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Unit 13 Escaping Egypt

"My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD. Isaiah 55:8

When your family sits down to share God's Word, use this devotion on its own or go to https://davidccook.org/echoes/resources to watch **Escaping Egypt** before doing the devotion together. This devotion works well in September.

In the video, the kids share ways that God helps them when they are discouraged. They discuss different things that are hard for them and who they turn to for help.

How does God help you when you are discouraged?

This unit tells how God prepared Moses to lead the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt. But before that happened, God established the Passover so that His people would always remember how He rescued and protected them. There were many times that Moses felt discouraged, afraid, or inadequate. But God's plans are always best, and He always keeps His promises.

- When is it hard for you to trust God?
- Memorize Isaiah 55:8. How does this verse encourage you or make you feel better?
- As a family, share examples of times when God has worked a situation out for good, even though things seemed hopeless.

End with a short prayer: Dear God, thank You for the plans You have for us. Help us to follow You and to never give up. Thank You for sending Jesus to save us. May we always trust in You. In Jesus' name, amen.



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Unit 14 God Delivers Us

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. Hebrews 11:1

When your family sits down to share God's Word, use this devotion on its own or go to https://davidccook.org/echoes/resources to watch **God Delivers Us** before doing the devotion together. This devotion works well in October.

The boy in the video is struggling after his family moved to a new home. But his mom encourages him to trust in God's plan and to make the best of this new situation. Knowing God helped him face his problems differently.

How does knowing God change how you react to a tough situation?

This unit told the story of the Israelites escaping Egypt and beginning a new life of freedom. God proved His power in over and over, but still the people complained and disobeyed Him. They struggled to trust God and to keep their focus on Him. So, He gave them rules to follow in life and in worship to remind them that His ways are best.

- When are you tempted to complain or feel hopeless?
- Memorize Hebrews 11:1. How can this verse change your attitude?
- As a family, find other Bible verses about faith and read them together. Choose a favorite to display on your refrigerator or other prominent place.

End with a short prayer: Dear God, thank You for being who You are. Help us to always remember the many gifts You have given—most of all, the gift of Your Son, Jesus. Give us faith to trust and follow You. In Jesus' name, amen.



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Unit 15 Following God with Courage

"Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve." Joshua 24:15

When your family sits down to share God's Word, use this devotion on its own or go to https://davidccook.org/echoes/resources to watch **Following God with Courage** before doing the devotion together. This devotion works well in November.

The kids this video talk about times when they are tempted to do wrong and how they can bravely choose to obey God. It isn't always easy, but God promises to be with us.

How do you find courage to follow God?

The stories in this unit are filled with amazing examples of God's hand at work in the lives of His people. Throughout the life of Joshua and even today, God does powerful things in the lives of those who love, trust, and follow Him.

- Which of the Bible stories this month is your favorite? Why?
- Memorize Joshua 24:15. What can this verse help you to remember?
- Ask each member of your family to name a specific situation in their lives right now that
 is making them afraid or discouraged. Spend time as a family praying over each person,
 asking God to intervene and to bring courage and peace.

End with a short prayer: Dear God, we know You are powerful enough to do anything. Help us to remember that You are always with us and that we are never alone. May we choose to honor You in all we say and do. In Jesus' name, amen.

