

## Lesson 3-Level 1 Revelation

**Purpose:** Revelation as seen in God's intervention in Israel's History:

Moses

The Sinai Covenant (Ten Commandments)

Journey of the Chosen People to the Promised Land

**Session at a Glance:**

7:00 p.m. Welcome

7:15 p.m. Suggested Opening Prayer: *Catholic Youth Bible*/Pray It-Miriam  
Leads the People in Praise, Exodus 15: 1-21

7:30 p.m. Moses' early life; God's call to Moses to lead his people out of Egypt; Moses as leader of God's people in the desert; Moses receives the Ten Commandments; God's covenant with his people

8:15 p.m. Reflection on how God revealed himself to Moses and the chosen people as they journeyed to the promised land.

8:30 p.m. Closing Prayer: Pray It-Why Me? *Catholic Youth Bible*  
(p.77 NAB ( same in all editions), NRSV p. 66 (2000):  
p. 67 (2005).

### **I. Moses and his mission**

**Catechist: Begin by asking the youth if they know Moses and what they know about him. Using "Introducing Moses" p.72 NAB (same in all editions), p.62 NRSV( same in all editions), in the *Catholic Youth Bible*, bring the youth to an understanding of the greatness of Moses in the Old Testament.**

**Continue with Exodus, chapters 2,3. Point out the highlights of Moses' life:**

- **Moses saved by Pharaoh's daughter**
- **Moses fled Egypt because he killed an Egyptian**
- **Moses worked in Midian as a shepherd**
- **God came to Moses in a burning bush, told Moses to remove his shoes as he was standing on Holy Ground**
- **God told Moses to lead his people out of Egypt**
- **Summarize Exodus: chapter 4 for the youth: the reluctance of Moses to take on this enormous task, Aaron chosen as his assistant.**

### **II. Moses and the Israelites in the desert**

**Catechist: Summarize for the youth:**

- **Reluctance of Pharaoh to let the Israelites leave**
- **The ten plagues (Exodus: chapters 7-11) that persuaded Pharaoh to change his mind**
- **Passover-from slavery in Egypt to freedom-*Catholic Youth Bible*- Did You Know p. 84 NAB (same in all editions), p.73 NRSV (same in all editions) and *Catholic Youth Bible* God Liberates Us from Oppression p.86 NAB ( same in all editions), p.76 NRSV ( same in all editions)**
- **Pharaoh's pursuit and the parting of the waters of the Red Sea**

(Exodus: chapter 14.)

Call attention to: *Catholic Youth Bible* :

- Manna in the desert, Exodus: chapter 16
- Water from the rock, Exodus: chapter 17

### III. The Covenant, Ten Commandments, Entering the Promised Land

Catechist: God entered into a covenant with his people on Mt. Sinai by giving Moses the Ten Commandments, Exodus: chapter 20 versus 1-17.

Refer: *Catholic Youth Bible Live It!* p. 95 NAB ( same in all editions), p. 85 NRSV ( same in all editions)

Moses dies before entering the Promised Land (Deuteronomy: Chapter 34:1-8)  
Joshua succeeds Moses to lead the Chosen People into the Promised Land (Deuteronomy: 34:9)

### IV. Revelation: reflection on the story of Moses as God revealing himself to the Chosen People, the Israelites.

- God's gift of Moses to the Israelites and the preparation of Moses as leader (birth, youth)
- God revelation of himself to Moses in the burning bush, calling him to lead his people. God reveals himself as: *I am who am*
- God's intervention to persuade Pharaoh to let his people leave Egypt, parting of the Red Sea
- God's care of the people in the desert (manna, water)
- God entering into a covenant with his people through the Ten Commandments requiring a total commitment of the people to his law.

### V. Optional: choose from among the following to enhance the lesson

#### Teaching Activities Manual for the Catholic Youth Bible:

The Call of Moses p. 36

The Covenant at Mount Sinai p. 38

Wrap-up Reflection Paper: "My Wanderings in the Desert of High School" p.43

**NB: This lesson, on God revealing himself through the Exodus, may take more time than the 90 minutes allotted. Part of the time for Lesson 4 on Revelation in the Prophets may be used to continue the Exodus theme. Lesson 4 is not as lengthy as Lesson 3.**

## OUTCOMES

Outcome statements denote what the youth will be able to understand and communicate upon completion of Lesson 3.

- God revealed himself in the Old Testament through his mighty deeds in the history of Israel
- God chose Moses to reveal God's plan for his chosen people
  - a. leave Egypt for the Promised Land
  - b. form a covenant with God through The Ten Commandments
- Israel's journey in the dessert reveals God's constant care for the chosen people and all peoples
- the story of Moses and the chosen people reveal God's desire to be in relationship with all people