

Beginner Level, Block 4, Week 1 **Moses—The First Period of His Life**

Point to Emphasize: We are best cared for in our families where we learn how to love God and follow Him.

Reference Reading: Exodus 2:9-10a; Acts 7:20; Hebrews 11:23-25

Memory Verse: As for me and my house, we will serve Jehovah. (Joshua 24:15)

Story Sample

Now we come to the second book in the Bible, the book of Exodus. In this book there is a story about a man named Moses who would one day grow up to lead God's people back to the land God had given them. In the next weeks we will find out together what kind of person Moses was, and why we would like to be like him.

So let's start at the very beginning, when Moses was just a baby. He was just like all of us, right? We all started out as babies, and every one of us had a dad and a mom. And some of us had brothers or sisters too. So Moses started out just like us.

But things changed very quickly for Moses. When Moses was born in Egypt, the ruler of the Egyptian people was called Pharaoh, and he had an evil plot to destroy all the Hebrew boy babies! Oh no! But God had a better plan for Moses!

Moses' mom was a good mother, so she cared very much for this baby boy. She knew that her baby belonged to God. What would a good mother need to do to care for a baby? What did your mother do to take care of you when you were a baby? *[Feeding, changing diapers, bathing, keeping warm and clothed, keeping him happy so he wouldn't cry.]* So when Moses' mother found out about Pharaoh's plan, she hid Moses. But, after three months, as he grew, it got harder and harder to hide him. Moses' mom must have realized that she needed to do something soon, or the Egyptians might come and take her son away. I'm sure his mother must have prayed to God about what she should do. The plan that Moses' mom decided on was to place her baby inside a basket and put him in the reeds at the river's edge.

Now Moses had a sister, Miriam, and she was a very good sister. Can you tell me what makes a good sister? *[Obedient to parents, loving her brother, watching out for him, following her parent's instructions.]* After their mom placed baby Moses in the river so that he would be safe, Miriam stayed nearby, watching to see what would happen to him.

One day Pharaoh's daughter came to this very place along the river to bathe. And while she was bathing she saw the basket, hidden in the reeds. She realized that this must be one of the Hebrew boys that her father had ordered to be destroyed. She wanted to save him and keep him. She knew the baby was young and probably hungry and would need someone to nurse him, but what would she do?

Miriam was still watching her younger brother Moses, and she saw Pharaoh's daughter holding the baby. So she approached Pharaoh's daughter and asked if she would like Miriam to find a Hebrew woman to care for the baby. Pharaoh's daughter agreed. Who do you think Miriam picked to take care of Moses? That's right, Moses' Mother? Pharaoh's daughter did not know that it was his real family caring for him. So, during his early years Moses remained with his

family and his mother was able to keep him safe. Then, when he was a little older, he moved into the palace with Pharaoh's daughter.

Now, what did Moses' family do with him during those early years? Sure, they fed him, cared for him, loved him....and what else? Since this family knew the true God, they surely taught their children about God—the One who created them, loved them, and chose them to be His people. They were preparing him for the day when he would go to live in the palace, so that he would never forget he belonged to God.

Moses family loved and followed God, and they had a family life that would cause their children to fear, love, and follow God, too. Maybe his family life was a little like ours. Maybe they sang hymns or children's songs together, prayed together, and told stories about God. *[Storyteller, please share your example on how in your household you sing together, read some verses, practice memorizing verses and review the story learned in children's meeting. Lead the children to see that this is the best way to grow in our early years and that it will help them to be very useful later.]*

So, this kind of family life was causing Moses to become something great, someone who loved God and would be useful to God! Wouldn't you like to be useful to God one day?

Beginner Level, Block 4, Week 2
Moses—Growing Up as the Son of Pharaoh’s Daughter

Point to Emphasize: We can be those who receive the best education to be useful to God.

Reference Reading: Exodus 2:10-11a, Acts 7:21-22; Hebrews 11:24

Memory Verse: Train up a child according to the way he should go; Even when he is old, he will not depart from it. (Proverbs 22:6)

Story Sample

Who likes to go to school? By the end of my story, I hope you will all know how important it is to go to school and study hard. We will see this with Moses. Last week we saw how Moses was cared for when he was a baby. Today, we will see how he got the best and highest education.

After Moses was raised by his mother, where he learned to love and fear God, God arranged for Moses to return to Pharaoh’s daughter and become her son. Back in those days, the best school to go to was Pharaoh’s palace. Moses received the highest education of the world! Moses studied hard. He studied different languages. Do you know more than one language? Who in this room can speak Chinese? How about Spanish? Well, Moses had to learn Egyptian. He studied math and science. He may have studied from a young boy until he was 25 or older. If Moses were living today, he probably would have gone to the best university and gotten the highest degree, a PhD. Maybe he would have worked hard enough to earn 2 or 3 PhDs. He would be the top scientist, top world leader, or top engineer. Why did Moses get this kind of education? Because God wanted to use Moses for something, and he needed to become useful to God.

What are the things that you learn in Kindergarten or in First Grade? It is very necessary to learn math, spelling, reading, and writing. It is necessary to learn how the plants grow and how to tell the time. It is important to learn more than one language. Oh, wow! In school we learn all kinds of things! And just like Moses, today we need to get the best education. In elementary school, junior high, and high school, we need to learn so many things. Then we need to go to college. And often we need to go on and learn more after that.

When I was in school I enjoyed learning all about writing and reading. I won all kinds of awards and competitions with my pieces of writing! I will tell you a secret, I never liked Math. I didn’t like addition nor subtraction. And then math got more complicated with multiplication and division. I remember how much time my teacher spent with me so that I would understand math concepts. It was so difficult for me! But now I’ve realized how important Math is! I am happy I learned Math! *[Storyteller, share with the children something you learned in school and you still use today.]*

Because Moses behaved and learned when he was young, he grew to be a man that could be just what God needed!

When Moses was a boy, he applied himself to learn so many things! He was also learning how he should behave. Do you think God could use Moses later on if he was a lazy boy and never got up until 10:00 in the morning? NO! What if he was one who never learned to put his dirty clothes in the right spot; instead he just left them in a heap on the floor. Could such a one be used by God? NO! So while he was young, growing up in the palace, he was being trained—trained to do his chores, trained to clean up after himself, trained to show the proper respect to

an adult. As the son of Pharaoh's daughter he rose up early, taking care of so many duties and taking care of his homework and studies.

I hope that when your mom wakes you up on Monday to get ready to go to school or when your teacher gives you some homework, you will do it willingly and study hard so one day you can be useful to God, just like Moses!

Beginner Level, Block 4, Week 3

Moses—Shepherding the Flock

Point to Emphasize: We can be those who are patient, humble, sensitive, and enduring

Reference Reading: Exodus 3:1

Memory Verse: For you have need of endurance in order that, having done the will of God, you may obtain the promise. (Hebrews 10:36)

Story Sample

We have only learned a little bit about Moses so far, but I already know that I want to be someone like him! He grew up in a family who loved and followed God (just like you and me) and he studied and learned many things so that he could be useful to God (just like we can). He grew up in Egypt where he learned from the very best at that time. But after 40 years, something happened in which Moses was led by God to leave Egypt. He was educated for 40 years in the palace and then became a shepherd in the wilderness for another 40 years. This was actually all part of God's plan for him, so that one day he would lead God's people back to Canaan, the land that God had promised them so many years before.

We heard last week how Moses was educated in the palace. This week, we will hear how he was trained to be useful to God in the wilderness. Do you know what a wilderness is? It's like a desert. There's not much in the wilderness. Well, there in the wilderness, Moses was a shepherd. Do you know what a shepherd does? He tends, herds, and guards the sheep. He guards a big group of sheep at a time, called a flock, from the big animals that would eat them, like a wolf or lion. A shepherd has to find the best grazing area for the sheep to eat grass and find water for them to drink and lead them back home to rest. Does that sound like something you would want to do as a job? What about doing it for 40 years of your life?

Do you know what sheep are like? They're not very smart animals. If they get caught on a barbed wire one day when they try to go through the fence, the shepherd will have to rescue them, and then they'll try again the next day, and the next day. So someone needs to watch out for them. They also like to stray. Because they're always looking for fresh grass, it's easy for them get separated from the group and get lost.

Have you had to take care of your younger sibling before? Maybe your mom had to go outside to do some gardening and you and your little brother stayed inside to play. And your mom asked you to watch your little brother, to make sure he doesn't get hurt or give him a snack or water when he's hungry. Or what about taking care of a pet? Does anyone here have a pet? What are some things you need to do to take care of your pet? *[Discuss with the children things they need to do, e.g., give them food and water, play with them, change the fish's water, etc.]*

Do you want to know what Moses learned from being a shepherd all those years? Moses had to learn to be very patient, since the sheep will make the same mistake over and over again. He also had to learn to be sensitive to the needs of the sheep. He would need to know if they're hungry or thirsty or tired or hurt. Shepherds are also very lowly people so he had to learn to be humble. And Moses also had to learn to be an enduring person. What does that mean? Well, remember he grew up learning from his parents and later was educated in the palace? At 40 years old, he must have thought he could be someone famous and do something great for God.

Well, at 40 years old, he had to become a lowly shepherd. And not just for a few days or even a few months or even a few years! He was a shepherd for 40 years! Is anyone here 40 years old? No? That seems like a long time, doesn't it? For someone so educated to be a shepherd for 40 years, someone who needed to care for a flock of sheep every day, he certainly would have learned to become enduring. He endured—that means he was not only patient but he also accepted the difficulties he had to face. Day after day, in the freezing cold in the winter and in the scorching heat in the summer, Moses learned so many things from tending the sheep.

We can all learn to take care of someone or something else other than ourselves. We can help water the plants and make sure they have enough soil. We can help feed the fish or the parrot or the cat. And we can help take care of our younger siblings, too! We can learn to be responsible like Moses. And when we are given responsibilities, we can learn to be patient, humble, sensitive, and enduring.

Beginner Level, Block 4, Week 4
Moses—Listening to God

Point to Emphasize: We can be those who carefully pay attention so we do not miss anything important.

Reference Reading: Exodus 2:23-25; 3:1-22; Acts 7:30-35

Memory Verse: Apply your heart to instruction, and your ears to words of knowledge.
(Proverbs 23:12)

Story Sample

Last week we saw that Moses continued his education and training to be useful to God in the wilderness. Day after day for 40 years, Moses would shepherd a flock of sheep. One day while Moses was out tending the sheep, God spoke to him. Moses led the flock to the back of the wilderness and came to a mountain. There, he saw a thornbush, a bush that is dry and burns easily. But not just any thornbush. This thornbush that he saw had a flame of fire! When he went to look, the thornbush was on fire but it wasn't burning up or turning into ashes! He must have been so amazed and confused! What usually happens when you put a flame of fire on a real bush? It would start burning up and turn black and then it would burn and burn until it becomes just ashes. Wouldn't you be amazed to see a dry bush with a flame of fire that is not actually burning?

What's even more amazing is God called out to him out of the midst of the thornbush! That was God appearing to Moses. And when God called out to him, Moses answered, "Here I am" and was very attentive. God then told Moses to remove his sandals, because the place he was standing on was holy ground. That meant no man had ever stood there before, and that this was a very special place where God would speak to him. So God spoke to him about returning to Egypt so that he could lead God's people back to the land that God had given them, the land of Canaan. Moses could easily have been distracted by the bush and not hear anything that God said. Don't we do that sometimes? We get so distracted by something interesting that we miss what our parents or teachers say.

One morning my children and I were leaving the house to go to school. Later that day was my daughter's piano lesson, so I had instructed her to make sure to bring all her things: lunch pail, water bottle, piano books, and sweater. She was chatting away about what she was going to do at school that day and was excited about her new shirt, so I had to remind her to make sure she had everything she needed for the day. She continued to be very distracted as she grabbed her things. When she was heading for the door, I saw she had left her sweater on the couch, so I reminded her to get it. Finally, we got out the door and into the car and off to school. Later that day, as I was getting ready to leave to pick her up from school for her piano class, I did not see her piano books in my car! So I knew that my daughter must have forgotten them because she was distracted and was not paying attention carefully that morning. I had to drive all the way home to get her books for her and rushed back to get her so we would not be late. I was not happy that she forgot her books, which were very important for her lessons. More

importantly, I already had to remind her to not forget things when she wasn't paying attention to my instructions. *[Storyteller, tell your own story about getting distracted and missing something, especially something important.]*

If Moses had been distracted and was not careful in paying attention, he may have missed the burning thornbush or just thought to himself that it was nothing special. More importantly, he may have missed God speaking to him. And when God was speaking and sharing His plan to Moses, instead of being distracted by the sheep around him or thinking about why the bush wasn't burning up, Moses was paying attention. If he had been distracted, he would have missed out on some VERY important things! This was a very important job, doing something for God Himself!! What if Moses had missed the instruction on who should go with him or what he should say to Pharaoh? Anyone could have paid attention to a burning bush. But Moses paid attention to God's instructions. If Moses had not paid attention to God's instructions, the children of Israel may not have been delivered from slavery in Egypt!

Good thing Moses was not distracted. He was focused and paid attention to everything God said. We can do this, too! We can learn to be like Moses and learn to always carefully pay attention to everything we do. We don't want to miss out on anything, especially on something as important as what God tells us through our parents, teachers or serving ones.

Beginner Level, Block 4, Week 5
Moses—Aaron Becoming Moses' Spokesman

Point to Emphasize: We should be willing to work together with others.

Reference Reading: Exodus 4:10-21

Memory Verse: Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labor.
(Ecclesiastes 4:9)

Story Sample

Last week we talked about Moses listening to God. God told him to return to Egypt so that he could lead God's people back to the land that He had given them, the land of Canaan. But Moses felt like he needed some help when speaking to Pharaoh back in Egypt. As a young man in Egypt Moses had learned so many things and he was so sure of himself. But now that he was 80 years old, he did not have so much confidence in himself. He wasn't sure he would be able to speak so boldly to Pharaoh.

So Moses spoke to God about it, saying that he was slow of speech. But God reminded him that He was the one who gave Moses a mouth in the first place. Did he not think that God would go with Moses and would teach him what he should speak? Still, Moses didn't trust God, so he asked Him again to send someone else to go with him to speak for him. So God gave him Aaron, Moses' brother.

When I was young, I was VERY shy. But one of my sisters was very outgoing and talkative. Oh, how she loved to talk! So when I would go somewhere new, I would always take my sister with me so that she could do all the talking and I could just hide. I wonder if this was how Moses felt.

Aaron was to go along with Moses and speak whatever Moses told him to speak. Now, you might think that God would be angry that Moses didn't trust him. But actually, God did this for a reason. Do you know what that reason was? He didn't want Moses to go alone. God's way was to send more than one person to go out for Him. He sent Aaron out to be a match to go with Moses. This is just God's way.

It is not always easy to work with someone else. Sometimes we think we are so good that we can do everything by ourselves. We don't need anyone else. But God puts us together for a reason.

Have you ever done a three-legged race? *[Explain if they don't know.]* To get back to my sister, one time we were in a three-legged race together. I loved when my sister would talk for me and I could hide, but this was different. I really didn't like being in the race with her. I was one of the fastest runners at school, but when I had to run with her leg tied to mine, I didn't like it at all. I knew I could run faster all by myself. It was really hard to coordinate with her to run. But in a race like that, you have to run with another person. And the ones that work the best together are always the ones that win the race. In the end, I realized that there was a reason for that race—that I could learn how to work with others.

So Moses and Aaron had to learn to work together if they ever planned on getting their people out of Egypt and away from Pharaoh. Next week, we'll find out how they did this. This was another part of Moses being the right person for God to use. First, Moses needed the right

family, then he needed the right training in the palace and in the wilderness, then he needed to be one who listened to God. Now we have seen that he needed to be someone who could work with others.

We can learn to work with others too! Whether you are working on a school project together, playing on a sports team together, cleaning your meeting hall, washing dishes with your brother or sister, or even playing a duet on the piano, you will have many opportunities in the years to come to work with others. Let's all try to bring an example back next week of how we worked together with someone!

Beginner Level, Block 4, Week 6 Moses—Not Giving Up

Point to Emphasize: We should never quit.

Reference Reading: Exodus 5—12

Memory Verse: ...Be strong and take courage; do not be afraid or dismayed. For Jehovah your God is with you wherever you go. (Joshua 1:9)

Story Sample

How many of you are learning how to write? I learned how to write when I was about 4 or 5 years old. Actually, my older cousin taught me how to write. We started with the first letter of my name. I remember that she had me write each letter SO many times. I remember I needed to fill a whole page to practice just one letter! It was a lot of writing! Sometimes when there is a lot of work to do, someone might want to quit. But the thought of quitting never crossed my mind. *[Storyteller, tell a personal story of never quitting even though it took you MANY times of practicing i.e. practicing an instrument, learning a sport, learning a house chore.]*

In the Bible there were two men who God asked to do something very important. Their names were Moses and Aaron. These men were obedient to go for Jehovah, but they did not know that it was going to take them MANY attempts. You see, it was time for the children of Israel to leave Egypt and start going to the land that Jehovah had promised them. But they couldn't just pack up their things and say they were leaving. There were 600,000 Israelites with Moses and Aaron in Egypt, and they needed permission from Pharaoh to leave. So God told Moses and Aaron to go to Pharaoh and tell him, "Thus says Jehovah, Let my people go." This was not an easy thing to do. Moses and Aaron were telling Pharaoh to let 600,000 people leave Egypt—that is a huge amount of people. And they were also to take their flocks and herds with them.

When Pharaoh heard Moses' request, Pharaoh said "NO!" But do you think Moses just gave up and said, "Sorry, Jehovah, I tried, but Pharaoh said "No." Did Moses quit? How does someone look when they've been told "no" to something they requested? *[Make fists and rest your cheeks on them with a very glum expression.]* Can you show how you look when you are discouraged? It may be that when we get discouraged, we just quit. I hope that is not what we do. Is that what Moses did? No! Moses learned not to give up. Moses went back to Pharaoh again...and again...and again...and again! Moses didn't just go once, or twice. Moses went to Pharaoh TWELVE times! Can you believe it? Moses went TWELVE times!

Moses didn't give up and God didn't give up! So, at the end of the twelve visits, God defeated Pharaoh. God had done everything that He promised to do when He first told Moses to go to Pharaoh and tell Him to let His people go. Now, after twelve visits to Pharaoh, the children of Israel were free at last!

Though we are not Moses and we don't have the huge task of helping the children of Israel out of Egypt, there is one thing we can do. We can never give up when we think something is right. One day God may ask you to do something for Him! Remember this story of Moses, and never give up!

Beginner Level, Block 4, Week 7

Moses—Receiving the Law

Point to Emphasize: We can be fine and detailed in all we do.

Reference Reading: Exodus 19—24

Memory Verse: Thus I will keep Your law continually, / Forever and ever. (Psalm 119:44)

Story Sample

Last week we learned that Moses didn't give up when he went to Pharaoh. And because of this, after going TWELVE times, Pharaoh finally released all the children of Israel to return to the land that God had given to them. This is how they began what was to be a very long trip!

After three months of traveling, they came to a mountain. As they camped at the bottom of the mountain, God called Moses to go up the mountain to meet with Him. God wanted Moses to tell the people something important. Once again we see what a useful man Moses was to God. God could trust him to be the one to return down the mountain with exactly what God wanted to say to His people.

It is important to be fine, exact, and detailed. You all need to be this way at home, right? You need to follow your parent's instructions exactly. Then at school, as you start to get homework, you will also have to be very detailed. My grandson is in the fourth grade and they did a special report on missions this year. The teacher gave very fine details about how they were to do this report. When he came home to tell his mom about the assignment, there were many details he missed, like how long the report should be, what the introduction and conclusion should have, and even when it was due. Oh my! He was not detailed at all! *[Storyteller, use your own story of being detailed.]*

So Moses was just the right person for God to call. After many years of education and training, he was not only strong and capable, but he was also very fine and detailed. He was able to clearly report back what God had said.

What God spoke to Moses is what we know today as the Law, the Ten Commandments, or the Ten Words. These commandments, or rules, are what your parents still teach you today. For example, they teach you to love God, to honor them, not to lie or steal, not to want what someone else has, and more. Your parents have been fine and detailed to continue to pass on to you the law God gave to them. Because of this, we can know who God is and what He wants us to do.

God spent 40 days and 40 nights giving Moses His law. That was a long time and a lot to remember! The law was very high and very detailed. It not only said not to steal, it also said exactly what to repay if someone did steal. It not only said to love God, it gave very fine details about how to worship Him. Moses had so much to remember!

I'm so glad that Moses was such a fine and detailed person. Today, thousands of years later, we can know God's law through what Moses brought back from the mountain. I want to be this kind of person too! One who is detailed in everything I do and say! Don't you?

Beginner Level, Block 4, Week 8 Moses—Caring for the Israelites

Point to Emphasize: We can be those who are caring and sensitive towards others.

Reference Reading: Exodus 15:22—18:27

Memory Verse: And be kind to one another... (Ephesians 4:32a)

Story Sample

Who in this room knows someone who is caring and sensitive? Let's first make sure we know what these words mean. **Caring** means to be kind and to have a concern for others. For example, when your mom walks in the door carrying her purse, her keys, bags of groceries, and you run to help her, you show that you care for her. Now, in order for you to care for others, you need to be sensitive. **Sensitive** is to have or display a quick and delicate appreciation of other's feelings. To be sensitive towards people means you feel how they are feeling. If you are sensitive, you might know if the boy next to you is sad or happy. If you are sensitive you might sense if he is hungry or even if he is tired.

One man in the Bible who was very caring and sensitive toward others was Moses. If you were here about five weeks ago, you learned that Moses spent 40 years in the wilderness caring for sheep. But you see, that was not all that he did. When he freed the children of Israel from Egypt and they were on their way to the good land, they spent about 40 years in the wilderness. Moses was now in charge not of sheep, but of people. And do you want to know how many people? He was in charge of 600,000 men plus women and children. That is a LOT of people! Moses was SO caring and SO sensitive to ALL of their needs.

Moses knew when they were hungry. He knew when they were thirsty. He knew when they were tired and needed to rest. Moses was SO sensitive to all of their needs. Because he was SO caring, he acted on it! Moses prayed to God so that God would help him care for all of these people.

Let me tell you one interesting thing that happened with them. The children of Israel started to get hungry, really hungry, and they complained to Moses. What was Moses going to do? Well, Moses was sensitive and knew that he needed to get food for all of them. Because Moses was caring, even when the people of Israel came to him complaining, he prayed to God to see how to feed them! Do you know what God did? God heard Moses, and God made bread rain down from heaven every morning! WOW! The children of Israel did not go hungry! God fed them all when Moses prayed!

How was Moses able to be sensitive and care for all the needs of 600,000 men plus women and children for forty years? I think I have an idea of how Moses may have done it. When I had my firstborn son, I had no idea how to care for him. I read books and asked moms around me, but nothing prepared me for what was coming! That baby would cry at ALL hours! At first I just didn't know if he was hungry or if he was sleepy or if he needed a clean diaper! It was so hard to know what he needed! But, I loved this baby SO much. Little by little I started developing a sensitive and caring heart. My baby would cry and I soon knew EXACTLY what he needed! *[Storyteller, insert your personal example of caring or being sensitive to the needs of others, just as Moses may have done it.]*

Now, you are just in Kindergarten or perhaps in First Grade, right? You might not be in charge of caring for 600,000 men! But even today you can be caring and sensitive toward your mom, your dad, your siblings, and even the ones that are sitting next to you in children's meetings! Let's be like Moses! Let's be caring and sensitive toward others!

Beginner Level, Block 4, Week 9

Moses—Building the Tabernacle

Point to Emphasize: We can be those who are thorough and capable in everything we do.

Reference Reading: Exodus 25:9, 40; 26:1—27:21; 35:10—38:31; 40:1-38

Memory Verse: Thus Moses did; according to all that Jehovah had commanded him, so he did.
(Exodus 40:16)

Story Sample

Moses was quite an admirable person, wasn't he? He was well-educated; he was patient, caring, and sensitive; he received instructions well; he worked well with others; he did not give up; and he was very detailed. Doesn't that sound like someone who God could trust with very important things? At the end of the book of Exodus where we read about Moses, God asked him to build a tabernacle.

What was this tabernacle? This tabernacle was the place where the children of Israel could come to God and where His presence and glory would be. Actually, the tabernacle was God's house or dwelling place on the earth.

Have you ever made a fort at your house, using the pillows from your couches, blankets, tables, chairs, and whatever else you could find around the house? That's fun, but you couldn't live in it. It would fall apart easily and would not keep you safe from the rain, wind, or cold.

God wanted the right place for Himself, so it was important for it to be exactly right. This place needed to match who He was. It couldn't just be made with whatever materials the children of Israel found lying around in the wilderness, like sand and rocks. So God gave Moses very specific and very detailed instructions on how to build and raise the tabernacle, what to put in it, what the items there should look like and where they should be placed, and how the people should come into the tabernacle to be in God's presence.

God told Moses how big the tabernacle, as well as all the rooms or courts inside it needed to be. He told him how many tent coverings, clasps, boards, bars, pillars, and sockets were needed and instructed him how to put them together. He told him what the length of the curtains should be and how to hang them, how to put them together, what materials they should be made out of, and what color embroidery they should be. All the tent coverings had to be made of different materials, and each one had to be laid in order on top of the other. The boards for the wall were to be made of acacia wood and overlaid with gold and sockets of silver, and they had to be cut to the correct length. Then God also gave Moses instructions on the utensils needed, like pots, shovels, basins, forks, firepans, that had to be made of bronze. The tabernacle also needed lampstands, lamps, and oil for the light. Wow! Those were very, very detailed instructions. You would need a very thorough person to make sure not one thing is missed!

I build LEGOs with my daughter who is 5 years old, like some of you. We found out that sometimes, if you miss a step and you keep building, later on you won't be able to continue and you'd have to go back and fix it. One time my daughter started building a truck by following the instructions in the book. Eventually, she had to ask me for help because something was not fitting right. When I checked, I found out that she had missed one or two steps in the

instructions, so we had to remove some pieces and then re-build the truck. *[Storyteller, please share a personal example of being thorough in something you do.]*

The Bible says, "Thus Moses did; according to all that Jehovah had commanded him, so he did" (Exodus 40:16). So everything was done "as Jehovah had commanded Moses." Moses was such a thorough person that not one thing was missed. Everything was done just as God had commanded. And he was such a capable person that he was able to oversee the whole thing. Where would they get the materials? Moses got everyone to participate, and everyone brought to him the things that were needed. Who would do the work of building? He used those who were skillful workmen and engravers and embroiderers. To be capable doesn't only mean that you can or should do every single thing yourself. It also means you find the best people for the job or you work together with others who are able to do things, especially things you cannot do.

We may not have such a big job like building a house for God, but we can still be thorough and capable in everything we do. We can be thorough with our homework and not be careless or miss any instruction. We can be capable in helping our parents with the dishes or putting our things where they belong. If we are thorough and capable in what we do, our parents and teachers will trust us to do things for them and know that it will be done correctly every time.

Beginner Level, Block 4, Week 10 Moses—Retelling the Law

Point to Emphasize: We can be careful to speak exactly and remember every fine detail of God's word.

Reference Reading: Deuteronomy (footnotes 1¹; 1²)

Memory Verse: I will take delight in Your statutes [law]; / I will not forget Your word.
(Psalm 119:16)

Story Sample

For the last weeks we have heard many stories about Moses, haven't we? What a great man he was. He is such a good pattern for all of us to follow. As a young one, like you, he learned his lessons well in Pharaoh's palace and became a smart and good person. Then 40 years later he ended up in the wilderness, shepherding the flocks. Here he learned to be humble, patient and responsible. Then after another 40 years of shepherding sheep, God called him to go back to Egypt and lead God's people out to the good land of Canaan. Now, after another 40 years have passed, and after wandering in the wilderness all this time and having received the law, time came for the children of Israel to enter into the good land. Moses faithfully led God's people all this time. I know you might not be able to add big numbers, but let me help you: 40 years in Pharaoh's palace plus 40 years of shepherding plus 40 years in the wilderness, that all adds up to 120 years! Moses is very old! Do you think he can possibly be of any use to God now, when he is so old?

The answer is YES! God had one more thing that Moses needed to do for Him, and it involved his memory. It had been 40 years since the law had been given to the people. Now that they were about to enter into the good land of Canaan, they needed to be reminded about their history as well as the law of God. Many of them were born after the giving of the law on the mountain. In the book of Deuteronomy, Moses respeaks the history of the children of Israel from the time they received the law until his final days. How detailed was his memory, and how deep was his love for the people! He spoke to them as if he were a loving father to them, showing his care and concern. In this book, Moses was very careful to speak exactly and remember every fine detail of the law.

Wow! I don't know if I could do that—to remember everything exactly like that. But I think Moses must have learned to memorize from the time he was a very small child. This is such a good thing to do. This is why your parents are so happy with you when you can memorize your verses. If you memorize them now, then when you grow up it will be so easy for you to recall God's word.

When I was young, I loved to memorize my verses. But I wasn't very good at memorizing the "address," or verse reference. That means where to find it in the Bible. So now as an adult, very often I can repeat a verse in the Bible to someone, but I can't always remember where that verse is in the Bible. Oh, how I wish I had memorized it when I was young! *[Storyteller, give an example of when you recalled a verse you had memorized as a child and how it helped you.]*

Today, let's spend some time to try to learn our verse—and the "address!" If we do this now, then when we grow old, like Moses, we will be able to speak God's word to others.