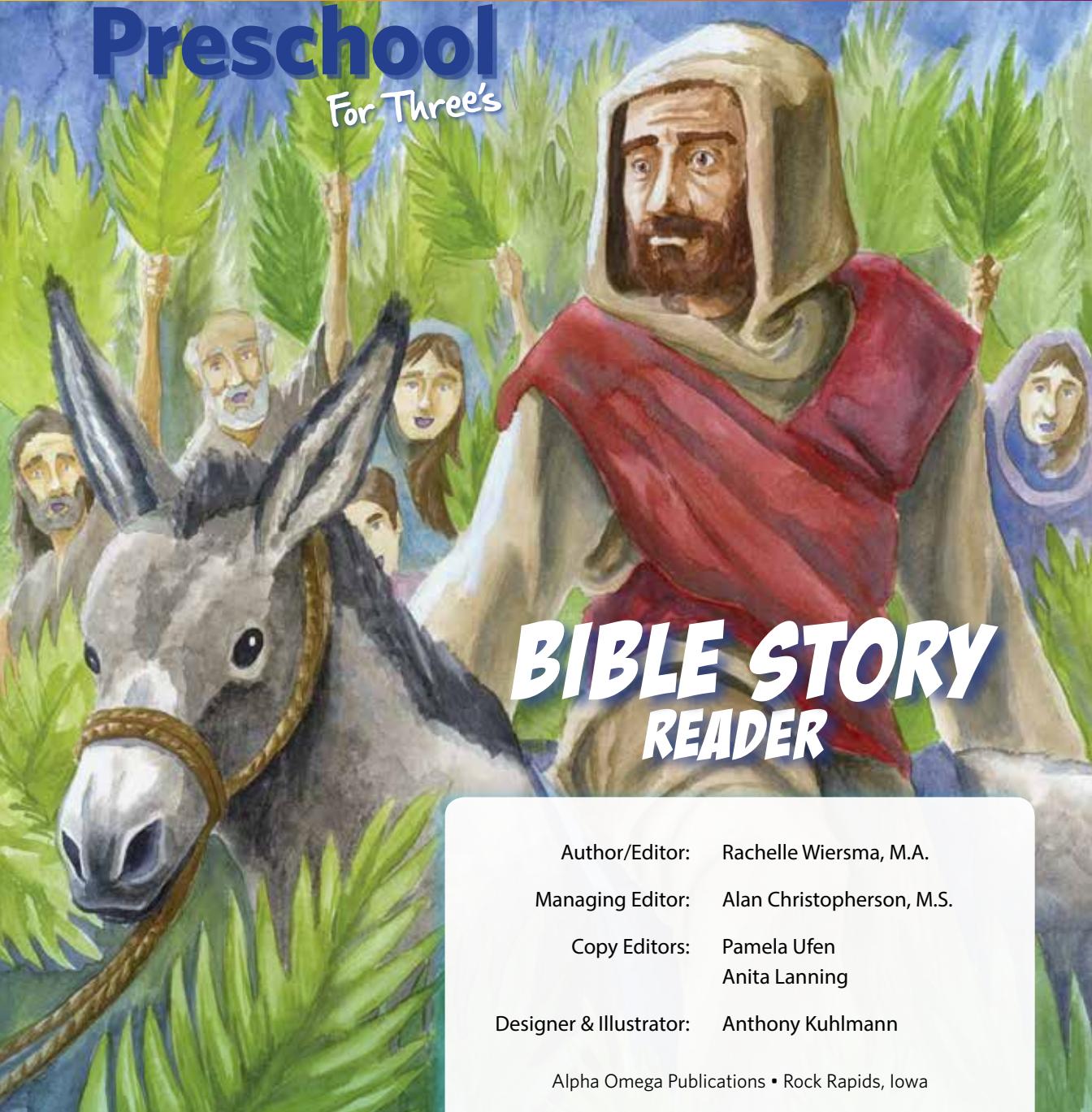


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Moses

Many years ago God's people, called the Israelites, lived in the land of Egypt. The leader of Egypt was called Pharaoh. Pharaoh did not like God's people. He made a law that the Israelites could not keep their baby boys. One family tried to save their baby boy. They knew that Pharaoh's daughter went to the Nile River to bathe. The family put their baby boy in a basket in the river. Pharaoh's daughter saw the baby and immediately loved him. She decided to save the baby and raise him as her son. This baby was named Moses. God would use Moses to lead the Israelites out of Egypt.

Thought Questions:

Point to the baby in the picture. Point to Pharaoh's daughter. Do you remember why the baby is in a basket? The princess is leaning over to look at the baby. What did the princess name the baby? She loved the baby and wanted to care for him. How do your parents take care of you? God loved the baby Moses. God also loves you.

Prayer:

Dear Jesus, Thank You for protecting baby Moses. Thank You for giving him a loving family. Thank You for my family who loves me and takes care of me. Amen.



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Burning Bush

As Moses grew, he saw how the Egyptians used God's people as slaves. This made him sad and angry. When Moses saw an Egyptian hurt an Israelite, he hurt the Egyptian. Because of this, he had to leave Egypt. He went to live in the desert where he cared for sheep. One day as he was working, he saw a bush that was burning. As he looked closer, he saw that the bush did not burn up. When Moses came toward the bush, he heard a voice. God was speaking to Moses. God told Moses that He had an important job for him. Moses was to lead God's people out of Egypt. The Israelites would no longer be slaves.

Thought Questions:

Why did Moses have to leave Egypt? What work did Moses do in the desert? What unusual thing did Moses see? Do you see the burning bush in the picture? When Moses came close to the bush what did he hear? What work did God have for him? God has work for you and your family too. Ask your parents what work God has for them. What kind of work does God have for you?

Prayer:

Dear Jesus, Thank You for speaking to Moses and giving him a special job. Thank You for the work You have given to my family. Thank You for the work You have given to me. Help me to do my best in all my work. Amen.



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Plagues

Moses did what God said and went back to Egypt. He spoke to the ruler of Egypt who was called Pharaoh. Moses told Pharaoh to let God's people go. Pharaoh refused. He did not want to lose his slaves. Moses told Pharaoh that if he didn't listen, God would send plagues to Egypt. A plague is a very big problem that would hurt many people. The first plague God sent to Egypt made the river water bad. This meant the people could not drink the water and the fish would die. When Pharaoh still wouldn't let the people go, God sent other plagues. These included large numbers of frogs, flies, locust, and hailstorms. God sent a total of ten plagues to Egypt. After the last plague, Pharaoh finally agreed to let the Israelites leave Egypt.

Thought Questions:

Can you say the word "plague?" What is a plague? Why did God send plagues to Egypt? Do you remember any of the plagues God sent? One of the plagues God sent was frogs. What do you think it would be like to have a house full of frogs? Are there places you would not like to find a frog? One way we can listen to God is by reading the Bible. The Bible storybook you are holding is one way to learn more about God.

Prayer:

Dear Jesus, Thank You for the Bible. Thank You for teaching me through the Bible stories I'm learning. Help me to listen carefully to these stories. Help me to obey You. Amen.



Red Sea

Moses and the Israelites had just left Egypt when Pharaoh changed his mind. He wanted to keep the Israelites as slaves. Pharaoh and his army chased the Israelites. Soon Moses and the people reached the Red Sea. They had no way to get across. They could see Pharaoh's army behind them. The Israelites were worried they would have to go back to a life of slavery. God told Moses to take his staff and stretch it out over the sea. God made a dry path through the water. The Israelites could now cross the Red Sea on dry ground. Once all the Israelites were safely on the other side, the water returned to cover the path. The Egyptians could not follow the Israelites. God saved His people from the Egyptians.

Thought Questions:

Do you see the tall man with the white hair in the picture? That is Moses. What does he have in his hand? What is he doing with his staff? Look at the water. Notice how it has been parted to create a path. The Israelites will walk across the path to the other side. Do you remember what happened after they reached the other side? Once they knew they were safe, Moses and his sister Miriam led the Israelites in song. The people danced as they sang. "Sing to the LORD, for he is highly exalted. The horse and its rider he has hurled into the sea," Exodus 15:21 (NIV).

Prayer:

Dear Jesus, Thank You for saving the Israelites. Thank You for showing Your power by parting the Red Sea. Thank You for the song that Miriam and Moses sang to You. Bless me as I sing songs to You too. Amen.