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# Moses Leaves Egypt

(Based on Exodus 2:11–25)

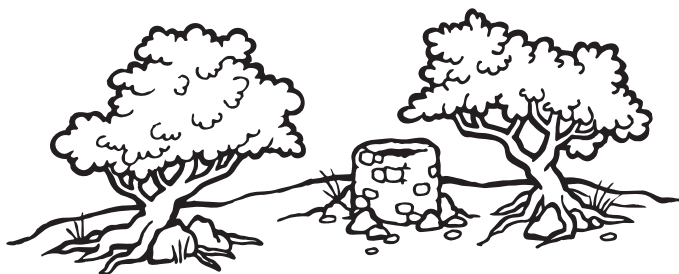
Moses was raised by Pharaoh's daughter as her own son. For 40 years he lived like an Egyptian in the royal family; then one day it all changed. Moses knew that he was Jewish, not Egyptian, by birth, and he felt compassion for his people. He saw how cruelly they were treated by their Egyptian slavemasters, but there was nothing he could do about it. One day he was watching his people as they slaved away at their hard labor. He saw an Egyptian beating one of the Jewish slaves. Moses could not stand it. He looked around and, not seeing anyone else nearby, he went over and grabbed the Egyptian and killed him. Then he quickly dug a hole in the sand and hid the body. The next day Moses saw two Jewish men fighting each other. When he tried to stop the fight, one of the Jews snarled at him, "Who made you ruler and judge over us? Are you thinking of killing me as you killed the Egyptian?"

Suddenly, Moses realized that he must have been seen when he killed the Egyptian. The body must have been discovered! Either that, or the Jewish slave he had rescued had told others about it. Moses had been trying to help his people, but they did not seem to be thankful. Someone would tell Pharaoh what he had done. What should he do? Sure enough, it was not long before Pharaoh found out and gave orders that Moses should be killed. Moses was in big trouble; his Egyptian mother could not keep him out of danger this time, so he ran away. He left Egypt, traveling across the desert to the land of Midian, about 200 miles away. He would be safe from Pharaoh's anger there.

Once in Midian, Moses sat down by a well to rest. He watched as seven young women came to the well to get water for their father's sheep. Before they could get any water, some rough shepherds came along and drove them away. Moses came to the girls' rescue and helped them water their sheep. When they got home, the girls told their father, Jethro (also called Reuel), about the Egyptian stranger who had kindly helped them. "Where is he?" their father asked. "Why did you leave him? Invite him to have something to eat." The girls hurried off to find the stranger and invite him home to meet their father.

Jethro, a priest of Midian, invited Moses to stay in his home. Moses agreed, and quickly went from being a well-educated Egyptian prince to being a simple shepherd. He must have wondered why God had allowed such a thing to happen to him.

Moses married Jethro's daughter, Zipporah. They lived in the land of Midian for the next 40 years and had two sons, Gershom and Eliezer. Egypt was the farthest thing from Moses' mind, but God had heard the prayers of the Jewish slaves and He had a plan to deliver them which included Moses!

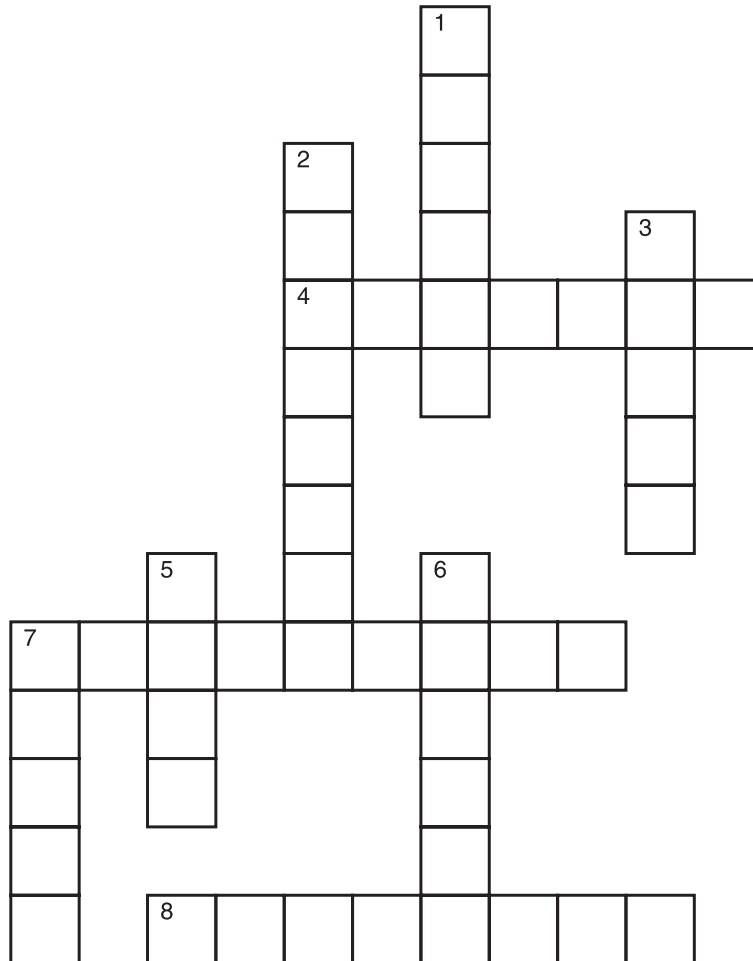
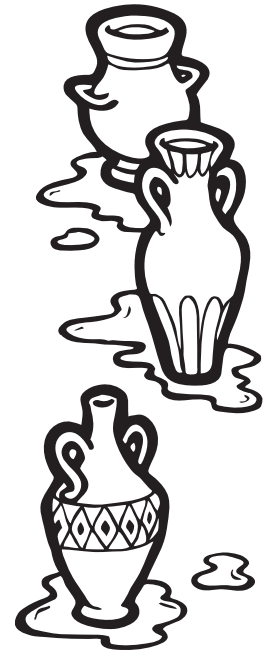
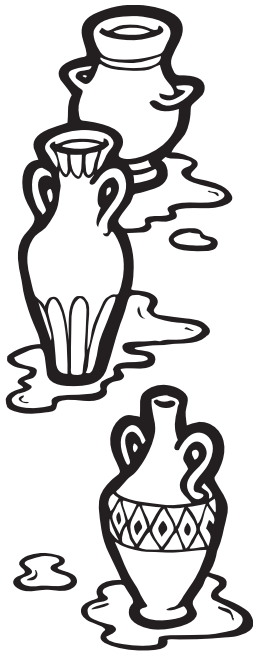




# Out of Egypt Crossword



**Directions:** Use the clues to complete the crossword puzzle with the correct words. Look up the Bible verses if you need help. **A** words go across; **D** words go down.



## CLUES

- 8-A Moses killed him for beating a Jewish slave. (Exodus 2:12)
- 4-A From whom Moses ran away (Exodus 2:15)
- 1-D Where Moses went to live (Exodus 2:15)
- 5-D Where Moses sat down to rest (Exodus 2:15)
- 7-D How many young women came for water (Exodus 2:16)
- 7-A Who drove the women away (Exodus 2:17)
- 3-D Who helped the women get water (Exodus 2:17)
- 6-D Jethro's (Reuel's) position/title (Exodus 2:16, 18)
- 2-D The daughter who married Moses (Exodus 2:21)