

MOSES AND MIRIAM LEAD IN PRAISE

Exodus 15:1 – 3, 11 – 13, 17 – 18, 20 – 21

Devotional Reading: Psalm 104:1 – 9

Background Scripture: Exodus 14:21 – 31; 15:1 – 21

LESSON AIMS: the students will:

- LIST God's attributes as sung by Moses and Miriam
- TRACE the historical elements within Moses' and Miriam's celebratory songs of praise
- WRITE and SING a song of praise to God for His character and deliverance of His people

INTRODUCTION: God had spoken to Abram, recorded in Genesis 15:13, that his descendants would be "strangers" in a foreign land for 400 years. After 400 years of slavery, they left Egypt as free men and women. The God of Israel rescued them after performing miracles, saving them from Pharaoh's abuse and starting them on their journey toward the promised land. He opened the Red Sea, allowing His chosen ones to travel through it on dry ground! Then, the multitude watched the sea roll back into place. The waters became the graveyard of the Egyptian army, who chased after them. Once the nation stood safely on the other side of the Red Sea, Moses' sister, Miriam, picked up her tambourine and started to lead the congregation in exuberant praise — singing and dancing.

KEY VERSE *20 And Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances.*
Exodus 15:20 / KJV

LESSON:

The Song Introduced

Exodus 15:1 - 3

The Song Continued

verses 11 – 13, 17 – 18, 20 – 21

SUMMARY: The song in this passage reveals the fulfillment of God’s plan for the deliverance of Israel. God told Moses that Pharaoh would not release the Israelites until God’s mighty hand compelled him to by performing miracles. Now, after their passing through the Red Sea, Israel praises God for what He has done. God revealed through Moses that He was going to judge the gods of Egypt. Now, after the Exodus, Israel proclaims God as the one unique God. By the Exodus, God said that Israel would know He was the God who delivered them. Here, the Israelites sing their praises to Him for deliverance. This praise song reveals that God accomplished what He had sought to accomplish in the events of the Exodus. The second half of the song focuses on Israel’s deliverance that is yet to come, and the defeat of the enemies who will resist Israel in Canaan. The song gives Israel an opportunity to worship and praise God as they recall God’s great act of deliverance at the Red Sea. It is a significant reminder of the character of God, giving hope and confidence in His future protection and blessing.

QUESTIONS:

1. *What are “gods” worshipped by our culture, and in what ways is God more wondrous than those “gods”?*
2. *In what ways would [or should] your life change if you spent more time reflecting on and emulating God’s holiness?*

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| DAY/DATE | SCRIPTURE | |
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| <i>Mon., Sept. 23rd</i> | God Goes Forth Like a Warrior | Isaiah 42:13 – 17 |
| <i>Tue., Sept. 24th</i> | Be Patient, the Lord is Coming | James 5:7 – 11 |
| <i>Wed., Sept. 25th</i> | Saved Through Water | 1 Peter 3:18 – 22 |
| <i>Thurs., Sept. 26th</i> | Victory at the Sea | Exodus 14:21 – 31 |
| <i>Fri., Sept. 27th</i> | God Protects Creation | Psalms 104:1 – 9 |
| <i>Sat., Sept. 28th</i> | Our Worship Gives God Joy | Psalms 147:1 – 12 |
| <i>Sun., Sept. 29th</i> | Sing of God’s Glorious Triumph | Exodus 15:1 – 13, 20 – 21 |