

# God Gives New Life

## Family Worship Response

### Elementary

**Purpose:** The Israelites lived in bondage in Egypt for 400 years. So God sent Moses to release them from their captivity and bring them into the Promised Land. Here, they could experience freedom to worship the one true God.

We are all born slaves of sin and separated from God. So God sent His only Son, Jesus, to deliver us from the bondage of sin and restore our relationship with God. The Bible says that in Christ Jesus, we are a brand new creation! (2 Corinthians 5:17).

This activity will help us think about how we can live a new life that is pleasing to God.

#### **Supplies for Activity:**

- Bible
- Pen (or markers or crayons)
- Paper
- Instrumental worship music (optional: sometimes music can help us focus on God and make us open to hear His voice.)

#### **Activity: Out with the old and in with the new**

- Read Psalm 139:1-5.
- Pray and ask God to search your thoughts, attitudes and actions for anything that displeases Him (such as selfishness, anger, unkindness, etc.).
- Confess these things to God (either privately or with parents).
- Receive God's forgiveness and give Him thanks. (Read 1 John 1:9)
- Now, discuss alternative and positive ways to think and respond to God or others in order to display your new life in Jesus, such as reading your Bible, obeying your parents, loving your siblings, helping a neighbor, etc.
- Commit to doing one of the new things this week.
- At the end of the week, talk about the results of changing just one thing.

To learn more about our lesson today, here is a family-friendly video that relates Passover to Easter:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gy9DbPzvTI8&ab\\_channel=DouglasTa](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gy9DbPzvTI8&ab_channel=DouglasTa)

# Family Discussion

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**God Statement:** God Gives New Life

**Family Memory Verse:** Isaiah 40:28: "The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and His understanding no one can fathom."

**Bible Lesson:** Exodus 12-14: The Passover and Crossing of the Red Sea

### Discussion Questions:

1. What did God do to free His people? Exodus 3:19-20 and Acts 7:36  
(God sent Moses to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. God then sent plagues, performed miracles, dried up the Red Sea, and destroyed Israel's enemies.)
2. What is Passover and why were the people to celebrate it? Exodus 12:17  
(Passover was a special meal designed to help the Israelites remember how God had freed them from Egyptian bondage; Passover looked forward to what Jesus would do to free people from the bondage of sin and death.)
3. Why did God want His people to put the blood of a lamb on their doorframes? Exodus 12:23  
(God wanted to protect His people from the death of their firstborn. The angel of death would pass over those who had the blood of the lamb on their doorframes.)
4. Why did God want to lead His people to a new life? Exodus 6:6-8  
(God freed the people from Egyptian slavery so that they would be His own people and know Him as their God; God loved His people; God is faithful to the promises He made to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.)
5. How does the Passover relate to Jesus as the "Lamb of God"? John 1:29  
(Just as the lamb's blood saved the Israelites from death, Jesus' blood would take away the sins of the world and save us from death.)
6. How has God given you new life in Jesus?
7. What are some of the benefits of the new life Jesus gives?

Blessing: May you know that your Heavenly Father loves you so much that He made a way for you to live with Him forever. May you receive Jesus as Lord of your life so that you can experience freedom from sin and become a new creation in Christ Jesus.