

# How can following God bring Freedom and Justice?

## What you've learnt already

- The Old Testament pieces together the story of the People of God.
- The story of Moses and the Exodus shows how God rescued his people from slavery in Egypt; Christians see this story as looking forward to how Jesus' death and resurrection also rescue people from slavery to sin.

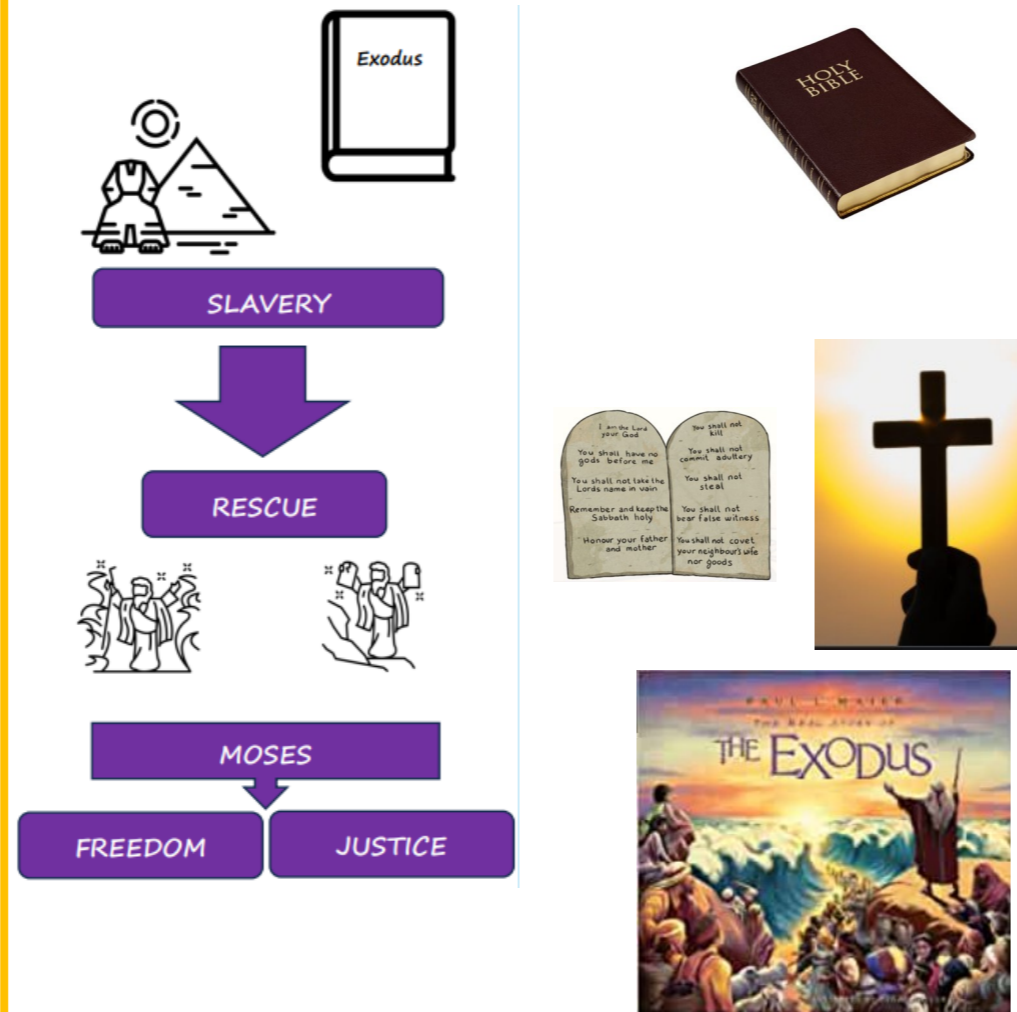
## Choices

- Do people have the right to believe what they want? Why?
- Why should people follow the Ten commandments?
- Does God exist?

## Key Vocabulary

Agnostic	Someone who isn't sure about the existence of God.
Atheist	Someone who doesn't believe in the existence of God.
Exodus	The departure of the Israelites from Egypt
Israelites	Refers to the people whom the Hebrew Bible describes specifically as the direct descendants of any of the sons of the patriarch, Jacob
Justice	The quality of being fair and reasonable
Pharaoh	Pharaoh is the title given to ancient Egyptian rulers. Pharaoh is also used as a proper noun in the Bible. Today, referring to someone as a pharaoh means that he is a tyrant
Plagues	Any contagious disease that spreads rapidly and kills many people
Rescue	To save someone from a difficult or dangerous situation
Slavery	Owning people who are forced to work for you

## Artefacts and Symbols



## Lesson Sequence

L1	Understand how following God might bring freedom and justice for many Christians
L2	Understand where the Exodus story shows Moses' trust in God
L3	Understand how the Exodus story might help Christians when life gets tough
L4	Explore the importance of the Ten Commandments
L5	Explain how many Christians try to bring freedom and justice into today's world
L6	Explain the Exodus story, its themes and its importance for Christians today

## Similarities to Other Religions

God being spoken about in the Bible - similar to Islam and Allah being spoken about in Qu'ran.

Moses led the Jews out of slavery in Egypt and led them to the Holy Land that God had promised them.

This story is remembered in several religions.

## Key figures and events

**God** - A supreme being or spirit worshipped as having power over nature and life.

**Jesus** - The Son of God.

**Moses** - The leader of the Israelites

**Pharaoh** - Ancient Egyptian ruler.

**King David** - Second king of ancient Israel.

- Moses was born and sent on the Nile for safety
- He was spoken to by God at the burning bush
- Moses saved the Hebrew slaves and took them to the 'Promised Land' on God's orders
- Under King David and his successors, they establish a land and kingdom
- The story of the Exodus is a very important story in the Bible and the Torah. Jacob had taken his family to live in Egypt and after a while the Children of God were put into slavery in Egypt as Pharaoh needed them to work for him.
- The slaves were waiting for someone to rescue them and to lead them into freedom and bring them justice. God chose Moses to lead His people out of slavery and into a land He had promised them.
- Moses led The People of God out of slavery and was given the Ten Commandment by God at Mount Sinai. This is an important story for Christians as it helps them to understand how important freedom and justice are in the world today.

## How can following God bring Freedom and Justice?

How many plagues were sent?	Who was the leader of the Israelites?	Where did God speak to Moses?
Where was Moses given the Ten Commandment?	Define exodus.	Explain what happened to Moses as a baby.
Which book pieces together the Old Testament?	Who is the ancient Egyptian ruler?	Who are the People of God?
What is slavery? How is it relevant to this unit?	Explain how freedom and justice are linked.	How would Moses' have felt when God spoke to him?

One Point

Two Points

Three Points

Four Points