

GOD SENDS PLAGUES AGAINST EGYPT

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: EXODUS 7:14-11:10



The STORY

Read "Frogs, Flies and Hail" from The Children's Bible in 365 Stories (pages 64-65).

Please note: The discussion questions in the following sections are written to serve as a guide in teaching our youngest children. Three to six year olds are not going to be able to answer these questions like their older brothers and sisters. Please refer to the God's Story Preschool Curriculum Outline for additional ideas.

After reading the story, use the following questions to involve the children in a discussion.

- What did God do to Pharaoh and Egypt? (God sent plagues upon Egypt to convince Pharaoh to let the Israelites go.)
- What is a plague? (A great affliction, sickness or disease sent by God as a punishment to a person or a whole people.)
- What plagues did God send upon Egypt?

God sent plagues of:

- Blood (Exodus 7:14)
- Frogs (Exodus 8:1)
- Gnats (Exodus 8:16)
- Flies (Exodus 8:20)
- Disease on livestock (Exodus 9:1)
- Boils (Exodus 9:8)
- Hail (Exodus 9:13)
- Locusts (Exodus 10:1)
- Darkness (Exodus 10:21)

Take some time and explain the different plagues so that the children have an idea what they are.

Note: We will talk about the final plague on the firstborn in a future lesson.

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CRAFT QUESTIONS

Coloring sheets have been provided that exemplify today's lesson: frogs crawling all over in the plague of frogs. Engage the children by asking:

- What did the Pharaoh do each time a plague came upon Egypt? (He summoned Moses and asked him to take the plagues away.)
- Did the Pharaoh promise to let the people go? (Yes, but each time he broke his promise once the plague was gone.)
- Have the children draw more frogs on their coloring sheets.

SNACK QUESTIONS

Read "Hard Times for Egypt" from The Beginners Bible (pages 105-114). While the children are eating the snack, engage the children by asking:

- Which of the plagues do you think would be the most terrible to live with? (Accept any answer.)
- Which of the plagues wouldn't bother you? (Accept any answer.)
- How many of you have ever seen locusts, gnats, blood, hail, or boils?
You can use chicken pox as an example of boils.



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Where is Jesus?

Please use the following comments connecting today's lesson to the Gospel to help inform your understanding and serve you by aiding your preparation for class. Remember, we want to do more than present disconnected Bible stories and lessons to our young children. We want them to understand how each story in the Bible plays a part in God's greater plan of redemption.

Moses, like Jesus, testified to the future. Moses proclaimed what God would do to Pharaoh. Beyond that, his very life is a picture of the servant Jesus Christ, leading, teaching, and delivering his people from bondage. So, Moses' life illustrated and proclaimed the coming Savior. Just as Moses was a faithful deliverer so Christ is a faithful redeemer.

For the Scripture says to Pharaoh: "I raised you up for this very purpose, that I might display my power in you and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth." (Romans 9:17)

SWORD BIBLE MEMORY

BE A DOER OF THE WORD

Take time during the class to review the SWORD Bible Memory verses with the class. Provide the opportunity for each child to recite the verses to an adult worker.

