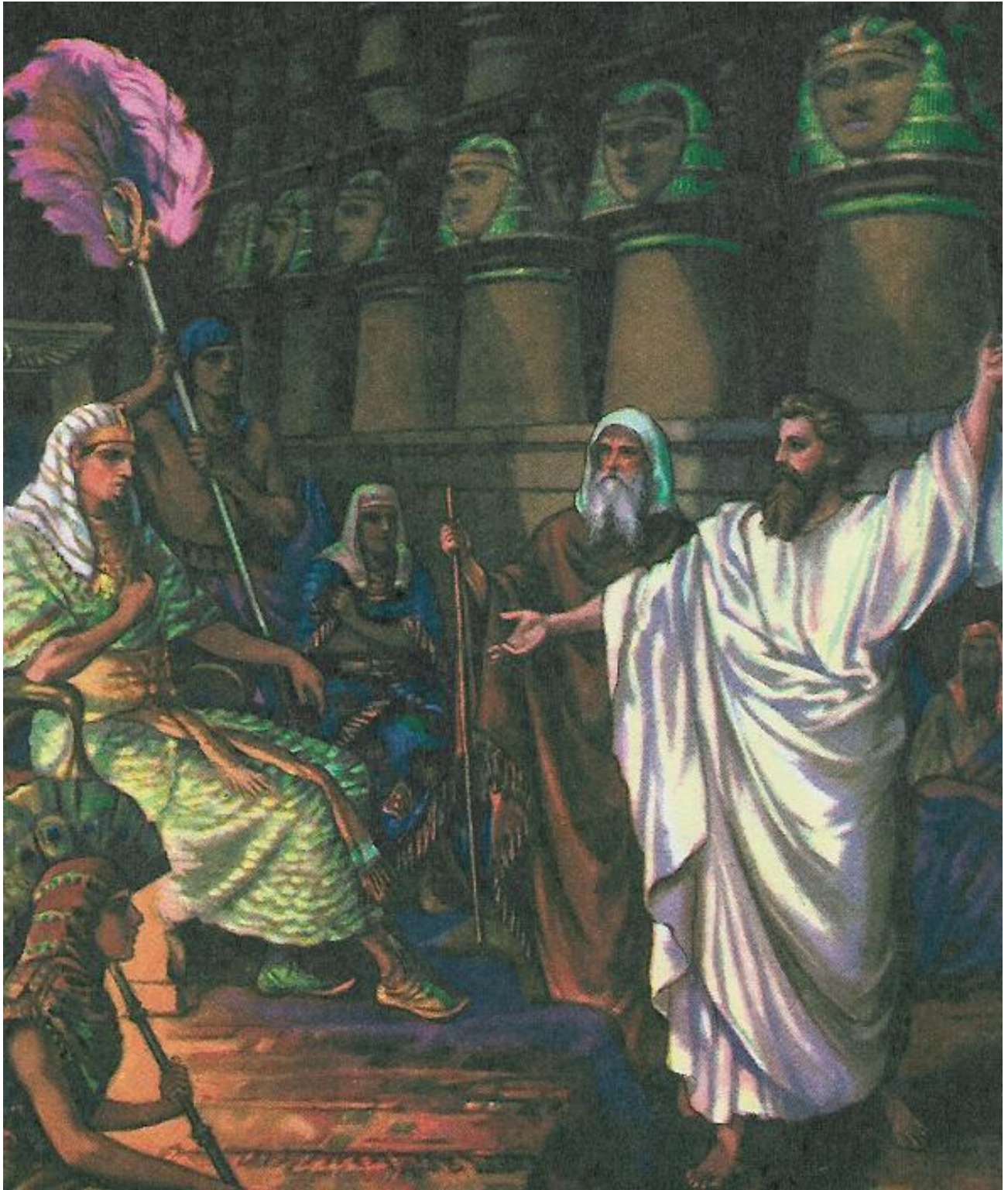
TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE: Approximately 20 minutes

MEMORY VERSE

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men.” Colossians 3:23

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The Israelites could no longer use straw to make bricks

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A SPECIAL REPORT ON EXODUS 5:1-21

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God spoke to Moses from a burning bush. God wanted Moses to talk to Pharaoh, king of Egypt. God heard the cries of the Israelites who were living as slaves in Egypt.

Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and said, "Let my people go so they may hold a festival to the Lord in the desert."

Pharaoh said, "I do not know the Lord and I will not let them go. You are keeping the people from doing their work. Get back to work!"

Pharaoh was angry and ordered the people to work even harder. Pharaoh told his slave drivers to make the people find their own straw to make bricks with. But the Israelites still had to make the same number of bricks as they did before.

The Israelite foremen were beaten. The Israelites were unable to make the same number of bricks as they had before. The foremen complained to Pharaoh, but he said they were just lazy.

The foremen were upset with Moses and Aaron for making Pharaoh angry.

To find out more, read Exodus 5:1-21 in your Bible.

QUESTIONS

1. What did God want Moses and Aaron to tell Pharaoh?
2. What did Pharaoh say when Moses said, "Let my people go...?"
3. What did Pharaoh tell his slave drivers to do?
4. Why do you think the Israelites were upset with Moses and Aaron?

MEMORY VERSE

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12 4 ,” 7 8 9 11
6 4 7 1 7

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5=L	6=M	7=S	8=A
9=I	10=Y	11=D	12=G

