

PERSEVERING

MOSES OBEYS GOD AND DOESN'T GIVE UP

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: EXODUS 5:1-12:31

430 years earlier, Joseph had been sold as a slave, taken to Egypt, and later became governor there. As years passed, the Hebrew families grew to include thousands of people. When new kings (pharaohs) came to Egypt, they didn't know about Joseph and made the Hebrews work as slaves. Finally, God spoke to Moses, and told him to lead the Hebrew people out of Egypt to a new land.

Persevering means that we continue doing something until it is finished....even if we would want to quit.

Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and said, "This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: 'Let my people go, so that they may hold a festival to me in the desert.'"

Pharaoh said, "Who is the Lord, that I should obey him and let Israel go? I do not know the Lord and I will not let Israel go."

Then they said, "The God of the Hebrews has met with us. Now let us take a three-day journey into the desert to offer sacrifices to the Lord our God, or He may strike us with plagues or with the sword."

But the king of Egypt said, "Moses and Aaron, why are you taking the people away from their labor? Get back to your work!"

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Pharaoh's heart is unyielding; he refuses to let the people go. Go to Pharaoh in the morning as he goes out to the water. Then say to him, 'The Lord, the God of the Hebrews, has sent me to say to you:By this you will know that I am the Lord: With the staff that is in my hand I will strike the water of the Nile, and it will be changed into blood.'"

Moses and Aaron did just as the Lord had commanded...and all the water was changed into blood.

And Pharaoh's heart became hard; he would not listen to Moses and Aaron.

So Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and said to him, "This is what the Lord, the God of the Hebrews, says: ...If you refuse to let (my people) go, I will bring locusts into your country tomorrow....They will devour what little you have left." Then Moses turned and left Pharaoh.

Pharaoh said, "No!"...and he would not let the Israelites go.

Moses and Aaron kept going back to Pharaoh to ask him to let the Hebrew people leave. More than TEN times Pharaoh refused because he didn't want to lose all the slave workers. Each

time God sent a different plague or disaster to the Egyptians, and each time Pharaoh said no. Finally, after the most terrible disaster of all.....

Then the Lord said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand toward the sky so that darkness will spread over Egypt – darkness that can be felt.” So Moses stretched out his hand toward the sky, and total darkness covered all Egypt for three days...Yet all the Israelites had light in the places where they lived.

Then Pharaoh summoned Moses and said, “Go worship the Lord...only leave your flocks and herds behind.”

But Moses said, “...Our livestock too must go with us..”

But the Lord hardened Pharaoh’s heart, and he was not willing to let them go. Pharaoh said to Moses, “Get out of my sight!”

(Moses himself was highly regarded in Egypt by Pharaoh’s officials and by the people.)

So Moses said, “This is what the Lord says: “About midnight I will go throughout Egypt. Every firstborn son in Egypt will die.

Pharaoh and all his officials and all the Egyptians got up during the night, and there was loud wailing in Egypt, for there was not a house without someone dead.

During the night Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron and said, “Up! Leave my people, you and the Israelites! Go, worship the Lord as you have requested. Take your flocks and herds, as you have said, and go.”

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Correct the words that are written backwards to finish each statement.

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dnal of tpygE.

In the **MIDDLE** of this story – sesoM derevesrep ni eht ksar doG evag
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At the **END** of the story – ehT setilearsl tfel tpygE ot og ot a wen dnal.

Draw a line from each word to the words that explain the meaning.

Pharaoh	a large river
Israel	a disaster that causes harm and suffering
Plague	another name for the Hebrew people
Nile	a type of grasshopper
Locust	a title for the ruler of Egypt





Moses and Aaron went to the king of Egypt
and said, "The LORD says,
'Let my people go.'"

Exodus 5.1

WHAT IS PERSEVERING

PERSEVERING IS.....continuing until something is finished even when you want to quit.

Write down what you think persevering can also mean.

The spaces between these words in the box have been lost. Draw lines in between the words to show where the spaces should be.

WHENYOUAREPERSEVERINGYOUKEEPGOINGAND

GOINGANDKEEPDOINGANDDOINGUNTILYOUARE

FINISHED!

