## TODAY'S VIERSIES

**EXODUS 2:10** EXODUS 3:7-10 EXODUS 11. 6-9. 11-14 EXODUS 2:11-15

**ROMANS 8:28** EXODUS 3:2. 5-6 1 COR. 1:26-28 ROMANS 3:11

EXODUS 6:28-71 EXODUS 19:3-6 2 COR. 5:20

## BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE ...

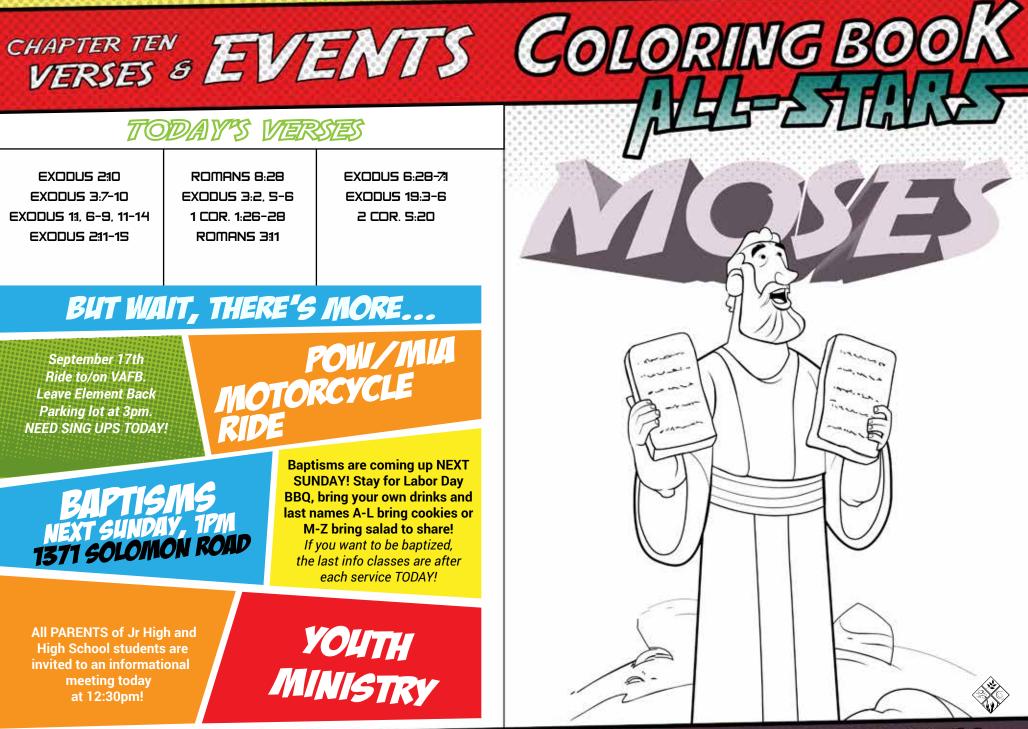
September 17th Ride to/on VAFB. Leave Element Back Parking lot at 3pm. **NEED SING UPS TODAY!**  MOTORCYCLE

BAPTISMS
NEXT SUNDAY, 1PM
1371 SOLOMON ROAD

**Baptisms are coming up NEXT SUNDAY! Stay for Labor Day** BBQ, bring your own drinks and last names A-L bring cookies or M-Z bring salad to share! If you want to be baptized, the last info classes are after each service TODAY!

All PARENTS of Jr High and **High School students are** invited to an informational meeting today at 12:30pm!

YOUTH MINISTRY



CHAPTER TEN



We are in our series called Coloring Book all-stars about the biggest (or biggest stories) in the bible...the ones you typically find in kids bible coloring books. Today we are going to look at a biggie (other than Jesus), MOSES. Moses is a guy almost everyone likes, Jews, Christians, and even Muslims.

When was the last time you felt pulled in two different directions? Explain.

Moses was an Israelite by birth, but the story of Moses is largely a story of God's calling. God called Moses (a murderer) to be LIKE God, and to deliver the Israelites from the hand of Pharaoh. The story of the Exodus is the story of redemption; God hears our cries and intervenes on our behalf.

When was the last time you cried out to God? How do you define the word "Redemption?" What do you need to be redeemed from? Do you feel like you can screw up your life beyond God's providence or redemption?

In the sermon Aaron mentioned most people try to control God.

How do you try to control God?

The reason people hate God and stay away from God is our human hearts; our hearts are afraid of losing control, losing our sovereignty. THE ONLY WAY WE CAN AVOID THE TRUE GOD IS TO FABRICATE A FALSE GOD THAT'S CONTROLLABLE.

We do this in two basic ways.

One is to believe in a god that's nothing but moral standards, a god
of all law. You can try to control this "god" by doing good works so
that this god owes you.

The other basic kind of counterfeit god is a god that is all love. This
"god" simply accepts us and whatever we want to do. This god
demands nothing of you.

The god of "all law" is a god you can have owe you by obedience. A god of all love is someone you owe nothing to. Neither of these are the biblical God. The real God says, "I am holy, and you must forsake your sin, but you couldn't possibly be free from sin through your good works, so I've sent my Son to die for you."

What faulty views of God do you cling to? Have you ever doubted God's calling for your life?

Moses, when called by God, had questions, doubts, and concerns. He started to think that there was no way that God could truly use him. He had a speech problem, he had run from who he thought he was meant to be, and now God was calling him. It is God who called Moses to be like Him to pharaoh.

How can you be like God to other people (including our enemies)?

If we are honest, many of use probably believe that we cannot truly be the message because we are so messed up. Yet, that is the beauty of the message. The people of Israel were in Egypt (slavery, sin, darkness, no hope, and no light), they cried, and God heard. What we seem to forget is that the Israelites were put in the place they were by God. They were then brought out and rescued by God. All that had happened to Israel was part of the message and all that has happened to us is part of the message. Our brokenness is exchanged for His healing and our death is exchanged for His life. Jesus is taking us out of Egypt to be His people and message to the world.

How can your past mistakes be part of God's message to those who are hurting and lost?

