

# Wild Places Kid Studies

## Week 1: In or Out

**Memory Verse:** "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for the conviction of things not seen. Heb. 11:1

**Paraphrased for kids:** Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.

**The Israelites, God's chosen people lived in Egypt. Egypt was surrounded by desert wilderness, but the Nile river ran through it and caused it to be green and very fertile. (a lot of trees and plants grew there.)**

**Have you ever been somewhere beautiful and wonderful? (Maybe a park or a theme park? Or a vacation somewhere really pretty?)**

**Egypt was green and beautiful, but God's people were treated poorly there. They had food and family, but had to work really, really hard!**

**Moses came and offered to save the people of God from slavery and harsh treatment, but in order to save them he had to take them somewhere dusty, hot, rocky, and ugly.**

**Not many of us would choose the ugly desert wilderness over the beautiful green river city. However, uncomfortable, ugly places are where God gets the most of our attention. It is when we stop looking at the nice pretty things around us and we place our focus on God. (even more so if we are uncomfortable!)**

**I think Quarantine and Covid-19 may be a lot like the wilderness for the Israelites. He has taken us away from our schools, sports, dance, clubs, shopping, movies, amusement parks etc. I think He is hoping with all the fun, pretty things no longer in our reach that we will focus our time and attention on HIM. These are the places God shapes and forms His people.**

**Have you spent more time with God in this slower quieter Quarantine time?**

**What has God taught you in these last few months?**

**Has HE provided for your needs?**