



REDEMPTION

Set Free From Sin

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NOTE TO THE TEACHER

Display each illustration where indicated in text, laying volume aside when the story line continues beyond the picture.

Lesson #1

THE GOD WHO CAN REDEEM

Scripture to be studied: Exodus 4:19-7:25; all verses in the lesson

The aim of the lesson: To show that the LORD God is able to set free the slaves of Satan.

What your students should know: That the LORD God who, was stronger than Pharaoh, is more powerful than Satan.

What your students should feel: Confidence in God and His Word.

What your students should do:

Unsaved: Place their trust in the Lord Jesus Christ for forgiveness of sins.

Saved: Confess any disobedience to God. Promise to obey Him so He can use them for Himself this week.

Lesson outline (for the teacher's and students' notebooks):

1. God demands obedience (Exodus 4:19-26).
2. God prepares the way ahead (Exodus 4:27-31).
3. God tests faith (Exodus 5:1-23).
4. God is faithful (Exodus 6:1-7:25).

The verse to be memorized:

In [Christ] we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. (Ephesians 1:7a)

THE LESSON

Suppose you were the slave of a cruel master. You are under his control day and night. You always have to do what he says. You work like an animal. You can never go anywhere or do anything that you yourself want to go or do. What would you want more than anything else? (*Teacher:* Encourage discussion.)

The people of Israel, whom God had chosen for Himself, were in trouble. Generations of them had lived in Egypt more than 400 years. Now, as slaves to the Egyptians, they were poor, mistreated and overworked. They were not free to choose where to live or what work they would do.

God spoke to Moses from a flaming bush. "I want you to lead My people out of Egypt," He said. "They have suffered

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In the book of Exodus we are introduced to the subject of redemption. (See Exodus 6:6.) It is a truth which continues right through the closing book of the Bible. (See Revelation 5:9; 14:3-4.) There is more to this doctrine than is covered in the book of Exodus. Here *redeem*" means "to set free by paying a price." It would be well to print this definition on a sign, referring to it often as you teach this series.

In the first two lessons we see the necessity of being set free. In the third lesson we shall see the price paid for redemption. The facts in these lessons (like much Old Testament teaching) illustrate equally important New Testament truths. God's people, the Israelites, were slaves of Pharaoh in Egypt. God bought them back and set them free. These are Old Testament facts. They illustrate the New Testament teaching that we are all slaves to sin. We need to be redeemed. The Lord Jesus Christ, God the Son, paid the price of our freedom when He gave His life on the cross. Help your students to see that Satan clutches his subjects with even greater force than Pharaoh gripped the Israelites.

long enough. I want them to be free to serve me."

That night Moses talked to his father-in-law, Jethro. "I have been here in this land of Midian a long time [40 years]. I keep wondering about my people in Egypt. Will you let me go back there to see how things are?"

"Yes, certainly, Moses," Jethro replied. "I understand perfectly. Go in peace."

So Moses and his wife packed what they needed for the trip. With their two sons, they began their long journey.

1. GOD DEMANDS OBEDIENCE

Exodus 4:19-26

After a tiring day of travel, Moses and his little family stopped at an inn. During the night, God threatened to kill Moses.