

T H E B O O K O F  
**EXODUS**

## LEADER PREP

## MAIN POINT

God rescues His people despite unbelievable odds.

## SCRIPTURE

Exodus 14:5-12 NIV  
Exodus 14: 26-31 NIV  
John 14: 6 NIV

## GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To help students see that the Bible isn't as intimidating as it may seem. It's actually the Word of God given to us to help transform our lives.

## THINK ABOUT THIS

Leaders, most likely some of your students CRUSHED their reading + studying plan, some may have done parts, and others may have totally forgotten to do it all together. As mature Christians, we've most likely all been in all those different places in our walks with God. Encourage your students for any small positive step they took and remind your other students it's not about perfection of a task, but pursuing God and we can start fresh on that everyday. If they missed last week completely they can start fresh this week.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

## THE CHECK IN

- How was everyone's week? Share Highs & Lows.
- Someone recap the main point of the message.
- Last week we started an Exodus reading + studying plan, how did the first week go for everyone? *(No answer is wrong, this is a place to be real. As your students share, praise any positive step and remind students of God's grace and the invitation to start fresh every day in pursuing God. This will really help your students learn to navigate a healthy approach to studying and reading God's word.)*

## THE WORD

- We are going to read part of Exodus, and as we do I want you to imagine YOU are an Israelite. What would you think and feel if this was you, your family, and your friends in this situation? READ Exodus 14:5-12.
- How did the Israelites and Moses react to the situation? Can you understand why they felt this way?
- READ Exodus 14:26-31. How does God rescue His people despite their fears and the unbelievable odds?
- How would you feel if you lived through this experience?

## APPLICATION

- Do you believe God can rescue you despite any of your fears or unbelievable odds in your life?
- READ John 14: 6. Jesus says He is our way. God physically opened a way of rescue for the Israelites in the desert. How is Jesus a way for us to be rescued?
- Jesus is God's rescue plan for us. No plague, no pandemic, no fears, no power on this earth can separate us from Him.
- Studying and reading our Bible on our own is an amazing way to grow in our relationship with Jesus
- DO: Pass out Exodus Reading + Studying Plan. and talk through how you can encourage each other to read and study Week 2 before next week.

## PRAY

We are going to close in prayer. Any prayer requests?

### EXODUS 14:5-12 NIV

"When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, Pharaoh and his officials changed their minds about them and said, "What have we done? We have let the Israelites go and have lost their services!" 6 So he had his chariot made ready and took his army with him. 7 He took six hundred of the best chariots, along with all the other chariots of Egypt, with officers over all of them. 8 The Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, so that he pursued the Israelites, who were marching out boldly. 9 The Egyptians—all Pharaoh's horses and chariots, horsemen and troops—pursued the Israelites and overtook them as they camped by the sea near Pi Hahiroth, opposite Baal Zephon. 10 As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up, and there were the Egyptians, marching after them. They were terrified and cried out to the Lord. 11 They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt? 12 Didn't we say to you in Egypt, 'Leave us alone; let us serve the Egyptians'? It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!"

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### EXODUS 14:26-31 NIV

"Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the waters may flow back over the Egyptians and their chariots and horsemen." 27 Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at daybreak the sea went back to its place. The Egyptians were fleeing toward it, and the Lord swept them into the sea. 28 The water flowed back and covered the chariots and horsemen—the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not one of them survived.

29 But the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. 30 That day the Lord saved Israel from the hands of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore. 31 And when the Israelites saw the mighty hand of the Lord displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the Lord and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant.

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### John 14:6 NIV

"Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

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### NOTES