

New City Catechism

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- Remember the most significant act of redemption in the Old Testament? (*God setting his people free from slavery in Egypt in the Exodus*).
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