

Moses: A Family Crisis

The Birth of Moses (Exodus 2:1-10)

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Love Always . . .

Every family will go through a crisis sooner or later. It may be a small crisis or something big like a death in the family or a lost job. Big or small, the best way for a family to handle a crisis is by doing it together. Unscramble the words in the hearts to find out how special true love is.

Love always . . .

Know More

Crisis—a situation that is difficult to handle or solve
Persevere—to keep doing something even when it is hard

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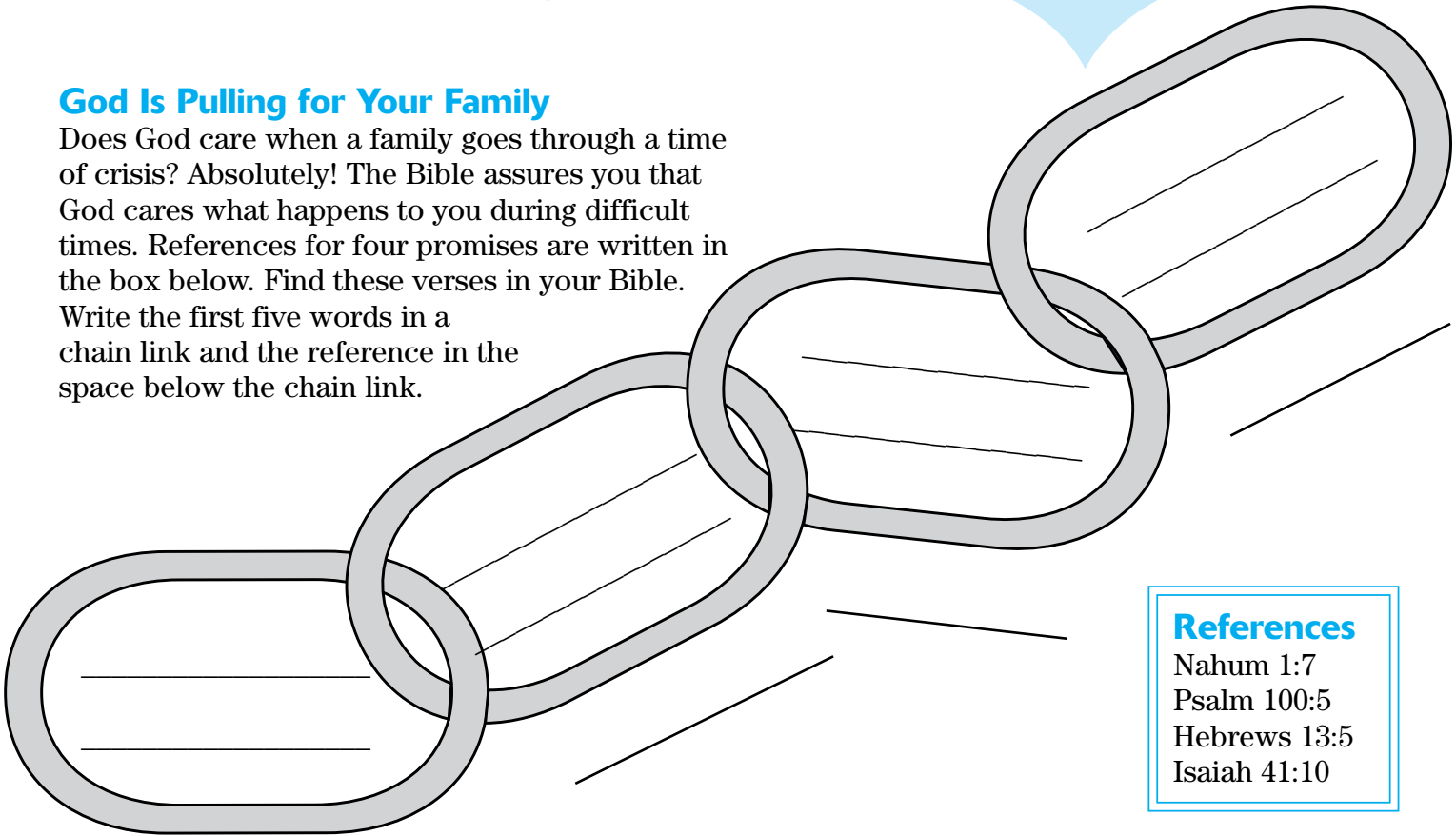
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God Is Pulling for Your Family

Does God care when a family goes through a time of crisis? Absolutely! The Bible assures you that God cares what happens to you during difficult times. References for four promises are written in the box below. Find these verses in your Bible.

Write the first five words in a chain link and the reference in the space below the chain link.

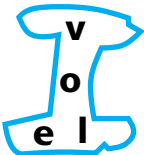


References

Nahum 1:7
Psalm 100:5
Hebrews 13:5
Isaiah 41:10

Trusting during a Crisis

Moses' family trusted God and each other during their time of crisis. All families should do the same today, and they should encourage each other. Unscramble the small letters inside each large letter to find ways family members encourage each other during a crisis.



A Family Prayer

God wants to help families during difficult times. Write a prayer that could be used by your family during a crisis.

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Do Not Make Excuses

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Moses Makes Excuses (Exodus 3:1-4:17)

Practice

When you are tempted to make an excuse, stop, pray, and think, I can do this with God's help.



Depend on God's Power

God's power is greater than your excuses. God showed His power to Moses. Color the happy face to choose the correct answer.

Moses said, "Who am I, to speak to Pharaoh?"

God said: 😊 "You can do it by yourself, Moses"

😊 "I will be there with you."

(Exodus 3:12)

Moses said, "What if they do not believe me?"

God said: 😊 "This is so they will believe...."
He turned a staff into a snake.

😊 "Oh, Moses, you have so little faith"

(Exodus 4:1-5)

Moses said, "... I don't speak to groups very well."

God said: 😊 "I will help you speak and teach you what to say."

😊 "Bite your tongue, Moses."

(Exodus 4:10-12)

To stop making excuses, depend on God's

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Have you made excuses for not doing your work? Check the ones you have made. Then, unscramble the ways to stop making excuses. Discuss how not making excuses can help you and others.

"Not now. This is my favorite program."

"I'm too tired. I'll work on it tomorrow."

"I can't. It's too hard."

"Later, after I finish the video game."

"I can't. I'll miss the bus."

Ways to stop making excuses

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ask others for pleh _____

depend on odG _____

break jobs into llams parts _____

do it for suseJ _____

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Excuse Prayer Calendar

This week, record each job that tempts you to make an excuse. Write the letter or letters of ways that helped you do the jobs.

- A. Prayed B. Asked others for help C. Depended on God
D. Broke the job into small parts E. Did it for Jesus

DAY	JOB	LETTER
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		
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You Can Count on God

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God Brings the Israelites out of Egypt
(Exodus 5:22-23; 12:31-42)

God's Promises Are True

The Bible contains many promises that can help you each day, even in difficult times. Find each reference in a Bible and match it with the promise of God that you can count on every day.



1. _____ Hebrews 13:5

2. _____ Philippians 4:13

3. _____ Philippians 4:19

4. _____ John 3:16

5. _____ 1 John 1:9

6. _____ Ephesians 6:2-3

a God will supply all of my needs according to His riches in glory.

b If I believe in Jesus, I can have eternal life.

c If I confess my sins, God will forgive me.

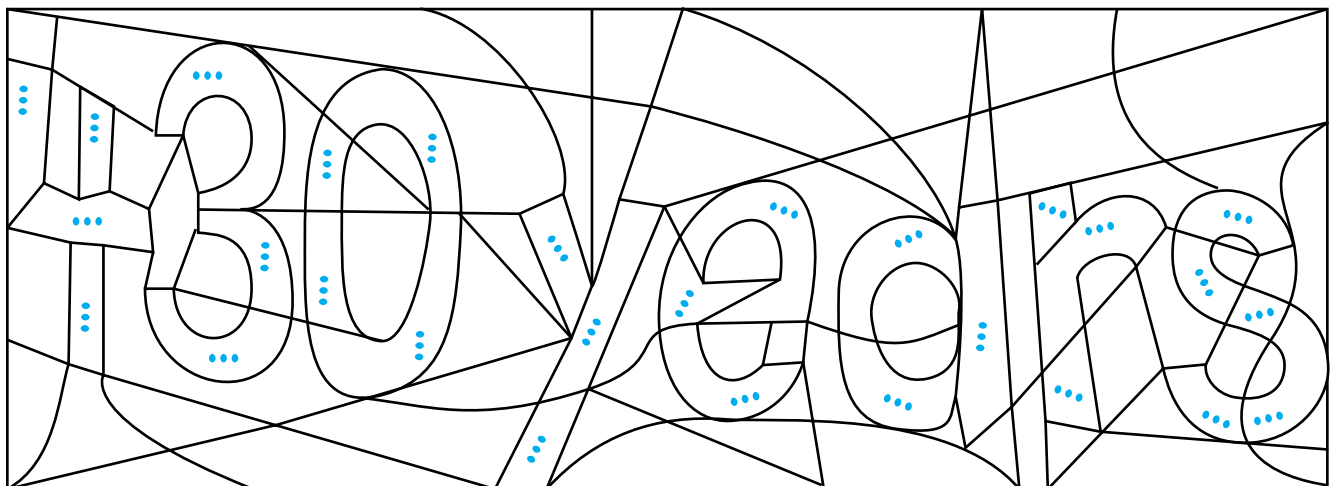
d God will bless me with a long life if I show honor to my father and mother.

e God will never leave or forsake me.

f I can do all things through Christ's strength.

How Long Did It Take?

Using a pencil or crayon, shade in the boxes with three dots to find out how long the children of Israel waited on God to keep His promise.



Trusting God in the Hard Times

Sometimes when hard times come into your life, it is hard to trust God. Think about a time when it may have been hard for your family to trust completely in God. Write down what happened in the spaces below.

It was hard to trust God in my family when

What did our family do that helped us learn to trust God?

What are some promises from God that would help us to trust God today?

Say a Prayer

Say a prayer to God right now.
Thank Him for helping you
through tough times in the past.
Ask Him to be with you through
any hard times in the future.

When I Make Mistakes

The People Argue with Moses (Exodus 17:1-7)

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The Israelites Tested God

The people of Israel forgot what God had done for them and began to grumble and complain. They tested God and quarreled with Moses, their leader. Read Exodus 17:1-7 and answer the following questions:

1. Why did the Israelites quarrel with Moses? (v. 1-2)

2. Whom did Moses talk to about his problem? (v. 4)

3. How did the Lord tell Moses to get water? (v. 5-6)

4. What did Moses name the place? (v. 7)

5. Why did Moses give the place these two names? (v. 7)

To Think About

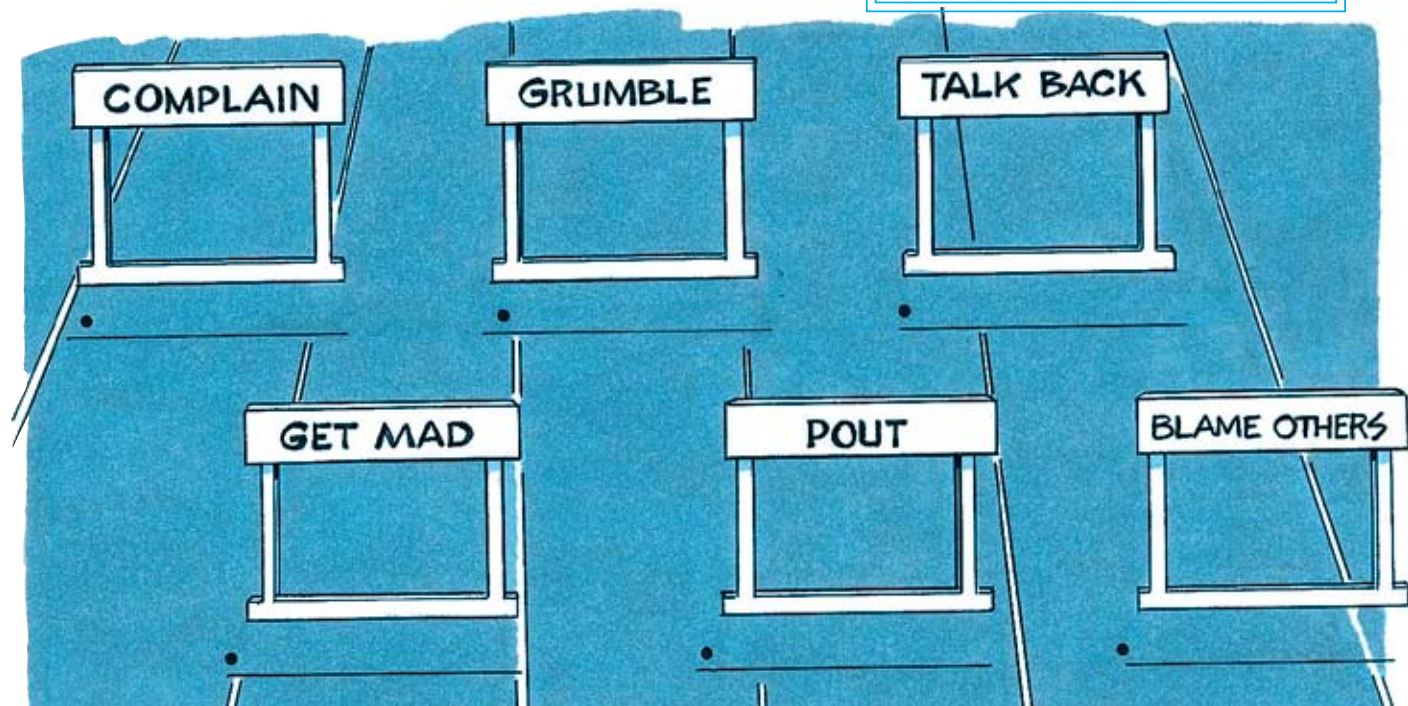
God was gracious enough to supply the needs of the people of Israel even when they needed correction and discipline. What can we learn from that about how God deals with us today?

Jumping Hurdles

Everyone makes mistakes. The important thing is how a person responds to correction following a mistake. Correct the bad response on each hurdle. Choose a good response from the word box or make up your own response and write your answer on the line before the hurdle. Move from hurdle to hurdle.

Word Box

accept with respect
receive agreeably
take obediently
admit the mistake and learn
ask how to improve



My Mistake

So, you made a mistake. You have been corrected. How do you feel? Sad, hurt, mad? How you deal with your feelings after being disciplined affects what you learn from the mistake. Here are seven good ways to deal with your feelings. Unscramble the words to complete the acrostic. Use the word in the shaded boxes to complete the sentence in bold print.

1. **_____** my parents care. (mrbmeere)
2. **_____** about why it was wrong. (hitkn)
3. **_____** what I learned. (doicsnre)
4. **_____** to do better next time. (rty)
5. **_____** my Bible. (dera)
6. **_____** to God. (aklt)
7. **_____** myself. (ogfrevi)

Making a _____ is part of human life.

What Does the Bible Say?

Read Proverbs 13:24. What kind of parent does this verse say disciplines a child?

Read Proverbs 12:1 and 13:13 to find out what you should do. Write what you think you should do on the lines provided.

Talk about It

Talk to your parent about your family rules and consequences that follow misbehavior and bad choices.
