

The Israelites Oppressed - Exodus 1:1-22

Topics: Fear, Infanticide, Lying, Murder, Obedience, Oppressed, Power, Slavery

Open It

- * 1. Who is one person you admire for the strength of his or her beliefs? Why?
- 2. When have you ever been asked to do something you knew was wrong?
- 3. What are the risks involved in standing up for your convictions?

Explore It

- 4. Who went to Egypt with his family? (1:1)
- 5. What were the names of the family members who went to Egypt? (1:2-5)
- 6. What happened to the people of Joseph's generation? (1:6)
- 7. How is the population growth of the Israelites described? (1:7)
- 8. Who came to power in Egypt? (1:8)
- 9. What was the king's fear about the growth of Israel? (1:9-10)
- 10. What did the king do to the Israelites? (1:11)
- 11. What were the working conditions for the Israelites? (1:12-14)
- 12. Who were the Hebrew midwives to whom the king spoke? (1:15)
- * 13. What did the king tell the midwives to do? (1:16)
- * 14. Why did the midwives refuse to obey the king's order? (1:17)
- 15. What explanation did the midwives give for disobeying the king? (1:19)
- * 16. How did God respond to the midwives' obedience? (1:20-21)
- 17. What order did Pharaoh issue to all the people of Egypt? (1:22)

Get It

- 18. What can our fears cause us to do?
- 19. How do you think Pharaoh's fear led him to making bad decisions?
- * 20. What risks would be involved in disobeying the orders of a king?
- 21. What is wrong or right about concealing our actions when we refuse to do something wrong?
- 22. What would be your options if an authority told you to do something within the law but against God's law?
- * 23. What is the difference between fearing God and fearing people?
- 24. What are the benefits of respecting God?
- 25. In what ways do you find it easier to obey the wishes of people instead of God?
- 26. What risks might you face in standing up for what you believe?

Apply It

- 27. What is one way you can take a stand for God this week?
- * 28. What do you want to say or do the next time you are asked to compromise an important moral principle?