

If you keep in mind that God sees his relationship with his people as a \_\_\_\_\_, you will be able to see the events in the Bible from God's perspective, and that is a big help when it comes to trying to figure out why God does the things he does.

*Look it up: Isa 54:5*

### The Family Tree

A \_\_\_\_\_

S \_\_\_\_\_

I \_\_\_\_\_

J \_\_\_\_\_ = I \_\_\_\_\_

Reuben + Simeon + Levi + Napthali + Issachar + Asher + Dan + Zebulun + Gad + Benjamin + Judah + Joseph

### The story of Joseph

*Look it up: Gen 39 through 41*

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Joseph settled his family in the land of \_\_\_\_\_, which is the rich, lush, fertile land in the delta of the Nile.

There the Israelites did exactly as the Lord commanded. They were \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. They were so strong and so numerous that Pharaoh was afraid they would overrun the country, so he made them \_\_\_\_\_.

Pharaoh decreed that all Israelite boys were to be \_\_\_\_\_. But God had other ideas. And there was one boy, in particular, that God had big plans for. His name was \_\_\_\_\_.

Moses was raised in the Egyptian court, but had to flee from Egypt when he was \_\_\_\_\_ years old. But God heard the cries of the Israelites and remembered his covenant.

The Covenant:

- Your descendants will be enslaved in a \_\_\_\_\_
- They will be slaves for \_\_\_\_\_ years
- I will \_\_\_\_\_ the nation that enslaves them
- They will come out with great \_\_\_\_\_

Moses was \_\_\_\_\_ years old by this time. He'd been a shepherd for \_\_\_\_\_ years.

By this time, the Israelites have largely \_\_\_\_\_ God. He seemed irrelevant to their lives, but this is about to change! Israel is about to meet her God, her maker, her loving husband.

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**BLESSING ALERT!**

*Look it up:* Exo 6:6-8

The Pattern:

The Lord *always* \_\_\_\_\_.

The Israelites respond:

*Look it up:* Exo 6:9

Instead of giving up on them, God set out to \_\_\_\_\_ them back to him.  
God will go to extraordinary lengths to get us to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

The first miracle:

\_\_\_\_\_

Could the magicians do it too? Y N

*Look it up:* Exo 7:10-13

The Ten Plagues

1. \_\_\_\_\_

Could the magicians do it too? Y N

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2. \_\_\_\_\_

Could the magicians do it too? Y N

3. \_\_\_\_\_

Could the magicians do it too? Y N

4. \_\_\_\_\_

Did it affect the Israelites? Y N

5. \_\_\_\_\_

Did it affect the Israelites? Y N

6. \_\_\_\_\_

Did it affect the Israelites? Y N

Why did the Lord harden Pharaoh's heart?

*Look it up: Exo 10:1-2*

7. \_\_\_\_\_

Did it affect the Israelites? Y N

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8. \_\_\_\_\_

Did it affect the Israelites? Y N

9. \_\_\_\_\_

Did it affect the Israelites? Y N

The Israelites prepare for a long journey. They ask their Egyptian masters for \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

Each household slaughtered a \_\_\_\_\_ and brushed its \_\_\_\_\_ on their doorpost.

10. \_\_\_\_\_

Did it affect the Israelites? Y N

When they left Egypt, the original tribe of \_\_\_\_\_ had grown to \_\_\_\_\_ men, plus women, children and livestock. The Israelites left Egypt loaded down with silver and gold and clothing – the great riches that God had promised them long ago that they would leave with.

How long were the Israelites enslaved in Egypt? \_\_\_\_\_

*Look it up:* Exo 12:40-41

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The Lord told the Israelites to always remember this day as a reminder that

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*Look it up:* Exo 13:9

The Lord made another stipulation. Every \_\_\_\_\_ was to belong to the Lord. Why did he ask this?

*Look it up:* Exo 13:14-16

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But at heart, they were still \_\_\_\_\_.

What does it look like for the Lord to be your God?

*Look it up:* Exo 14:13-14

Q: Who are the Egyptians in your life? What sin has you captive?

The Lord, as a pillar of cloud and of fire, began to lead the Israelites gently to the Promised Land by the \_\_\_\_\_.

One day each week, the manna kept overnight and they were able to eat it on the seventh day without gathering any, because the Lord had decreed the seventh day to be a \_\_\_\_\_.

*Look it up:* Exo 16:23

And God promised them his complete protection and blessing.

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*Look it up:* Exo 23:20-33

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The Israelites part: \_\_\_\_\_

God's part:

- Their enemies will \_\_\_\_\_
- Wipe out \_\_\_\_\_ from among them
- Everyone will have a \_\_\_\_\_
- There will be no \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_

**WARNING!**

But never, ever bow down before other gods or follow idol practices.

Why not?

*Look it up:* Exo 23:23-33

- They will cause you to \_\_\_\_\_
- The worship of idols will be a \_\_\_\_\_

The traveling temple was called a \_\_\_\_\_.

In the holy of holies was a golden box called an \_\_\_\_\_.

It was on the ark that the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord would reside whenever the Israelites stopped.

But the Israelites were still \_\_\_\_\_ at heart.

**WARNING!**

He warned them again not to worship idols or let the idol worshippers live in their land.

Why not?

*Look it up:* Exo 34:15-16

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Because they would be tempted to forsake their \_\_\_\_\_  
and exchange him for a \_\_\_\_\_.

Q: What are you allowing to live in your life, in your home, in your heart or in your mind that may cause you to turn your face from God and to become vulnerable to evil?

As always, the Lord was very, very clear about both the great blessings in store for them and the terrible consequences depending on which path they chose.

*Look it up: Lev 26*

Then finally, about \_\_\_\_\_ after they left Egypt, the Lord decided the Israelites were as prepared as they were ever going to be and he led them to the border of the Promised Land.

But the Israelites were still slaves at heart.

So the Lord led the Israelites away from the Promised Land. He led them around in circles in the desert for \_\_\_\_\_ until everyone who had come out of Egypt had died.