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DIRECTOR GUIDE

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Old Testament 2

God Protects His People in Egypt and the Exodus

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Order of Opening Worship for Sunday School

Leader and students may make the sign of the cross + in remembrance of their Baptism.

L: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: O LORD, in the morning You hear my voice;

C: In the morning I prepare a sacrifice for You and watch. (Psalm 5:3)

L: My mouth is filled with Your praise,

C: And with Your glory all the day. (Psalm 71:8)

L: O Lord, open my lips,

C: And my mouth will declare Your praise. (Psalm 51:15)

L: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

C: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Hymn of the Day

Bible Reading

Catechism Reading

Seedlings Devotional Talk

The Apostles' Creed

The Lord's Prayer

General Prayers

Luther's Morning Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

(Luther's Small Catechism)



Freedom

The Birth of Moses (Exodus 1:1–2:10)

Old Testament 2, Lesson 5

Text: Galatians 5:1

Hymn of the Day: I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus (*LSB* 729; CD 5)

Object: A paper chain; a candy bar; scissors

Ask for a volunteer from the group. Talk to the volunteer. **Let's pretend this is a real chain made of steel, which cannot be broken or stretched. I'm going to attach one end of this chain to your wrist and the other to this chair.** Do so. Then place a candy bar just out of reach so the child cannot reach it without breaking the chain.

Would you like the candy bar? How does it feel to want something but not be able to have it because I have kept it from you by means of this chain? It feels frustrating. Perhaps the child even feels anger at being unable to do what he or she wants. Explain that what the child wants is freedom, freedom to do what he or she wants to do. When we are deprived of freedom, we feel frustrated and angry. Ask, **Can you name some people who are not free?** They may include prisoners, slaves, and even children whose parents put restrictions on them, like being "grounded." **How can people who are in bondage or restricted become free?** Sometimes freedom is won through war or by meeting the requirements of the person who has imposed the restriction.

The devil would like to keep us away from God and His love. He tells us we aren't good enough or that God doesn't care about us. That's like putting a chain on our heart that keeps us from being free from our sins and free to do the things God has planned for us to do. If the devil were in charge of our lives, we would be frustrated and angry and afraid all the time. But Jesus has set us free. That's what He did when He died on the cross for us. He broke the control that sin had over us, so now we can belong to Him. Cut the chain with the scissors. **Our Bible reading for today says that since God has set us free, we need to be careful that we never let the devil control us again. We need to stay close to Jesus and not let the devil trick us into thinking that God doesn't love us because of our sins. Jesus' death on the cross set us free once and for all. We are free to serve Him and to let others know they can be free as well if they believe in Jesus, their Savior.**

Your Bible study today tells how God prepared to save His people when they were slaves in the land of Egypt. It all began with the birth of a special baby who would grow up to do great things in God's name and set His people free.

Prayer: Dear Jesus, thank You for setting us free from sin so that we can serve You with our lives because we love You. Help us tell others that You have freed them too. Amen.