

MOSES MEETS WITH PHARAOH

Exodus 5 – 7

Lesson Memory Verse: Romans 1:16 “**For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believes,** to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.” (Grades 1 & 2 memorize the portion in **bold**.)

Lesson Aim: Teach children to be bold in witnessing because God will give them the power to do it.

Lesson Plan: Use the KEY – HE – SEE – WE – BE plan (explained in the Introductory Notes).

KEY (for Attention): Do you know what it means to witness for God? (It means that we are to tell others what God has done for us. Or, it can mean that we are to tell others what God has told us to say.) God wants us to tell others what we know about Him and about His Son, Jesus Christ. Most of all, He wants us to tell others that Jesus died on the cross for our sins and that He arose from the dead. He did this so He could save us from Hell and take us to Heaven. Jesus is not dead now; He is alive! He is in Heaven! Someday He will come down from Heaven to take all believers back to Heaven with Him.

If you trust in Jesus to be your Savior, God wants you to be His witness. You will need plenty of power to be His witness. Our memory verse tells us that God will give you all the power that you will need.

HE (for Authority): In Romans 1:16, we are told that the Apostle Paul was not ashamed of the gospel (or good news) of Christ. His job was to be a witness for Jesus Christ. Without shame, he told thousands of people about the good news that Jesus Christ would save them if they would accept Him as their Savior. God gave him more than enough power to do the job. The power was in the good news that he told people. All he had to do was tell people about Jesus Christ and how He came to save them, and the message was powerful enough to save any sinner that believed it. The good news that Jesus Christ died for the sins of all people and rose from the dead is just as powerful today as it was in Paul's time. It is so powerful that it is able to save any sinner from Hell. In fact, it is the only way a sinner can be saved. For this reason, we should be like the Apostle Paul and not be ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ. We should be faithful and bold witnesses about Jesus Christ and what He did for us.

SEE (for Apperception) and WE (for Application): PLEASE do not read these comments until you have read the Scripture for this lesson. First, let the Holy Spirit teach you directly from His Word. In today's Bible story we find the people of Israel were forced to be slaves for the cruel Egyptian Pharaoh. God asked Moses and Aaron to be His witnesses to the Pharaoh. God wanted Pharaoh to let the Israelites go out of his land. Moses and Aaron boldly witnessed to Pharaoh and told him what the Lord wanted him to do.

I. Moses' First Witness to Pharaoh (5:1 – 6:27)

- A. Moses told Pharaoh to let the Israelites go and worship their God in the wilderness (5:1-3).**
- B. Pharaoh refused to let the Israelites go; instead, he made their work much harder (5:4-19).**
- C. The Israelites grumbled to Moses that he had made their burdens harder (5:20-23).**

They told Moses that Pharaoh treated them worse after he had talked to him. Then Moses asked the Lord why He had not set the Israelites free.

WE: We must understand that our witness for God can bring us problems when people do not get what is promised right away. If we tell them that God loves them and will save them from their sins so they can go to Heaven, they can get angry with us when troubles come into their lives after they receive Christ as their Savior. We need to be careful to tell them that they will suffer before the promise is realized. Even Jesus suffered before he was raised from the grave and ascended to Heaven.

II. Moses' Second Witness to Pharaoh (6:28–7:13)

- A. God told Moses and Aaron to tell Pharaoh to send the Israelites out of Egypt (6:28–7:7).**

God told Moses and Aaron that Pharaoh would not listen to them so God would harden his heart.

- B. To show God's power, Aaron cast down his rod and it became a serpent (7:8-10).**

C. Pharaoh's magicians also cast down their rods and they became serpents (7:11-13).

Aaron's serpent swallowed up the serpents of Pharaoh's magicians, but Pharaoh would not listen to Moses and Aaron.

WE: God wants us to witness to some people many times. He will help us do it. We should not quit witnessing until God makes it clear that we should stop. We may have to tell them about Jesus again and again before they accept Him. Some may never accept Him. We should witness to them as long as they permit it.

III. Moses' Third Witness to Pharaoh (7:14-25)

A. God told Moses and Aaron to tell Pharaoh to let His people go to worship Him (7:14-16).

B. God told Moses to have Aaron sweep his rod over Egypt's waters and make them blood (7:17-19).

C. Moses and Aaron obeyed God, but the magicians also turned water into blood (7:20-22).

D. Pharaoh's heart was hardened and he would not listen to Moses and Aaron (7:23-25).

WE: We need to realize that Satan has power to deceive our friends so they will not receive Jesus Christ as their Savior. We must warn our friends of Satan's power. We must not be afraid of Satan's power because we have God's power, and God's power is greater than Satan's (1 Jn 4:4). We must be bold witnesses for the Lord.

BE (for Action): How many times did Moses and Aaron witness to the Pharaoh in today's lesson? (Three times) Why do you think that Moses and Aaron needed to be very bold to witness to Pharaoh three times? (He did not believe in the true God; he was cruel; he believed in the power of his magicians, which was from Satan; he did not believe in the greater power of God.) What were Moses and Aaron able to do by God's power when they were in Pharaoh's presence? (Aaron's rod was changed into a serpent and it ate up the serpent-rods of the magicians; the waters of Egypt were turned into blood.) God has not promised us the power to do miracles like Moses and Aaron did, but He has promised us the power to witness to people and tell them about Jesus (Rom 1:16). God wants you to be His witness. He wants you to be a bold witness. Will you be a bold witness for Him? Will you begin today? (Have the children pray out loud in class and tell God what they want to do about being a bold witness for Him.)