

# 01 OUT OF THE WATER

KEY TEXT: **EXODUS 1:6-10,13-14; 2:1-10**

## CENTRAL truth

This week, we will learn about how the Israelites ended up in Egypt, the suffering they would come to endure under the Egyptian king, and the leader whom God would raise up to lead them into freedom. As we begin studying the book of Exodus, we will see that **the Lord in the One who rescues His people**, and He rescues us from something, for something: He calls His people to worship Him.

## key question

**What is significant about Moses's rescue as a baby?**

Moses's rescue foreshadows the rescue of the Israelites through the Red Sea. Before Moses became a deliverer—someone who rescues others—he experienced God's deliverance. As believers, our stories are marked by God's rescuing power.

## keep in mind

- While students may not be able to identify with the suffering of the Israelites, make a note to help them understand that before we trusted in Jesus, we all in captivity to sin. Just as Moses rescued God's people from the Egyptians, Jesus rescues God's people from the power of sin and darkness.
- In this week's teaching, we will observe the ways that the Israelites suffered in Egypt. Using the **Culture Note** to help you, talk with students about ways that we can identify and respond as followers of Jesus to the suffering and oppression we see around us today. Introducing this topic will also prepare the group for a later session in this study.

## application

**How does this passage encourage us to take comfort in God's authority?**

## the win

**FOR THE STUDENT:** God is the powerful and faithful Rescuer in whom students can trust. Help them to see that as followers of Jesus, their lives have been—and are being—shaped by His rescuing power.

**FOR THE LEADER:** Today's session is an opportunity for leaders to guide students in understanding that like the Israelites in Egypt, we were in captivity to sin, and we have been rescued by God through Jesus.

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