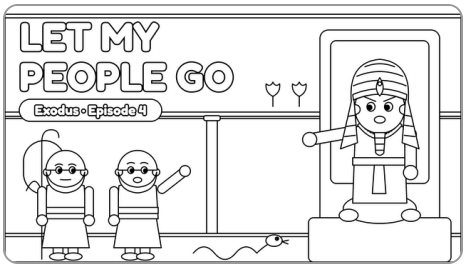
The Bible Under the Baobab · Discussion sheet for season 2, episode 4

Let My People Go

Exodus 5 to 7 · For ages 3 to 10 · Video: 6 min 13



The story in brief

Moses and Aaron bring Pharaoh the word of God: “Let my people go.” Pharaoh refuses and makes the work of the Hebrews even harder. God promises to bring his people out. Aaron’s staff becomes a snake and swallows up the magicians’ staffs, yet Pharaoh’s heart stays hard.

> **Note for parents.** In this episode, God speaks, but he is never shown. On screen there is only a light, and Grandma says his words. The Bible says that the Hebrew foremen were beaten; the episode says “punished” and shows no blow. Pharaoh is harsh in his words, with no violence on screen. The staffs turned into snakes last a few seconds.

Let’s talk about it

1. What do Moses and Aaron ask Pharaoh, in God’s name?
2. What does Pharaoh answer? What does he decide that very day?
3. What does Moses say to God when things get worse than before?
4. What promise does God make to his people?
5. What does Aaron’s staff become in front of Pharaoh? What do the magicians do? And in the end?
6. Kofi has heard “no” twice. What about you, what do you feel like giving up when someone tells you no? What helps you to be brave?

> **Notes for the grown-up.** “Let my people go.” Pharaoh answers that he does not know the Lord and that he will not let Israel go. That very day, he orders that no more straw be given for the bricks, and he demands just as many bricks as before. Moses tells God his sorrow: “Why did you send me? You have not rescued your people!” God promises: “I will bring you out of Egypt. You will be my people, and I will be your God.” Aaron’s staff becomes a snake; the magicians do the same with their staffs, but Aaron’s staff swallows up all the others. Pharaoh’s heart stays hard.

To remember

Even when they say no, I will be brave today. God keeps his promise, he will make a way.

The song: Even when they say no

Even when they say no, I will be brave today,
God keeps his promise, he will make a way!

To do

This week, when something does not work the first time (a shoelace, a drawing, a request), try once more before giving up. And if you are sad or angry, tell God in your own words, like Moses: you can tell God everything.

Watch the episode and hear the song: labiblesouslebaobab.com/en/episodes/let-my-people-go/
From the book of Exodus, chapters 5 to 7. Free for home, Sunday school and children’s ministry.