



EXODUS 2 FOR KIDS

Hey kids, we are beginning week two of our epic journey through Exodus, and before we read from the Bible today, I want you to think back to all those coloring sheets you have colored about the book of Exodus. Think about the baby in the basket, the man standing before the burning bush, and the man holding the staff as the waters of the Red Sea parted. In all those coloring sheets, who seems like the hero of Exodus? (Moses). Yes, it appears that Moses is the hero of this story.

Now, tell me what sort of things heroes usually do? (You may have your kids think about super heroes to help with this question; save the world, fight against evil, etc.)

As we see in movies all the time, heroes are the ones who save the day, right? They are the ones who save the world and make everything right.

So when it comes to the hero of Exodus, most people would say Moses is the hero. After all, he is on every Exodus coloring sheet ever made! But before we assume Moses is the hero, we need to know a few things that happen in chapter 2.

"ONE DAY, WHEN MOSES HAD GROWN UP, HE WENT OUT TO HIS PEOPLE AND LOOKED ON THEIR BURDENS, AND HE SAW AN EGYPTIAN BEATING A HEBREW, ONE OF HIS PEOPLE. HE LOOKED THIS WAY AND THAT, AND SEEING NO ONE, HE STRUCK DOWN THE EGYPTIAN AND HID HIM IN THE SAND." (EXODUS 2:11-12)

Did you hear that? Moses, our supposed hero, got angry and killed an Egyptian and then ran in fear to the land of Midian. Some hero, right? Then when he gets to Midian, he finds a wife and begins a new life, forgetting about his brothers and sisters who are suffering under the hand of Pharaoh! Now we begin to see that Moses is NOT the real hero of our story. But if Moses is not the real hero, then who is?

Let's read some more in chapter 2.

DURING THOSE MANY DAYS THE KING OF EGYPT DIED, AND THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL GROANED BECAUSE OF THEIR SLAVERY AND CRIED OUT FOR HELP. THEIR CRY FOR RESCUE FROM SLAVERY CAME UP TO GOD. 24 AND GOD HEARD THEIR GROANING, AND GOD REMEMBERED HIS COVENANT WITH ABRAHAM, WITH ISAAC, AND WITH JACOB. GOD SAW THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL—AND GOD KNEW." (EXODUS 2:24-25).

Here we find the true hero of our story is not Moses who forgot, but God who remembered. The true hero is God who heard the cries of his people and remembered his great promises to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob! Those promises to make them great, give them a land, and use them to bless the whole world. So while Moses forgot, God remembered!

This means God is the real hero of Exodus, and God is the real hero of your life, too. Sometimes we think we are the hero of our lives, and we make everything about us; what we want, what we like, what we desire. But the truth is God is the real hero of our lives, that's why we should make our lives all about HIM.