

# The Message of God's Great Rescue (12/18/22)

**Main Verses:** Exodus 12:24-27

**Key Verse:** Exodus 12:27

**'Takeaway':** God calls parents to teach their children about God's great rescue, so don't be afraid to ask them about it!

**Getting Started:** What have your parents taught you?

**READ** Exodus 12:24-27 (or have an older kid read it)

Some **QUESTIONS** to consider:

Toddler/PreK:

- What do you know about how God rescued his people from Egypt?
- What did God call those Hebrew parents to do for their children? Why was that important for the children?
- How does the Passover point us to Jesus? What have you learned about rescue through Jesus?

Elementary:

- What do you remember about how God rescued his people from Egypt and how does Passover relate to it?
- Why was it important how Hebrew parents responded to their children's questions about Passover?
- How does the Passover point us to Jesus? What have you learned about rescue through Jesus? What have your parents shared?

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

Toddler/PreK:

- It is important that parents teach their children about God's great rescue, and that they do so according to God's word. And it's important for children to listen to their parents (Ephesians 6:1).
- Just as God wanted the Hebrews to remember correctly his rescue from Egypt, he calls Christian parents to remind their children about God's great rescue for all sinners through Jesus's death and resurrection; the rescue through "Christ, our Passover lamb" (1 Corinthians 5:7).

Elementary:

- Israel's identity as the people whom the LORD rescued from Egypt was to be formed both through faithful participation in the celebration of the Passover and by proper narration of what it signifies.
- Passover points us to "Christ, our Passover Lamb" (1 Corinthians 5:7), and to the Last Supper, which in turn points to Jesus' death on the cross and his resurrection. Because of Jesus, we have a chance to be rescued by God from a life of slavery to sin and a death without hope.
- It is important that parents teach their children about God's great rescue, and that they do so according to God's word, in the way God tells them to. **And** it's important for children to listen to their parents (Ephesians 6:1).

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

(Toddler/PreK) Talk to God and thank him for your parents. Ask God to help your parents teach you more about God, and ask him to help you listen to and learn from your parents. Thank God for his great rescue - that he rescued the people of Israel in Egypt AND that he **rescues us** from our me-centered, sin-filled lives through faith in Jesus, who died on the cross and rose again so that we can live for God forever.

(Elementary) Talk to God, and thank him for your parents. Talk to him about your relationship with your parents. Ask God to protect your parents, and ask him to help your parents teach you more about him. Ask God to help you to listen to and learn from your parents. Thank God for his great rescue— first the **people of Israel** in Egypt and now **us**, through faith in Jesus and his death and resurrection. **Admit** you are guilty of living a me-centered life instead of a God-centered one. **Believe** that Jesus is your only hope for forgiveness, freedom, and forever with God. With your whole heart and being, **commit** yourself to following Jesus' loving leadership. If you pray this, or have questions about what it means, talk to a trusted adult in your life about it.

