

# Exploring the Scripture

## *Theme 1: Part 1*

Group 1	Exodus 1:8–2:25
Group 2	Exodus 3:1–20; 4:1–23
Group 3	Exodus 5:1–6:13
Group 4	Exodus 6:26–chapter 11 (a quick overview is all that is required)
Group 5	Exodus 12:1–51
Group 6	Exodus 13:17–14:31; 15:21

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- DIRECTIONS:
- a. Read your part of the story individually.
  - b. Discuss your part of the story as a group. What is happening? Why? Who is involved? What are the dramatic highlights?
  - c. List what symbols, illustrations or key words might be used to help others understand the drama of the events.
  - d. Together compose a summary of the meaning of the passage in one sentence.
  - e. In what ways is God acting as deliver in this story?
  - f. What experiences have you had or witnessed that have something in common with the story?
  - g. What are some examples of oppression and/or deliverance today?

## **A Litany from Psalm 136:1–16**

*God's Work in Creation and in History*

- <sup>1</sup> O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
*for God's steadfast love endures forever.*
- <sup>2</sup> O give thanks to the God of gods,  
*for God's steadfast love endures forever.*
- <sup>3</sup> O give thanks to the Lord of lords,  
*for God's steadfast love endures forever;*
- <sup>4</sup> who alone does great wonders,  
*for God's steadfast love endures forever;*
- <sup>5</sup> who by understanding made the heavens,  
*for God's steadfast love endures forever;*
- <sup>6</sup> who spread out the earth on the waters,  
*for God's steadfast love endures forever;*
- <sup>7</sup> who made the great lights,  
*for God's steadfast love endures forever;*
- <sup>8</sup> the sun to rule over the day,  
*for God's steadfast love endures forever;*
- <sup>9</sup> the moon and stars to rule over the night,  
*for God's steadfast love endures forever;*
- <sup>10</sup> who struck Egypt through their firstborn,  
*for God's steadfast love endures forever;*
- <sup>11</sup> and brought Israel out from among them,  
*for God's steadfast love endures forever;*
- <sup>12</sup> with a strong hand and an outstretched arm,  
*for God's steadfast love endures forever;*
- <sup>13</sup> who divided the Red Sea in two,  
*for God's steadfast love endures forever;*
- <sup>14</sup> and made Israel pass through the midst of it,  
*for God's steadfast love endures forever;*
- <sup>15</sup> but overthrew Pharaoh and his army in the Red Sea,  
*for God's steadfast love endures forever;*
- <sup>16</sup> who led his people through the wilderness,  
*for God's steadfast love endures forever.*