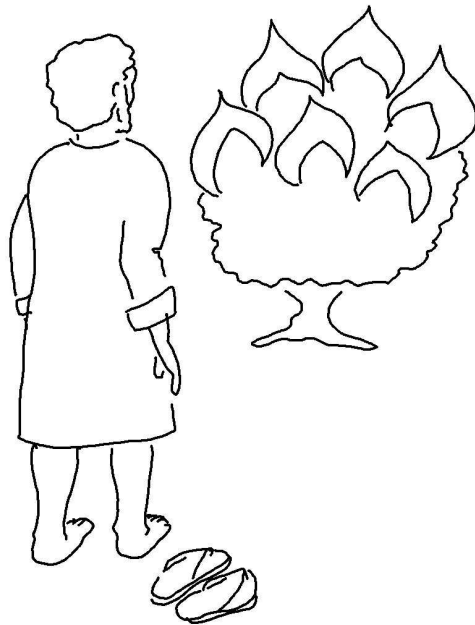


One way to start a habit is to use a start chart or a rewards chart. Give your self a tick or star for each day you spend a quiet time in Bible Study and Prayer. Pick a chapter or book of the Bible to start reading, the Gospel of Mark, or the story of Moses in Exodus chapters 2 and 3. Before you start reading ask God to be with you, and when you've finished, talk to God about what you have read.

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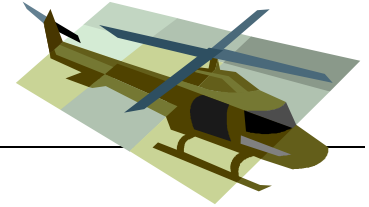


Come, let us worship and bow down. Let us kneel before
the Lord our maker. Psalms 95:6_{NLT}

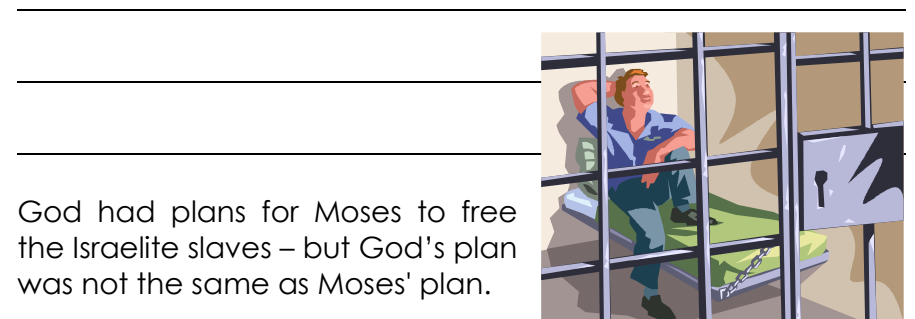
The Burning Bush

Sabbath

If you had to make a plan to free someone how would you do it?







God had plans for Moses to free the Israelite slaves – but God's plan was not the same as Moses' plan.

Sunday

Moses grew up as the son of the Princess of Egypt and had the best Egyptian education possible.

But he didn't forget his own people; when he saw how hard the Israelite slaves had to work he wanted to do something. As the future Pharaoh of Egypt he would have learned how to lead the army and I'm sure he must have dreamed of one day leading an Israelite army to fight the Egyptians and gain their freedom.

One day, he saw an Egyptian beating an Israelite; Moses killed the Egyptian and hid the body in the sand. The next day he saw two Israelite men fighting and asked, "Why are you fighting each other?" Instead of being excited that Moses could lead them to freedom, one of the Israelites demanded, "Are you going to kill me like you killed that Egyptian?" Then Moses was afraid and sure enough, Pharaoh had heard and ordered Moses arrest; so Moses fled from Egypt.

Now as he was rested by a well in the land of Midian, he watched seven sisters come, planning to water their sheep, but other shepherds pushed in first so Moses stepped in and helped the girls water their sheep. When the girls arrived home much earlier than usual, their father was surprised and he invited Moses to stay with them.

Moses lived with them many years, working as a shepherd and eventually marrying Zipporah, one of Jethro's daughters.

One day, as Moses led the sheep near Mount Sinai, he saw a fire in a bush, but the bush didn't burn up! Then he heard the voice of God, "Moses! Moses! Don't come any closer. Take off your sandals; you are standing on holy ground. - I am the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob."

Moses took off his sandals and the Lord said, "I have seen what is happening in Egypt, so I am sending you to Pharaoh; you will lead my people to freedom."



Friday

What about you? Is there something special that you would like to do when you grow up? Have you given any thought to how you might be able to work for God?

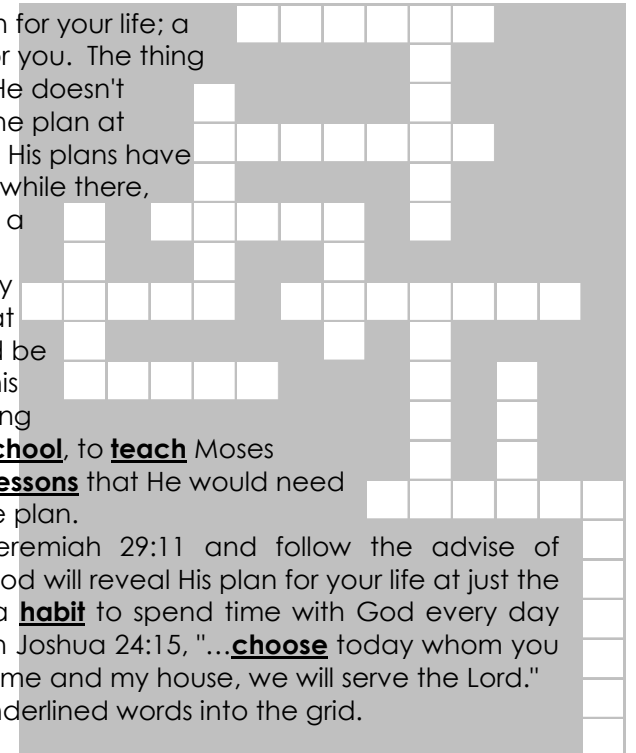
Do you know the following verses from memory? If you don't, write them out on a piece of paper and start learning them.

Jeremiah 29:11^{NLT}, "For I know the _ _ _ _ I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a _ _ _ _ and a _ _ _ _."

Matthew 6:33^{NIV}, "But _ _ _ _ first His _ _ _ _ _ and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

God has a good plan for your life; a plan that is **perfect** for you. The thing to remember is that He doesn't always **reveal** all of the plan at once and sometimes His plans have different **parts**. For a while there, God led Moses to be a shepherd in the wilderness, it probably seemed to Moses that that is what he would be doing for the rest of his life. But God was using the wilderness as a **school**, to **teach** Moses important **skills** and **lessons** that He would need in the next part of the plan.

If you remember Jeremiah 29:11 and follow the advise of Matthew 33:6 then God will reveal His plan for your life at just the right time. Make it a **habit** to spend time with God every day and as Joshua said in Joshua 24:15, "...**choose** today whom you will serve... But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Fit the missing and underlined words into the grid.



Thursday

Moses thought that killing the Egyptian was a good start, but it wasn't God's plan. Here are some things that might seem OK at the time but will cause us problems later. Find the underlined words.

Not telling the whole truth – telling a little lie.
Taking something that is not yours, that no one will notice.
Hating someone who is mean to you.
Disobeying Mum when she is not looking.
Breaking the rules when no one is watching.
Taking something to make you feel good.
Doing something because all your friends are doing it.

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God forgave Jacob – when he stole the birthright and lied and tricked his Father.

God forgave Moses when he was impatient and killed the Egyptian.

God will forgive you when you are impatient and stuff up; you just have to ask Him.



Monday

Moses was right; God was calling Him to lead the Israelites to freedom, but not in the way or in the time the time that Moses thought. Instead of waiting for God's guidance, Moses became impatient and took matters into his own hands when he killed the Egyptian. No doubt as Moses fled from Egypt, he kept thinking that he was a failure and that all hope had been lost.

Read Acts 7:30 and Exodus 7:7 and see if you can calculate:

How old was Moses when he returned to Egypt? _____

How many years did he stay in Midian? _____

So how old Moses was when he had to flee from Egypt? _____

For forty years (less the time he spent with his birth family), Moses had learned the wisdom of the Egyptians including being a leader, planning and organization, military strategy and many other things. Then God took forty years in the wilderness to teach him the other important lessons he needed to learn, including waiting patiently for God's timing and trust and faith in God. And then Moses was ready for God to use him as a leader.

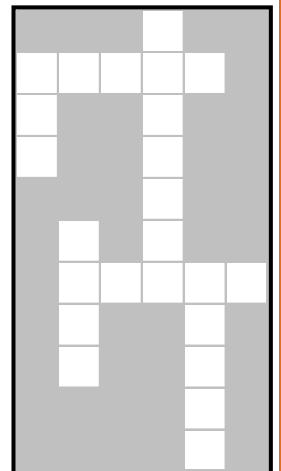
Of course Moses is not the only person in the Bible who was impatient. Look up these bible verses and use the people's names to fill the grid.

Who didn't wait to have her own child and who agreed to her plan? (Her decision caused lots of family problems later) Genesis 16:1, 2

Who didn't want to wait to eat and who didn't want to wait for God? Genesis 25:29-34

Which son didn't want to wait in Luke 15:12?
The _____ son

Who was running out of patience in Job 6:1, 11?



Tuesday

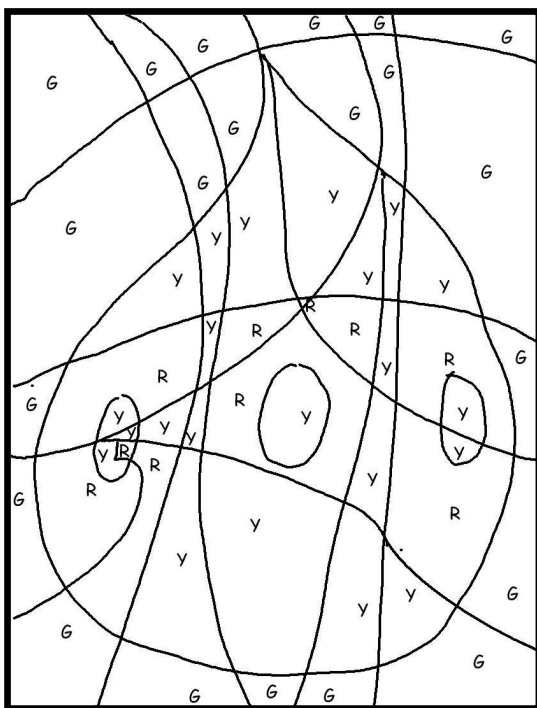
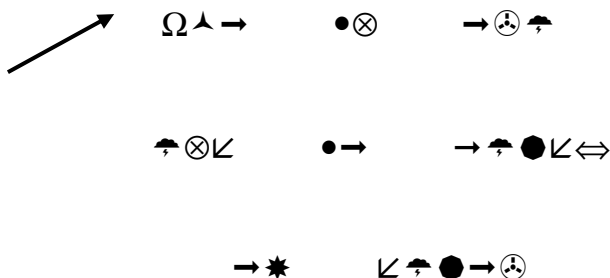
Moses thought
he was helping
when he killed
the Egyptian.
But was he?

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Proverbs

14:12WEB says,
There is a
way that
seems right
to a man...



Who spoke to Moses
from the burning
bush?

Y = Yellow
G = Green
R = Red

Wednesday

As the prince of Egypt, Moses had been trained to be a leader, but God could not use him yet. Moses is believed to have been the first author of the Bible and now, thanks to Moses and the other Bible writers, translators and publishers, we can read God's word to us at any time and if we are willing, we can learn what God would have us learn, from the mistakes of others.

These Bible verse contain some things that Moses needed to learn. Use the clues to solve the crossword.

2 Corinthians 12:9^{NLT}, The Lord says, "My _____ (11 across) is all you need. My _____ (9d) works best in _____ (5a)."

Proverbs 3:5, ⁶NLT, "Trust in the _____ (10a) with all your _____ (1d); do not depend on your own _____ (4d). Seek His will in all you do, and He will show you which path to take."

"What is _____ (6a)
for people is _____ (7d)
with _____ (8d)." Luke 18:27_{NLT}

"My _ _ _ _ _ (3a) are
nothing like your thoughts,"
says the Lord. "And my _ _ _ _
(2a) are far beyond anything
you could imagine."

Isaiah 55:8_{NLT}