

EXODUS

PART 2: IDENTITY



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Lifted Hands

Exodus 17:8-16

Message Big Idea

To win the battle, we must begin the battle on our knees.

Supplies

Items you'll need for this activity:

1. A few Invitation cards and envelopes... or make them yourself
2. Crayons or markers
3. Colorful/fun stickers if you have them

Activities

ASK and DISCUSS:

1. When you have been invited to something fun like a birthday party, wedding, or another special event... How did you know you were invited?
2. What do invitations look like? What do they say?

TEACH:

God has invited each of us to spend time with Him and talk to Him. God wants us to talk to Him! This time of talking with God is called prayer.

ACTIVITY:

- Set out the invitation cards and envelopes and have the kids make an invitation to themselves from God!
 - Who is doing the inviting: GOD
 - Who is being invited: ME (your child)
 - What is the invitation for: A PRAYER PARTY

- What time: ANY TIME
- Where: ANY PLACE
- Date: EVERY DAY
- Remind your child that this card is God's personal invitation for a special time.

ASK AND DISCUSS:

1. When you have something important or exciting that you want to share with a friend, how do you usually communicate with them?
2. Do you need to send a special invitation to talk with your friend?
3. How would feel if every time you had something to talk about with your friend you had to make an appointment or send an invitation?

TEACH:

God wants us to talk to Him daily like He is our best friend. We don't need an invitation to talk to God every single day. He has already given us an invitation to talk to Him and it's good for ANY TIME, ANY PLACE, EVERY DAY!

ASK and DISCUSS:

1. What kind of things can we pray about?
2. How should we sound when we pray?
3. Is there anything God doesn't want us to pray about?

READ:

Ephesians 6:18 - "At all times, pray by the power of the Spirit. Pray all kinds of prayers. Be watchful, so that you can pray. Always keep on praying for all the Lord's people."

TEACH:

- God wants us to know that we can pray "at all times" and we can pray "all kinds of prayers."
- God wants us to know that the power of prayer comes by the power of His Spirit.
- God also wants us to know that we shouldn't just pray for ourselves, but we also pray from "all the Lord's people."

TRY IT:

Finish with some family prayer together!