

# God's Saving Action

## Preparation for the Session

**Turn to Page 105,**  
the Family + Faith page.  
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In this chapter you will help your child to:

- Recognize that God calls ordinary people to accomplish extraordinary things
- Compare Moses' courage to our need for courage to choose good
- Describe the Exodus as the Israelites' journey from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land, accomplished and directed by God
- Identify Passover as the Jewish holy day that celebrates God's leading the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt
- Recognize that we participate in the new covenant every time we take part in the Church's Sacraments or make good choices

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**Read** the **Consider This** feature. What thoughts or reactions do you have to the opening question?

**Parents, Consider This:** *Have you ever wondered why God calls ordinary people to accomplish extraordinary things? Abraham, Sarah, and Moses needed courage just as we need courage to choose good in our own lives. Our journey of faith is no less important or significant to God than theirs was. Encourage your family to be open to how God can work through each of us for good. We can start in our own home by loving each other.*

**Read** these other sections on the Family + Faith Page.

- *Your Child Learned.* This highlights some of the content of Sacred Scripture and Tradition in the lesson.
- *Children At This Age.* This will help you to understand how your child processes and learns at this developmental level.



**Let's Sing:** These songs connect the session topics and can be downloaded from [aliveinchrist.osv.com](http://aliveinchrist.osv.com).

- Go Down, Moses
- Blest By Your Sacrifice

## INVITE: Encountering God in His Word

After gathering the supplies that you will need, find a quiet place to be with your child. This is a sacred time—a time when you will be present to each other and to the Lord. You may want to light a candle as you begin.



**Let Us Pray** Invite your child to make the Sign of the Cross. Read aloud the Psalm verse from the book. Help your child to respond.

**Say:** Passover celebrates a meal of remembrance. It recalls a wondrous saving act of God. The Passover celebrations end with Psalm 118, a great prayer of remembrance, thanks, and praise.

 **Guide** your child through the Preparing for God’s Word Ritual you learned in the Introduction Session or play Track 1 of the *Songs of Scripture* CD.

- Proclaim God’s Word in the Parchment Paper box on the page.
- Maintain several moments of silence.
- Ask: What did you hear God say to you today?

**Invite** your child to respond and also share what you heard.

Now, look at the *What Do You Wonder?* box.

**Say:** The Eucharist is our great meal of remembrance. We celebrate God’s saving love. We remember and fulfill Jesus’ command, “Do this in memory of me.”

**Invite** your child to respond to the questions. Prompt what else they might wonder about the saving actions of God.

## DISCOVER: Learning God’s Truth

**Turn to Page 98,**  
God Delivers His People  
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**Summarize** the text to introduce the story.

 **Read** aloud the story of Moses.

**Point out** the artwork on the page that corresponds to God’s call.

**Discuss** with your child why God would work through people.

### Activity

**On** a separate piece of paper, have your child list the qualities a person like Moses would need to have. Review your child’s list together.

**Turn to Page 99,**  
The Exodus  
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 **Proclaim** the Scripture story.

**Ask** your child to find the reason for the plagues in the Scripture passage. (Pharaoh refused to grant freedom to the Jewish people.)

### Activity

**Do** the Share Your Faith activity. Have your child share his or her answer with you.

**Parents, Consider This:** *In the hectic pace of life today, we may not often think about God’s saving actions in our lives except in times of challenge or distress. But throughout our lives, through continued faith and the action of grace, we experience salvation. However, there may be areas where we, or someone in our family, are in need of his saving action. These are the concerns to bring to him in prayer, remembering God’s faithfulness and his promise to our ancestors in faith. Bring these requests to God with trust in his saving grace.*

**Turn to Page 100,**  
Memorial Meals  
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**Summarize** the information in the first paragraph.

**Have** your child silently read “The Passover Meal.” Then discuss, together, the two questions at the end of that section.

**Turn to Page 101,**  
Jesus Saves  
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**Ask** your child to silently read the first paragraph.

**Explain** how we participate in the new covenant. *(by participating in the Seven Sacraments and/or by following Jesus)*

**Read** aloud the second and third paragraphs together. Make sure that your child understands that the Eucharist is the Passover meal for Christians because Jesus replaced the Passover lamb of the Israelites.

**Review** the definitions of the words **Passover** and **Savior** in the Catholic Faith Words box.

## Activity

**Have** your child do the Connect Your Faith activity. Review his or her completed work.

**Parents, Consider This:** *Remember that the feast of Holy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper in a special and beautiful way. Make an effort to participate in that liturgy as a family. It can be a family tradition to share in this beautiful liturgy together.*

## LIVE: Living Our Faith

**Turn to Page 102,**  
Our Catholic Life  
*Vivos en Cristo*, Page 205

**Have** your child silently read the first paragraph.



**Do** the gold–star activity.

**Discuss** together some major evils and sources of temptation. Encourage your child to persevere in making good choices.

**Turn to Page 103,**  
People of Faith  
*Vivos en Cristo*, Page 207

**Read** the paragraph about Saint Teresia Benedicta of the Cross.

- Share your reactions to the information.
- Talk about what helps you to remain faithful.

## Activity

**Have** your child complete the Live Your Faith activity.

**Parents, Consider This:** *Your child might be aware of the persecution of certain groups of people living at the time as Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross' (Edith Stein). Reading this story of her life is a wonderful opportunity to discuss prejudice and intolerance with your child. God would never want us to judge another person by their race or ethnic background. We are all children of God. Cultivate this value in your family.*

**Turn to Page 105,**  
Family + Faith Page and  
conclude with the Let's Pray  
prayer on this page.  
*Vivos en Cristo*, Page 211

**Parents, Consider This:** *It is important to form our children in the common language of prayer. We encourage you to pray the Glory Be (see Page 320), during your night prayer this week.*



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