

**DAY 1 – EXODUS 1:1-7**

1. What did you find new and/or interesting from the lecture?
2. What were the covenant promises that God made to Abram, the patriarch of the Israelites? (See Gn 17:2-8)
3. Verse 1 says the sons of Israel came with Jacob into Egypt. Read Genesis 35:9-11. How are Jacob and Israel related?
4. How did the Israelites come to live in Egypt? (See Acts 7:11-15)
5. How are the promises from question #2 beginning to be fulfilled?

**DAY 2 – EXODUS 1:8-14**

6.
  - a. What had Joseph's relationship been with the King/Pharaoh of his time? (See Gn 41:39-46)
  - b. What has changed for the Israelites since Joseph's time?
7.
  - a. What was the present Pharaoh's fear concerning the Israelites?
  - b. List some of the ways people deal with fear.
  - c. How do you deal with fear? **(Personal)**
8.
  - a. What was Pharaoh's first solution to his dilemma?
  - b. What can happen when people in power have no knowledge of God? (See Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) 2244, 2257)
  - c. What was the result of Pharaoh's plan?
  - d. Give examples of how oppression often serves to strengthen the oppressed.
9. When was the enslavement of the Israelites foretold? (See Gn 15:13)
10.
  - a. God had promised the Israelites the land of Canaan. Why do you think they stayed in Egypt for so long?
  - b. Did Joseph believe his people would remain in Egypt forever? (See Gn 50:24-26)
11.
  - a. The Hebrews suffered unjustly. According to 1 Peter 3:13-17, what must we do in the face of injustice and suffering?
  - b. How have times of suffering affected your relationship with God? **(Personal)**

**DAY 3 – EXODUS 1:15-22**

12.
  - a. What was Pharaoh's next plan to dominate the Israelites?

b. How have Pharaoh's actions been "mirrored" in today's world?

13. a. What motivated the midwives to disobey Pharaoh?

b. What do the following verses tell you about fear of the Lord?

- Deuteronomy 10:12 \_\_\_\_\_
  - Joshua 24:14 \_\_\_\_\_
  - Ecclesiastes 12:13 \_\_\_\_\_
  - Sirach 1:9-18 \_\_\_\_\_
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14. a. How did the midwives respond to Pharaoh's questioning?

b. How and why did God reward the midwives?

15. a. What was Pharaoh's final solution to vanquish the Israelites?

b. What event in the Gospels does this bring to mind?

#### **DAYS 4 & 5 – EXODUS 2:1-10**

16. What do you learn from the following verses about the parents and family of Moses?

- Exodus 2:1 \_\_\_\_\_
- Exodus 6:20 \_\_\_\_\_
- Hebrews 11:23 \_\_\_\_\_

17. What sacrifice did Moses' mother (Jochebed) make for the good of her child?

18. Who finds the baby and what is her reaction?

19. How does Moses' sister intervene on behalf of her brother?

20. How did God reward the sacrifice of Jochebed?

21. What was the responsibility of Moses' parents with regards to his spiritual formation?  
(See CCC 2221, 2228)

22. Moses was returned to Pharaoh's daughter. Why is it significant that she adopts him as her son?  
(See Acts 7:22)

23. a. Review the passages for the week. How have you witnessed God's intervention in the lives of Moses and the Israelites?

b. When have you been aware of God's intervention in your own life this week? **(Personal)**

24. **BONUS** Many parallels between Moses and Jesus can be found in Scripture. What parallel have you observed so far?