

Am I All On My Own?

Students will:

- name God's faithfulness as it is revealed in the story of the Exodus - that God is faithful even in very difficult situations, even when we are unfaithful
- connect the hope in the Exodus story to their own lives
- identify signs of God's presence and fidelity in the world around them
- identify ways they can help one another recognise the faithfulness of God

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Turn to page 37. We are going to read the story of "The Prisoner, the Hen and the Miracles".

Questions

1. What is the miracle of the story?

Hen laid eggs for the prisoner to eat.

2. Why does the prisoner believe that the eggs are a sign of God's presence?

It was a miracle how the hen appeared and then provided food for the prisoner for 16 days.

3. What does this story tell us about God? about the way God provides for us?

God looks out for all of us and provides for us when we most need it.

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Now we will read "Exodus" on page 39.

Faith and trust in God's faithfulness have been handed on from one generation to the next in many ways. Religious classes are one way, but a far older way is through the use of stories and special meals.

- What special meals do you celebrate in your family?

Thanksgiving, Christmas, Birthdays

- What do you do differently for those meals?

Sit together as a family and spend quality time together.

- Why do you do these special things?

Have a chance to give thanks and express our gratitude for things and people in our lives. Makes us realise how lucky we are compared to other people.

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For the Jewish people, belief in God was rooted in an understanding of all that God had done for the Israelites through the events of the Exodus. In these events, the Jewish people came to understand that their God was "almighty".

There was no one and nothing that could stand against the one true God; anyone who really knew the Exodus story would understand that.

Anyone who did not really understand the Exodus story could not really understand God.

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The early Christians also believed that an understanding of the Exodus was important to an understanding of God.

They could only talk about Jesus in terms of his relationship to the one almighty God, who had acted definitively in choosing and freeing the Hebrew people.

When they talked about who Jesus was and about the significance of what he had done, they talked about how Jesus completed and perfected the saving work God began in the Exodus.

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The story of Exodus was made into a Disney movie called "**The Prince of Egypt**".

We are going to watch this movie.

There are a series of questions for you to answer during the movie. **This will be assessed** so make sure that you do your best!

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Unit 2 - Summary Statements

- To say we "believe in God" is to say that we put our trust in God and we direct our lives toward God. We do not accept any substitutes for God in our lives.
- Our long faith story really begins with Abraham and Sarah. Abraham and Sarah's whole lives were shaped by their trust in God. Because Abraham trusted God even when he did not understand God's plan, he is called "our father in faith."
- To be a person who believes is to be a person who is willing to make commitments.
- God is faithful. What God says, is what God does.
- God kept the promise made to Abraham and Sarah. Their descendants grew and did well. During a famine they moved to Egypt, where they were welcomed. Centuries later, the Egyptians made them slaves. God called Moses to lead them to freedom. This event is called the Exodus.

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- The story of the Exodus and of God's faithfulness to Israel is repeated over and over in the big and small events of our lives and our history. God keeps supporting us as we search. God still guides us through hard times and leads us into freedom from our many forms of slavery: for example, our whims, meanness, stupidity, peer pressure, drugs, consumerism.
- Our belief in God calls us to have patience. Without patience, it is hard to live to the full.
- While Jesus and his disciples were celebrating the Exodus at the Passover meal on the night before he died, Jesus instituted the Eucharist.
- Jesus' death and resurrection completed and made perfect the saving work that God had begun in the Exodus.

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