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3. Discuss how you and your family members will apply the lesson.
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## READ TOGETHER

**Acts 7:22-24, 26-36** <sup>22</sup> Moses was educated in all the learning of the Egyptians, and he was a man of power in words and deeds. <sup>23</sup> But when he was approaching the age of forty, it entered his mind to visit his brethren, the sons of Israel. <sup>24</sup> And when he saw one of them being treated unjustly, he defended him and took vengeance for the oppressed by striking down the Egyptian.

<sup>26</sup> On the following day he appeared to them as they were fighting together, and he tried to reconcile them in peace, saying, 'Men, you are brethren, why do you injure one another?' <sup>27</sup> But the one who was injuring his neighbor pushed him away, saying, 'Who made you a ruler and judge over us?

<sup>28</sup> You do not mean to kill me as you killed the Egyptian yesterday, do you?' <sup>29</sup> At this remark, Moses fled and became an alien in the land of Midian, where he became the father of two sons. <sup>30</sup> 'After forty years had passed, an angel appeared to him in the wilderness of Mount Sinai, in the flame of a burning thorn bush. <sup>31</sup> When Moses saw it, he marveled at the sight; and as he approached to look more closely, there came the voice of the Lord: <sup>32</sup> 'I am the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob.' Moses shook with fear and would not venture to look. <sup>33</sup> But the Lord said to him, ... <sup>34</sup> I have certainly seen the oppression of My people in Egypt and have heard their groans, and I have come down to rescue them; come now, and I will send you to Egypt.' <sup>35</sup> 'This Moses ... is the one whom God sent to be both a ruler and a deliverer with the help of the angel who appeared to him in the thorn bush. <sup>36</sup> This man led them out, performing wonders and signs in the land of Egypt and in the Red Sea and in the wilderness for forty years.

**Exodus 33:11, 13-15** Thus the LORD used to speak to Moses face to face, just as a man speaks to his friend... <sup>13</sup> Now therefore, I pray You, if I have found favor in Your sight, let me know Your ways that I may know You, so that I may find favor in Your sight. Consider too, that this nation is Your people." <sup>14</sup> And He said, "My presence shall go with you, and I will give you rest." <sup>15</sup> Then he said to Him, "If Your presence does not go with us, do not lead us up from here.

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## TALK TOGETHER.

1. Read the story of Moses in Acts 7. How would you describe his life? What circumstances in his life did God use to transform his character?
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## CONVICTION

God can turn my failures and mistakes for His glory. I need to be faithful and intimate with Him.

## APPLICATION

In what ways have you seen the Lord used circumstances in your life to mold you? How did He redeem you from your own mistakes and failures? How can you strengthen your faith in Him?

## PRAY TOGETHER.

Dear Father, thank You because we know that You are at work in our lives. Thank you for the assurance that you can do something great and beautiful out of our own failures if we surrender and trust You. Help us to become faithful in obeying You. In Jesus' Name, amen.

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