

=THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL=

Lesson 1

The Birth and Call of Moses

SCRIPTURE: Exodus 1-4

AIM: to create in my class members a willingness to be used of God.

POINT OF CONTACT: Name some of the great men of the Bible from Adam to Moses.

INTRODUCTION: Briefly tell the story of the early days of Moses' life. Then teach the great truths of this lesson. This is the first lesson of our new series.

- I. MOSES WAS BORN INTO PERSECUTION. Moses was born into a hated tribe of people. He was an Israelite (Hebrew, Jew). His people were despised by the Egyptians. God's people need to expect persecution and not run from it. We don't have to be popular to be happy and successful! See Matthew 5:10-12.
- II. MOSES WAS BORN INTO POVERTY. Moses' parents were slaves! The Israelites lived in slum areas, worked from dawn to dark, and had only enough to exist, but Moses became great. Poverty is never enjoyable, but it is oftentimes a blessing in disguise. (Name some people who were born in poverty but became great men.)
- III. MOSES WAS BORN INTO DANGER. Tell the story given in Exodus 1:15-22. Pharaoh did all he knew to do to destroy the Hebrew children, but God protected His own. (This would be a good time to memorize Romans 8:31.)
- IV. MOSES WAS KEPT FROM HARM. Tell the story given in Exodus 2:1-10. Only by the protective hand of God was Moses preserved. You are safe only when inside the will of God. It is far better to be in a lion's den in the will of God than to be a king outside His will.
- V. MOSES STAYED WITH GOD'S PEOPLE. See Exodus 2:11-15. I can tell what you are by the kind of company you keep. May God raise up some boys and girls here who will run with God's crowd. Whether at school or play, always pick the best Christians for your companions. "Bad company will ruin anyone."
- VI. MOSES WAS CALLED BY GOD.
 1. Moses was called while in a lonely place, Exodus 3:1.
 2. Moses received a definite call, Exodus 3:2-10.
 3. Moses realized his inability, Exodus 3:11. No one can serve God in the strength of the flesh.
 4. Moses had the promise of God's presence, Exodus 3:12.
- VII. MOSES OBEYED GOD'S CALL.
 1. Moses still doubted that he could do the job, Exodus 4:1.
 2. God gave additional proof of His power, Exodus 4:2-8.
 3. Moses obeyed God, Exodus 4:29-31.

CONCLUSION: May God give us multitudes of boys and girls who are willing to be used of God and who are clean enough to be usable.