**Note:** Consider taking turns reading

 Consider reading from different Bible Translations

Consider underlining memory verses in your Bible

 Consider having everyone write their memory verses in a journal

 Consider keeping track of family members’ prayer requests in a journal

Please adapt these lessons for the needs of your family

**Songs of the Bible**

**Lesson 2 – Song of Miriam**

**Start with Prayer**

 **Memory Verse – Psalm 40:3 – He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in the Lord.**

**Lesson 2 Scripture: Exodus 15:20-21**

**Lesson 2 - Part 1: Meeting Miriam**

**Scripture: Exodus 2:4, Exodus 15:20**

**Comment:** The Song of Miriam is short and part of the Song of Moses from Exodus 15:1-18. In these lessons we are going to meet Miriam, review the reason for the song and see who else joined in. To understand Miriam better we need also to read Numbers 12.

**Read: Exodus 2:4 and Exodus 15:20 and answer these questions:**

1. Who is Miriam’s family?
2. What is Miriam’s “title”?
3. What did the others do?

**Something to talk about:** In reading Numbers 12 – We see Aaron and Miriam opposing Moses – the Lord was not happy – Note the differences between Moses and other prophets and prophetesses. Who stepped up to the plate for Miriam? This is a lesson in itself but it also gives us an idea of what Miriam was like. What might she have learned in her time outside the camp?

**Next Time we are going to look at the reason for the rejoicing.**

**Family Prayer Requests:**

**Pray:** Dear God**,** thank-you for family and being part of a family. Help us each though to have our own identity and we know that you know each of us individually and we are thankful for that. In Jesus’ Name we pray. Amen.

**Songs of the Bible**

**Lesson 2 – Song of Miriam**

**Start with Prayer**

**Review Memory Verse – Psalm 40:3**

**Lesson 2 Scripture: Exodus 15:20-21**

**Lesson 2 - Part 2: Reason to Sing**

**Scripture: Exodus 15:19**

**Comment:** We met Miriam in our last lesson and seen how she is identified by her family but played an important part in taking care of baby Moses but did have an attitude toward Moses, perhaps jealous of his role of leadership maybe since she was older than him. The verse today is a thumbnail sketch of what happened to have reason to rejoice.

**Read: Exodus 15:19 and answer these questions:**

1. Who all went into the sea?
2. What was left out?
3. Who protected them?

**Something to talk about:** What may be some reasons this verse was included? Why would Miriam feel the need to have a song at this point? Did she feel upstaged by Moses?

**Next time we will look at the song it’s self.**

**Family Prayer Requests:**

**Pray:**  Dear Heavenly Father, thank-you for having reminders for us, we so quickly forget what you have done for us. Help us to rejoice with others without necessarily having to have our own “song”. In Jesus’ Name we pray. Amen.

**Songs of the Bible**

**Lesson 2: Song of Miriam**

**Start with prayer**

**Review Memory Verse – Psalm 40:3**

**Lesson 2 Scripture: Exodus 15:20-21**

**Lesson 2 - Part 3 – Miriam’s Song**

**Scripture: Exodus 15:21**

**Comment:** To recap – We know who Miriam is because of her family, we know the story of the rescue from Pharaoh’s army and now we see the song that Miriam sings.

**Read: Exodus 15:21 and answer these questions:**

 1. Who did the singing?

 2. What did she tell them to do?

3. Why should they sing to the Lord and what did the Lord do?

**Something to talk about:** Note the similarities and the differences between Exodus 15:1 and 15:21. Look at and discuss some things about Miriam that you may not have known or are thinking differently about now.

**Next time we will look at the Song of the Well.**

**Family Prayer Requests:**

**Pray:** Dear Heavenly Father, thank-you for your word, how we learn and find out new things every time we look at your word. Help us to find reasons to sing to you and praise your name. In Jesus’ Name we pray. Amen.