

For 400 years the Israelites had been slaves in Egypt. Now God sends Moses to tell Pharaoh to set the people free. The people must be ready to leave Egypt and slavery at any moment. Even their bread must be made without yeast, because there is no time to let it rise.

But God knows it will be easier to get the people out of slavery than it will be to get slavery out of the people. God changes their circumstances in a single night, but it takes a lot longer to change their story from abused, deprived and forsaken to blessed, beloved and free. Telling and re-telling this story helps them (and us!) remember how God, with great love, frees them (and us!) from slavery.

## TALK ABOUT THIS:

Are we enslaved by what other people think, or by "the way it's always been done"? What else holds you back? Would it be freeing to live every day knowing that you're completely loved, just exactly as you are? Why is that story so hard for us to believe sometimes? Is that why we tell these stories, just like the Israelites did?



What stories is your church writing today? How does your story illustrate God's work in and through your life?



## **RELATIONSHIP**

How will decisions your church makes now bless generations to come?

A BEDTIME ROUTINE FOR FAMILIES

SHARE your highs and lows from the day.

**READ** the Bible story.

TALK about how the story relates to your highs and lows.

PRAY for one another's highs and lows.

BLESS one another.

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