

Our God is So Strong and So Mighty (12/11/22)

Main Verses: Exodus 7:2-5

Key Verse: Exodus 7:4

'Takeaway': In order to set his people free, God has been and will be strong enough to defeat even the greatest enemies.

Getting Started: Who is the strongest person you know? What makes them so strong?

READ Exodus 7:2-5 (or have an older kid read it)

Some **QUESTIONS** to consider:

Toddler/PreK:

- What were Moses and Aaron supposed to do?
- What does it mean to have a hard heart?
- Why would God harden Pharaoh's heart?

Elementary:

- How does God hardening Pharaoh's heart relate to what Pharaoh has done to God's people? (see Exodus 1:14; 6:9)
- What does God tell Moses?
- What is going to be the final outcome in this Egyptian story?

Here are some **IMPORTANT IDEAS** we discover in these verses :

Toddler/PreK:

- God used Moses and Aaron to communicate his message to Pharaoh.
- God hardened Pharaoh's heart for His purposes (that is, God allowed Pharaoh's pride and stubbornness to blind him from the truth that he could not win against the God of Israel).
- It would be God and only God who had the strength to defeat Pharaoh and save His people. God is the only one who is strong enough to save His people.
- God helps his people today to live for him. He defends them and helps them make good choices.

Elementary:

- God used Moses, Aaron, and Pharaoh to accomplish His purpose for His glory.
- Pharaoh had made God's people's slavery "difficult" or "hard" and in return Pharaoh's heart would become "hard." (Exodus 1:14; 6:9). God hardened Pharaoh's heart (that is, he allowed Pharaoh's pride and stubbornness to blind him from the truth) so it would be clear that when they left Egypt it was because of God's actions, not the persuasiveness of Moses or the leadership of Pharaoh.
- God had said the Israelites would know the Lord as their God in Exodus 6:7; now he says that also "The Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD." God's strength and might will be evident to both the Egyptians and the Israelites and there will be no doubt that it is all for his glory alone.
- Today God helps us to resist temptation by resting in him and his strength.

An **ENCOURAGEMENT** in light of God's word:

(Toddler/PreK) Talk to God, and thank him for being a strong and mighty God who fights for us. Thank him for rescuing us from our me-centered lives through the victory of Jesus, through his death and resurrection. Ask God to help you remember that victory, and to listen for and obey his voice every day.

(Elementary) Talk to God, thanking him for being a strong and mighty God who fights for us and saves us. Thank him for rescuing us from our me-centered lives through the victory of Jesus by defeating our greatest enemies, sin and Satan. Thank God for this victory, and talk to him about your own life and how you do (or don't) depend on him to guide and help you through life. Ask God to help you to live for him every day.

