

FAMILY WORSHIP



Activity: The Character of God – Part 4: God is always just.

This week we focus on the fact that **God is always just**. This means God only does what is right. You can pray to God in any situation, even when the problem seems unfair, and ask God to do what is right. No matter what the circumstances, you can trust that God will do what is right, even when you don't understand or know what is best. With this in mind, review how God is working in the lives of Moses and the Israelites. The Egyptians are treating God's people unjustly. God hears the cry of His people and responds with power. Draw some pictures of the plagues God uses to punish the unjust Egyptians and to make things right again. Put the picture in your "God is..." book. Pray and ask God to do what is right in a situation you are concerned about. Thank Him for always being just.

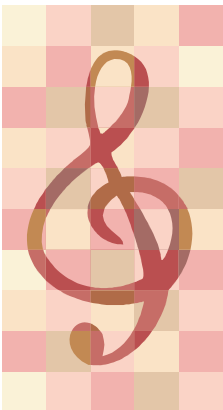
Practice monthly memory verse. Spend time practicing and reviewing memory verses from Cubbies and Sparks (AWANA). Talk about the meaning of special words in the verses (e.g. serve, forgive, love, covenant) to help deepen their understanding. Be intentional about using these words in day to day situations.



March Memory Verse:

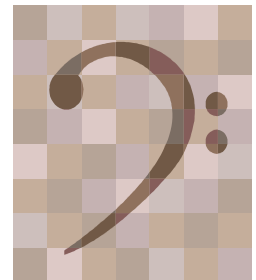
Romans 3:23 – *For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.*

Worship through singing:



Man of Sorrows! What a Name (Hallelujah! What a Savior!)

1. Man of Sorrows! What a name
For the Son of God, Who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim.
Hallelujah! What a Savior!
2. Bearing shame and scoffing rude,
In my place condemned He stood;
Sealed my pardon with His blood.
Hallelujah! What a Savior!
3. Guilty, vile, and helpless we;
Spotless Lamb of God was He;
Full atonement can it be?
Hallelujah! What a Savior!
4. Lifted up was He to die;
"It is finished!" was His cry;
Now in heaven exalted high.
Hallelujah! What a Savior!
5. When He comes, our glorious King,
All His ransomed home to bring,
Then anew His song we'll sing:
Hallelujah! What a Savior!



For music and lyrics visit: <http://www.worshipmap.com/lyrics/manofsorrows.html>

Please Note: If you search online, this hymn is written by Philip P. Bliss. (Not Bruce Dickinson, a secular artist who sings an irreligious, secular song with the same name, "Man of Sorrows.")

Parent Resource Review:

WEBLOG ARTICLE: 13 Marks of Biblical Manhood by Dr. Albert Mohler

"When does a boy become a man? The answer to this question must go far beyond biology and chronological age. As defined in the Bible, manhood is a functional reality, demonstrated in a man's fulfillment of responsibility and leadership." *Read this 2 part series to learn how to be better role models in equipping boys for biblical manhood.*

(Part 1) - <http://www.crosswalk.com/blogs/mohler/1325744/>

(Part 2) - <http://www.crosswalk.com/blogs/mohler/1326069/>

Review: Exodus 5:1-6:13, 7:1-13

Last week we saw Moses obey God's commands and go to Pharaoh. He told Pharaoh to let God's people go but Pharaoh said "No." Instead of letting them go, Pharaoh made their work harder, demanded more work from them, and beat them when they were not able to do all of the work.

This made God's people become frustrated with Moses and Moses became frustrated with God. In his frustration and disappointment, God reminded Moses of the promises He (God) made. Because **God is always powerful**, He told Moses all that He was going to do for His people (*notice 7 "I will" statements in 6:6-8*). God told Moses to go back to Pharaoh again. Because **God is always knowing**, God told Moses that Pharaoh will not listen. God empowered Moses to do miracles. God's purpose was to receive glory, that "the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD (7:5)." God showed His power to everyone. We give God glory when we choose to listen to Him and obey Him.

- **When does God see us?** *All the time. God is always present.*
- **When does God respond to us?** *When we call out to Him (6:5) and when we obey Him.*
- **Why did God send Moses to Pharaoh?** *God wanted Pharaoh and the people of Egypt to know that He is the one true God (7:5). God is willing to bless all people who listen to Him and obey Him. (Remember God's promise to Abraham in Genesis 12:3?) Because God is always powerful, He could have freed His people from Egypt right away.*
- **Why did God send Moses to speak to the people of Israel?** *God was showing His chosen people that He keeps His promises, He hears their prayers, and by His power He can use even very bad situations for good (just like He did for Joseph).*
- **Who are some persons in your life that may not know God?** *Friends, neighbors, extended family...answers may vary*
- **What are some ways you can share God with them?** *Answers will vary. Examples may include showing them my "God is..." book, sharing a Bible story I'm learning like the ones about Joseph or Moses, invite them to Sunday school...*

This Week: Exodus 7:14 - 11:10

This week we see that God is always powerful and that God is always just. Pharaoh refuses to let the people of Israel worship God and he continues to treat them badly. However, God is working to make things right according to His plan (Genesis 15:13-14; Exodus 3:18-22). God demonstrates His power both to the Egyptians and the Israelites. God acts powerfully because He wants Egypt to know that He is the one true God (Ex. 9:16) and He wants His people to tell their children and grandchildren how great their God is (Ex. 10:2). God is showing that He loves people and wants them to know Him.

- **What were some of the plagues God used to show His power?** *Frogs, gnats, flies, boils, etc.*
- **Why did God use so many plagues?** *God wants everyone to know He is the one true God. God gives us many different signs so that we may choose to believe in Him.*
- **How should you respond to God's power?** *I should fear Him (obey His commands and tell others how powerful God is) and say that I am weak and God is strong.*
- **Pray and ask God to help you to obey Him and to keep you from being hard-hearted like Pharaoh.**

Next Week: Exodus 12:1 - 13:22