



Exodus Bible Plan (St Margaret's Angmering)

Overview:

As a church leadership we are keen to use these coming weeks to get into the book of Exodus. We want individuals to do this, couples to do this, families to do this – but how they do it is very much up to them.

If all you want to do is read through the book and pause occasionally to reflect that's okay. It's good stuff and you don't need to have our input. But if doing that seems scary then below you'll see some resources/suggestions/discussion questions for each day/study.

Each week we'll send out this kind of document with the passages highlighted and with the resources laid out.

Further help:

The resources are split into three groups. They are 'I'm keen' (for those with younger families mainly), 'I'm really keen' and 'I'm unbelievably keen' – choose whichever one feels right for you.

Matt Porter will be putting together this document (with input from others) so please do get in touch with him if you've got comments/ideas.

He'd genuinely love to hear from you how you are finding this time in Exodus and he'd also be glad to speak with anyone 1-1 to discuss Exodus or help better shape the specific material for you or your family during this time.

Week One

Wednesday 25th March – Exodus 1:1-22

Thursday 26th March – Exodus 2:1-10

Friday 27th March Exodus 2:11-24

Saturday/Sunday 28th/29th March – Exodus 3:1-15

Monday 30th March – Exodus 3:16-4:1

Tuesday 31st March – Exodus 4:1-17

Wednesday 25th March – Exodus 1:1-22

I'm keen (for those with younger families mainly):

Recap video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iq3iXjNPSuY>

Read the passage

On a big piece of paper write down the key names (Joseph, Pharaoh/King of Egypt, Israelites) – what do we learn about each group?

How do we see that Pharaoh (King of Egypt) gets more and more determined to stop the Israelites?
How is God protecting them?

Pray thanking God for protecting us

I'm really keen:

Recap video watch from 2:39: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VpbWbyx1008>

Read the passage up to v8 – what does the idea of v8 suggest is going to happen in your mind?

Read the rest of the passage and see how it plays out.

What details in the story did you find interesting? What do you make of the midwives lying to the king – was it the right or wrong thing to do?

Pray that through our time we'd learn to trust God more.

I'm unbelievably keen:

Recap video watch from 2:39: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VpbWbyx1008>

Get out a notebook or big piece of paper. As we go through this week's passages you can write down your reflections, comment on the big ideas and each day write out one key verse that jumps out to you from the daily passage.

Read the passage up to v8 – what does the idea of v8 suggest is going to happen in your mind?

Read the rest of the passage and see how it plays out.

Why do you think the writing includes this part about the midwives but doesn't comment on whether it's right or wrong? Do you think lying was the right thing to do? What else could they have done?

How do we see the very ugly nature of selfishness and sin manifest in Pharaoh – even within one chapter!? Pray for our own hearts to be transformed by God.

Thursday 26th March: Exodus 2:1-10

I'm keen (for those with younger families mainly):

Read the story

How would you feel if you were Moses' mum?

How do we see God already helping Moses?

CRAFT: Find an empty plastic milk bottle and cut it open into the shape of a basket and make it float!

Pray together

I'm really keen:

Before you read have a think about baby boys who are born in the whole of the Bible – how many can you think of? Which ones really stand out?

Read the passage

As we are introduced to Moses he is in a basket of tar and pitch. Read Genesis 6:9-14. What are the similarities between the two stories and what link in our minds might that make?

How do we see God's provision for Moses even right at the start of our life? How can we be grateful for God's provision for us today?

Pray

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If we are waiting for Genesis 3:15's serpent crusher – why might we be VERY excited about Moses at this point?

Pray

Friday 27th March Exodus 2:11-24

I'm keen (for those with younger families mainly):

Pray before reading and then chat about why Moses (now in Pharaoh's house) might be able to help his people... what kind of things might he be able to do for them?

We have been waiting for a serpent crusher from Genesis 3:15 to come – maybe Moses will be that guy!!

Craft: Print out a picture of a snake and get the children to colour it in... will Moses be the one to beat the serpent?

Read the passage. How do we see that Moses is actually in a bit of a mess?

God will still use Moses even though he did a terrible thing – and God can still use us.

I'm really keen:

Genesis 3:15 points us to one who will crush the serpent and 'reverse the curse'. Why might we be feeling hopeful about Moses at this point? What could he do in Pharaoh's house to help his people?

Read the passage

Did you remember that Moses is a murderer? (I'd forgotten that myself!) How does this change how you feel about him? Are you surprised God will still use him? What does that mean about how God might use us?

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Think about the events of Moses life – how many major moments can you name?

Read the passage

How does today's passage change how you feel about Moses? Are you surprised God will still use him? What does that mean about how God might use us?

Read 53:1-6 and reflect upon what grace means in our lives

Saturday/Sunday 28th/29th March – Exodus 3:1-15

All groups: Read the passage

It's meant to be a slightly lighter one at the weekend – you can do it either day and it doesn't come with formal 'notes' as such but gives you a chance to reflect on what might be best for your family.

Below I've put the links to a few worship hymns/songs that might bring a bit of energy/hope into your weekend. But each weekend it's over to you, do whatever works best for you!

There is a short craft idea for the little ones: (Colouring sheet with words 'I AM has sent me')

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Songs playlist:

To God be the glory (Fellingham) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-sKfhHsc7k4>

Soul on fire (Third Day New) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=luBrVJpODVc>

Behold our God <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gqrli3Lkf58>

We will feast in the house of Zion (Sandra McCracken)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SF1bWR4rLJw>

Monday 30th March – Exodus 3:16-4:1

I'm keen (for those with younger families mainly):

Why are promises so important? Have you ever broken a promise? The Bible tells us that God keeps his promises – he's still got a plan even though the Israelites are slaves.

Read the passage

What has God promised to do (v17) and what does God promise that the king of Egypt will do (v20). In fact he will even bless the people by sending them away (remember they are slaves) with silver and gold and clothes. It's going to be an amazing rescue!

Game: Give your children two mins to go around house/room and find things that are silver and gold!

But see 4:1 ends with some doubt – what if they don't believe me... what will happen next?

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Print out the passage and go through in a coloured pen/highlighter and see what and what God has promised he will do. Why is this so amazing?

Come back and compare with each other what God is doing and chat about why that would have been so surprising for these people who were slaves. You could always talk to someone in the church on the phone and share with them.

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What promises of God in the Bible mean the most to you? Reflect on why those ones stand out. Why does it matter so much that God is a God of promises?

Listen: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2eQ1oa144wU> (Great is thy faithfulness)

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Tuesday 31st March – Exodus 4:1-17

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What happened next <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UPVZ5YAUry0> (Pause after 2 seconds and get them to guess what happens... A) Dog runs onto pitch and steals the ball. B) Goalkeeper slips and ball goes in behind him. C) He kicks the ball down to the other goal and scores.

We were left wondering – what will happen if Moses goes to these powerful people and they don't listen... well God is going to answer that before it happens to show Moses he can trust him.

Read the passage – why is verse 13 so funny (!?)

Remember God helps us as we go about living for him – we just need to learn to trust him.

Well done you made it through the first whole week! Hope you enjoyed it!

I'm really keen:

Read the passage

What parts jump out at you?

How do you feel about Moses in v13 asking for someone else to be sent? Would you have felt like that? How does God respond? Why is that surprising?

Thank God in prayer that he uses us – listen to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8kvFtXphmMU> (In Christ alone)

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I'm unbelievably keen:

Read the passage – what does the miracle in v3 suggest to you? How does that link to the serpent crusher in Genesis 15? What about the miracle of v6?

Moses has seen the most incredible things but still he's very unsure – how would you have felt in his position?

How does God respond to Moses (v11,v14)? Does that surprise you?

Does Moses feel like the hero of the story?

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