

EXODUS

PART 2: IDENTITY



JANUARY 27, 2018 | **FAMILY** GROWTH GUIDE

Developing a Heavenly Appetite

Exodus 15:22-16:36

Message Big Idea

God sovereignly uses earthly testes to develop a heavenly appetite in us.

Family Teaching Moment

God promised Israel a promised land, but before that promise was fulfilled, they endured a time of testing that wasn't "fun." It was during that time of testing that Israel could either:

1. Complain, grow disappointed, pout, etc...
2. Or develop a trust and appetite for God.

Family Activity

PLAN AHEAD FOR THIS ACTIVITY THIS WEEK:

(Due to the weather forecast this week and probability of multiple snow days for school, this activity could be great!)

- Select a day that you can promise your children a really nice meal complete with dessert for dinner. Select a meal that they would absolutely LOVE!
 - Get creative with this and make the dinner/dessert as special as possible when you tell them about it.
- On that day don't tempt them, but serve your children a "bare minimum" breakfast and lunch. Exaggerate the portion size
 - Breakfast Examples: ¼ size slice of toast, one slice of orange, 3 spoonfuls of cereal, etc...

- Lunch Examples: ¼ size peanut butter and jelly sandwich, 3 potato chips, etc...

Provide the bare minimum for your kids knowing that later that night they will have a feast! How will your kids respond? Will they complain and grumble or will they be thankful for what is to come? Will they develop an appetite?

Use this day to teach how “God sovereignly uses earthly tests to develop heavenly appetites in us!”