

Bible Stories for Adults

Israel Comes to Mount Sinai

Exodus 15 - 33

Opening

Gathering: Share something that happened to you that led you to Trust in the Lord.

Today's Focus: God works actively in the lives of those He loves to enable them to become all He intends.

Key Verses: *Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me.* John 14:1

*Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.
This is the first and greatest commandment.* Matthew 22:37-38

Opening Prayer

Lesson

Trust in the Lord

Why did God go through the plague process to get His people out of Egypt?
Deuteronomy 29:2-3

Did the Israelites recognize God's almighty power and put their trust in Him?
Deuteronomy 29:4

Why did they need God's help? It looks pretty obvious to us.
1 Corinthians 2:7-10 (1-16)

How would God use Israel's events and experiences in the wilderness to teach them to trust in Him?
Deuteronomy 29:5-6

Did the miraculous Red Sea crossing have any affect on teaching the Israelites to Trust in the Lord?
Exodus 14:30-31

How long did this faithful trust last?
Exodus 15:22-24

Crisis & Trials (*Exodus 14-17*)

CRISIS

Exodus 14:10-12

Exodus 15:22-24

Exodus 16:2-3 (1-3)

Exodus 17:3 (1-4)

Exodus 17:8

GOD'S RESPONSE

Exodus 14:13-14, 28-29 (14:13-15:21)

Exodus 15:25-27

Exodus 16:11-15 (4-36)

Exodus 17:6 (5-7)

Exodus 17:10-13 (9-16)

Did God's intervention always achieve the desired results?
Numbers 14:11

What was God's intention when He intervened in a crisis?
Exodus 14:31-15:2

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Bread of Heaven (*Exodus 16*)

How did God remind the Israelites every day to Trust in the Lord?

Exodus 16:17-21

Why were the people instructed to gather a double supply on the sixth day?

Exodus 16:23-27

What miraculous sign did God give for our crises and trials?

John 6:30-35

Organization (*Exodus 18*)

What kind of leadership did the Israelites have at first?

Exodus 18:13-16 (18:1-16)

What was Jethro's concern about this approach?

Exodus 18:17-18

What was Jethro's recommendation?

Exodus 18:19-22 (18:19-27)

What other organizational steps did this new kingdom take?

. Numbers 1

. Numbers 2

. Numbers 3-4

. Numbers 10:1-10

Law & Legislation (*Exodus 19-31*)

How long had Israel traveled when they reached Mount Sinai?

Exodus 19:1-3

How did Moses know that God would speak to him on Mount Sinai?

Exodus 3:12

What is the basic message God had for the Israelites on Sinai?

Exodus 19:4-6

How did Israel respond?

Exodus 19:7-8

Three types of Law in the Old Testament:

Civil - Exodus 21:33-34 (Exodus 21-23)

Ceremonial - Leviticus 23:26-27 (Leviticus)

Moral - Exodus 20:1-3 (Exodus 20)

Laws were made for a *people*, not a *person*

The Ten Commandments - *Exodus 20*

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| . 1. Exodus 20:3-6 | You shall have no other gods before Me. |
| . 2. Exodus 20:7 | You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God. |
| . 3. Exodus 20:8-11 | Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. |
| . 4. Exodus 20:12 | Honor your father and your mother. |
| . 5. Exodus 20:13 | You shall not murder. |
| . 6. Exodus 20:14 | You shall not commit adultery. |
| . 7. Exodus 20:15 | You shall not steal. |
| . 8. Exodus 20:16 | You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. |
| . 9. Exodus 20:17a | You shall not covet your neighbor's house. |
| . 10. Exodus 20:17b | You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor. |

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Luther's Explanation

What is the summary of the first tablet of the Law (Commandments 1-3)?

Matthew 22:37-38 (Deut 6:5)

What is the summary of the second tablet of the Law (Commandments 4-10)?

Matthew 22:39-40 (Leviticus 19:18)

What is the summary of all the Commandments?

Romans 13:8-10

How well does God want us to keep His Commandments?

Matthew 5:48

James 2:10-11

Can man keep God's Commandments as He wants us to keep them?

1 John 1:8

How, then, can anyone be saved by the Law?

Galatians 3:11

Where alone can we find salvation from sin?

Romans 10:4

What, then, is the purpose of the Law?

A curb

1 Timothy 1:8-9

A mirror

Romans 7:7

A rule

Psalms 119:1, 9 (Psalm 119)

The Golden Calf (*Exodus 32-33*)

How faithful were the Israelites while Moses receiving God's Law on Sinai?

Exodus 32:1, 4 (1-6)

Which tablet had Israel broken?

Exodus 20

How did Moses react when he returned and how was his reaction appropriate?

Exodus 32:19-20 (15-20, 25-29)

How did Aaron explain what he had done?

Exodus 32:21-24

What was God's initial response to this idolatry?

Exodus 32:9-10

How well did Moses pass this test?

Exodus 32:12, 14 (11-14)

How did Moses try to offer himself as atonement?

Exodus 32:30-32

What did God say that especially turned the Israelites to repentance?

Exodus 33:3-4 (32:30-33:6)

How did God respond when Moses asked God to stay with Israel?

Exodus 33:15-17 (7-23)

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Rigid Discipline

How were the Israelites punished for the Golden Calf?

Exodus 32:20

Exodus 32:26-28

Exodus 32:35

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Exodus 32:1-6

Leviticus 10:1

Leviticus 24:11

Numbers 12:1-2

Numbers 16:3

GOD'S DISCIPLINE

Exodus 32:28, 35

Leviticus 10:2

Leviticus 24:13-14

Numbers 12:9-10

Numbers 16:31-33

Summary - God formed His new nation through these things to teach them to

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Closing Prayer

Response

1. Do I trust in the Lord when I encounter crises and trials?
(Exodus 14:10-12; 15:22-24; 16:2-3; 17:1-3; Psalm 27:1-5; 46:1-3; 56:3-4; 2 Peter 2:4-9)
2. Do I recognize the mighty acts and wonders God does in my life?
(Exodus 14:21-31; 15:25; 16:4-36; 17:5-7; 17:9-13; Deuteronomy 4:32-40)
3. In what ways has God called me to lead in His kingdom and how have I responded?
(Exodus 18:19-23; 28:1; 32:21-25; Numbers 3:5-10; 12:1-8; 16; Romans 12:4-8; Eph 4:11-16)
4. How do I view God's Law and apply it to my life? (Deuteronomy 5-6; Psalm 119)
5. When has God disciplined me as a loving father? What effect has it had?
(Exodus 32:25-35; Psalm 94:12; 119:67, 71; Hebrews 12:4-11; Revelation 13:19)