

D31. The Ten Plagues

Exodus 7-11; 12:3, 5-7, 11-13, 29-33

Learning Objectives

1. The children will verbalize the story about the ten plagues of Egypt.
2. The children will explore what happens when we are stubborn and do not want to listen to the Lord.
3. The children will explain how God protected the Israelites even through the time of the plagues.

Memory Verse: *"But the Lord our God is with us." --2 Chronicles 32:8 (NIRV)*

Getting Started

Choose One Activity

All Ages

"Warning Signs" Activity

See: www.kidssundayschool.com → grade school → activities → "warning signs"

You will need to print out enough copies of the handout with the different kinds of signs before class. Please see the above website for detailed instructions.

Tell the children that in everyday life we constantly see signs that give us warnings. They are usually there to protect us or to protect others. Warning signs are very important. Without them, people may do something that may hurt themselves or someone else. Signs are not the only things that warn us. In today's lesson, God sent a warning to the Pharaoh (King of Egypt) to let the Israelites go. It took 10 warnings before the Pharaoh finally listened. Let's see what happened. (Continue with the story.)

"Hardened Heart" Activity

See: www.kidssundayschool.com → grade school → object talks → "hardened heart"

For this activity you will need one hard-boiled egg, one uncooked egg, and a table or hard surface. Make sure you mark your eggs "a" and "b" or whatever you choose to help you know which one is which. Please see the above website for detailed instructions.

You will compare the hard-boiled egg to be like someone with a hardened heart and who does not fear the Lord. Tell the children that as a matter of fact, it is like the Pharaoh's heart in today's lesson. He was so stubborn that he allowed many horrible things to happen to the people of Egypt, rather than do as the Lord had wanted. Let's see what happened in today's story.

Bible Lesson with Discussion Questions

Message:

Listen to God's Word.

Teacher Note: USE A MAP as you tell the story – show the children where Egypt is....where the Nile River is....etc. Help the children understand that these are real events that happened in a very real place. Also – the following excerpt from the Bible is for you to read. See the "Story Summary" below to assist you when you teach the lesson to the children. At this age, they do not need to know all the details, however the story is a fun one for them to learn about. It would also be helpful to bring in a printed picture(s) of what Egypt and the Nile River look like, since this age level is very visual and may not have acquired map skills.

Bible Lesson with Discussion Questions – Continued

Exodus 7

Then the Lord said to Moses, "I have made you like God to Pharaoh. And your brother Aaron will be like a prophet to you. You must say everything I command you to say. Then your brother Aaron must tell Pharaoh to let the people of Israel leave his country. But I will make Pharaoh's heart stubborn. I will multiply my miraculous signs and wonders in Egypt. In spite of that, he will not listen to you. So I will use my powerful hand against Egypt. When I judge them with mighty acts, I will bring my people Israel out like an army on the march. Then the Egyptians will know that I am the Lord. I will reach out my powerful hand against Egypt. I will bring the people of Israel out of it."

Moses and Aaron did exactly as the Lord had commanded them. Moses was 80 years old and Aaron was 83 when they spoke to Pharaoh.

Aaron's Wooden Staff Becomes a Snake

The Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron. He said, "Pharaoh will say to you, 'Do a miracle.' When he does, speak to Aaron. Tell him, 'Take your wooden staff and throw it down in front of Pharaoh.' It will turn into a snake."

So Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh. They did exactly as the Lord had commanded them. Aaron threw his staff down in front of Pharaoh and his officials. It turned into a snake. Then Pharaoh sent for wise men and those who do evil magic. By doing their magic tricks, the Egyptian magicians did the same things Aaron had done. Each one threw his staff down. Each staff turned into a snake. But Aaron's staff swallowed theirs up. In spite of that, Pharaoh's heart became stubborn. He wouldn't listen to them, just as the Lord had said.

The Nile River Turns Into Blood

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Pharaoh's heart is very stubborn. He refuses to let the people go. In the morning Pharaoh will go down to the water. Go and wait on the bank of the Nile River to meet him. Take in your hand the wooden staff that turned into a snake. Say to Pharaoh, 'The Lord, the God of the Hebrews, has sent me to you. He says, "Let my people go. Then they will be able to worship me in the desert. But up to now you have not listened." 'The Lord says, "Here is how you will know that I am the Lord. I will strike the water of the Nile River with the staff that is in my hand. The river will turn into blood. The fish in the river will die. The river will stink. The Egyptians will not be able to drink its water." ' "

The Lord said to Moses, "Tell Aaron, 'Get your staff. Reach your hand out over the waters of Egypt. The streams, waterways, ponds and all of the lakes will turn into blood. There will be blood everywhere in Egypt. It will even be in the wooden buckets and stone jars.' "

Moses and Aaron did exactly as the Lord had commanded them. Aaron held out his staff in front of Pharaoh and his officials. He struck the water of the Nile River. And all of the water turned into blood. The fish in the Nile died. The river smelled so bad the Egyptians couldn't drink its water. There was blood everywhere in Egypt. But the Egyptian magicians did the same things by doing their magic tricks. So Pharaoh's heart became stubborn. He wouldn't listen to Moses and Aaron, just as the Lord had said. Even that miracle didn't change Pharaoh's mind. In fact, he turned around and went into his palace. All of the Egyptians dug holes near the Nile River to get drinking water. They couldn't drink water from the river.

The Plague of Frogs

Seven days passed after the Lord struck the Nile River.

Exodus 8

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Go to Pharaoh. Tell him, 'The Lord says, "Let my people go. Then they will be able to worship me." 'If you refuse to let them go, I will plague your whole country with frogs. The Nile River will be full of frogs. They will come up into your palace. You will have frogs in your bedroom and on your bed. They will be in the homes of your officials and your people. They will be in your ovens and in your bread pans. The frogs will be on you, your people and all of your officials.' "

Bible Lesson with Discussion Questions – Continued

Then the Lord spoke to Moses. He said, "Tell Aaron, 'Reach your hand out. Hold your staff over the streams, waterways and ponds. Make frogs come up on the land of Egypt.' "

So Aaron reached his hand out over the waters of Egypt. The frogs came up and covered the land. But the magicians did the same things by doing their magic tricks. They also made frogs come up on the land of Egypt.

Pharaoh sent for Moses and Aaron. He said to them, "Pray to the Lord to take the frogs away from me and my people. Then I'll let your people go to offer sacrifices to the Lord."

Moses said to Pharaoh, "You can have the honor of setting the time for me to pray. I will pray for you, your officials and your people. I'll pray that the frogs will leave you and your homes. The only frogs left will be the ones in the Nile River." "Tomorrow," Pharaoh said.

Moses replied, "It will happen just as you say. Then you will know that there is no one like the Lord our God. The frogs will leave you and your houses. They will leave your officials and your people. They will remain only in the Nile River." Moses and Aaron left Pharaoh. Then Moses cried out to the Lord about the frogs he had brought on Pharaoh. And the Lord did what Moses asked. The frogs died in the houses, courtyards and fields. The Egyptians piled them up. The land smelled very bad because of them. But when Pharaoh saw that the frogs were dead, his heart became stubborn. He wouldn't listen to Moses and Aaron, just as the Lord had said.

The Plague of Gnats

Then the Lord spoke to Moses. He said, "Tell Aaron, 'Reach your wooden staff out. Strike the dust on the ground with it.' Then all over the land of Egypt the dust will turn into gnats."

So they did it. Aaron reached out the staff that was in his hand. He struck the dust on the ground with it. The dust all over the land of Egypt turned into gnats. They landed on people and animals alike. The magicians tried to produce gnats by doing their magic tricks. But they couldn't. The gnats stayed on people and animals alike.

The magicians said to Pharaoh, "God's powerful finger has done this." But Pharaoh's heart was stubborn. He wouldn't listen, just as the Lord had said.

The Plague of Flies

Then the Lord spoke to Moses. He said, "Get up early in the morning. Talk to Pharaoh as he goes down to the river. Say to him, 'The Lord says, "Let my people go. Then they will be able to worship me. If you do not let my people go, I will send large numbers of flies. I will send them on you and your officials. I will send them on your people and into your homes. The houses of the Egyptians will be full of flies. Even the area where they live will be full of flies.

"But on that day I will treat the area of Goshen differently from yours. That is where my people live. There will not be large numbers of flies in Goshen. Then you will know that I, the Lord, am in this land. I will treat my people differently from yours. The miraculous sign will take place tomorrow."

So the Lord did it. Huge numbers of flies poured into Pharaoh's palace. They came into the homes of his officials. All over Egypt the flies destroyed the land. Then Pharaoh sent for Moses and Aaron. He said to them, "Go. Offer sacrifices to your God here in the land." But Moses said, "That wouldn't be right. The sacrifices we offer to the Lord our God wouldn't be accepted by the Egyptians because of their beliefs. Suppose we offered sacrifices they couldn't accept.

Then they would throw stones at us and try to kill us. We have to take a journey that lasts about three days. We want to go into the desert to offer sacrifices to the Lord our God, exactly as He commands us."

Pharaoh said, "I will let you and your people go to offer sacrifices. You can offer them to the Lord your God in the desert. But you must not go very far. And pray for me."



Bible Lesson with Discussion Questions – Continued

Moses replied, "As soon as I leave you, I will pray to the Lord. Tomorrow the flies will leave you. They will also leave your officials and your people. Just be sure you don't try to trick us again. Let the people go to offer sacrifices to the Lord." Then Moses left Pharaoh and prayed to the Lord. And the Lord did what Moses asked. The flies left Pharaoh, his officials and his people. Not one fly remained. But Pharaoh's heart became stubborn that time also. He wouldn't let the people go.

Exodus 9 ~ The Plague on Livestock

Then the Lord spoke to Moses. He said, "Go to Pharaoh. Tell him, 'The Lord, the God of the Hebrews, says, "Let my people go. Then they will be able to worship me. Do not refuse to let them go. Do not keep holding them back. If you refuse, my powerful hand will bring a terrible plague on you. I will strike your livestock in the fields. I will strike your horses, donkeys, camels, cattle, sheep and goats. But I will treat Israel's livestock differently from yours. No animal that belongs to the people of Israel will die."'"

The Lord set a time for the plague. He said, "Tomorrow I will send it on the land." So the next day the Lord sent it. All of the livestock of the Egyptians died. But not one animal that belonged to the Israelites died.

Pharaoh sent people to find out what had happened. They discovered that not even one animal that belonged to the Israelites had died. But his heart was still very stubborn. He wouldn't let the people go.

The Plague of Boils

Then the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron. He said, "Take handfuls of ashes from a furnace. Have Moses toss them into the air in front of Pharaoh. The ashes will turn into fine dust all over the whole land of Egypt. Then boils will break out on people and animals all over the land. Their bodies will be covered with them."

So Moses and Aaron took ashes from a furnace and stood in front of Pharaoh. Moses tossed them into the air. Then boils broke out on people and animals alike. The bodies of all of the Egyptians were covered with boils. The magicians couldn't stand in front of Moses because of the boils that were all over them. But the Lord made Pharaoh's heart stubborn. Pharaoh wouldn't listen to Moses and Aaron, just as the Lord had said to Moses.

The Plague of Hail

Then the Lord spoke to Moses. He said, "Get up early in the morning. Go to Pharaoh and say to him, 'The Lord, the God of the Hebrews, says, "Let my people go. Then they will be able to worship me. If you do not let them go, I will send the full force of my plagues against you this time. They will strike your officials and your people. Then you will know that there is no one like me in the whole earth. By now I could have reached out my hand. I could have struck you and your people with a plague that would have wiped you off the earth. But I had a special reason for making you king. I decided to show you my power. I wanted my name to become known everywhere on earth. But you are still against my people. You will not let them go. So at this time tomorrow I will send the worst hailstorm ever to fall on Egypt in its entire history. Give an order now to bring your livestock inside to a safe place. Bring in everything that is outside. The hail will fall on all of the people and animals that are left outside. They will die."'"

The officials of Pharaoh who had respect for what the Lord had said obeyed him. They hurried to bring their slaves and their livestock inside. But others didn't pay attention to what the Lord had said. They left their slaves and livestock outside.

Then the Lord spoke to Moses. He said, "Reach your hand out toward the sky. Then hail will fall all over Egypt. It will beat down on people and animals alike. It will strike everything that is growing in the fields of Egypt." Moses reached his wooden staff out toward the sky. Then the Lord sent thunder and hail. Lightning flashed down to the ground. The Lord rained hail on the land of Egypt. Hail fell and lightning flashed back and forth. It was the worst storm in Egypt's entire history. All over Egypt hail struck everything in the fields. It fell on people and animals alike. It beat down everything that was growing in the fields. It tore all of the leaves off the trees. The only place it didn't hail was in the area of Goshen. That's where the people of Israel were.

Bible Lesson with Discussion Questions – Continued

Then Pharaoh sent for Moses and Aaron. "This time I've sinned," he said to them. "The Lord has done what is right. I and my people have done what is wrong. Pray to the Lord, because we've had enough thunder and hail. I'll let you and your people go. You don't have to stay here any longer."

Moses replied, "When I've left the city, I'll lift up my hands and pray to the Lord. The thunder will stop. There won't be any more hail. Then you will know that the earth belongs to the Lord. But I know that you and your officials still don't have any respect for the Lord God."

The barley was ripe. The flax was blooming. So they were both destroyed. But the wheat and spelt weren't destroyed. That's because they ripen later. Then Moses left Pharaoh and went out of the city. He lifted up his hands and prayed to the Lord. The thunder and hail stopped. The rain didn't pour down on the land any longer. Pharaoh saw that the rain, hail and thunder had stopped. So he sinned again. He and his officials made their hearts stubborn. So Pharaoh's heart was stubborn. He wouldn't let the people of Israel go, just as the Lord had said through Moses.

Exodus 10 ~ The Plague of Locusts

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Go to Pharaoh. I have made his heart stubborn. I have also made the hearts of his officials stubborn so I can do my miraculous signs among them. Then you will be able to tell your children and grandchildren how hard I was on the Egyptians. You can tell them I did great miracles among the people of Egypt. And all of you will know that I am the Lord."

So Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh. They said to him, "The Lord, the God of the Hebrews, says, 'How long will you refuse to obey me? Let my people go. Then they will be able to worship me. If you refuse to let them go, I will bring locusts into your country tomorrow. They will cover the ground so that it can't be seen. They will eat what little you have left after the hail. That includes every tree that is growing in your fields. They will fill your houses. They will be in the homes of all of your officials and your people. Your parents and your people before them have never seen anything like it as long as they have lived here.'" Then Moses turned around and left Pharaoh.

Pharaoh's officials said to him, "How long will this man be a trap for us? Let the people go. Then they'll be able to worship the Lord their God. After everything that's happened, don't you realize that Egypt is destroyed?"

Moses and Aaron were brought back to Pharaoh. "Go. Worship the Lord your God," he said. "But just who will be going?" Moses answered, "We'll go with our young people and old people. We'll go with our sons and daughters. We'll take our flocks and herds. We are supposed to hold a feast in the Lord's honor." Pharaoh said, "The Lord will really be with all of you if I ever let you go, along with your women and children! Clearly you are planning to do something bad. No! I'll only allow the men to go. Then all of you can worship the Lord. After all, that's what you have been asking for." Then Pharaoh drove Moses and Aaron out of his sight.

The Lord said to Moses, "Reach out your hand over Egypt. Locusts will cover the land. They will eat up everything that is growing in the fields. They will eat up everything that was left by the hail."

So Moses reached his wooden staff out over Egypt. Then the Lord made an east wind blow across the land. It blew all that day and all that night. By morning the wind had brought the locusts. They came into every part of Egypt. They settled down in every area of the country in large numbers. There had never been a plague of locusts like it before. And there will never be one like it again. The locusts covered the ground until it was black. They ate up everything that was left after the hail. They ate up everything that was growing in the fields. They ate up the fruit on the trees. There was nothing green left on any tree or plant in the whole land of Egypt.

Pharaoh quickly sent for Moses and Aaron. He said, "I have sinned against the Lord your God. I've also sinned against you. Now forgive my sin one more time. Pray to the Lord your God to take this deadly plague away from me."



Bible Lesson with Discussion Questions – Continued

After Moses left Pharaoh, he prayed to the Lord. The Lord changed the wind to a very strong west wind. The wind picked up the locusts. It blew them into the Red Sea. Not even one locust was left anywhere in Egypt. But the Lord made Pharaoh's heart stubborn. And Pharaoh wouldn't let the people of Israel go.

The Plague of Darkness

The Lord spoke to Moses. He said, "Reach out your hand toward the sky. Darkness will spread over Egypt. It will be so dark that people can feel it."

So Moses reached out his hand toward the sky. Then complete darkness covered Egypt for three days. No one could see anyone else or go anywhere for three days. But all of the people of Israel had light where they lived. Then Pharaoh sent for Moses. He said to him, "Go. Worship the Lord. Even your women and children can go with you. Just leave your flocks and herds behind." But Moses said, "You must allow us to take animals to offer as sacrifices and burnt offerings to the Lord our God. Our livestock must also go with us. We have to use some of them to worship the Lord our God. We can't leave even one animal behind. Until we get there, we won't know what we are supposed to use to worship the Lord." But the Lord made Pharaoh's heart stubborn. So he wouldn't let the people go.

Pharaoh said to Moses, "Get out of my sight! Make sure you don't come to see me again! If you do, you will die. I'll do just as you say," Moses replied. "I will never come to see you again."

Exodus 11 ~ The Lord Announces the Tenth Plague

The Lord had spoken to Moses. He had said, "I will bring one more plague on Pharaoh and on Egypt. After that, he will let you and your people go. When he does, he will drive you completely away. Tell the men and women alike to ask their neighbors for articles made out of silver and gold." The Lord caused the Egyptians to treat the Israelites in a kind way. Pharaoh's officials and the people had great respect for Moses.

Moses said, "The Lord says, 'About midnight I will go through every part of Egypt. Every oldest son in Egypt will die. The oldest son of Pharaoh, who sits on the throne, will die. The oldest son of the female slave, who works at her hand mill, will die. All of the male animals that were born first to their mothers among the cattle will also die. There will be loud crying all over Egypt. It will be worse than it's ever been before. And nothing like it will ever be heard again. But among the people of Israel not even one dog will bark at any man or animal. Then you will know that the Lord treats Egypt differently from us.

All of your officials will come and bow down to me. They will say, 'Go, you and all of the people who follow you!' After that, I will leave." Moses burned with anger when he left Pharaoh.

The Lord had spoken to Moses. He had said, "Pharaoh will refuse to listen to you. So I will multiply my miracles in Egypt." Moses and Aaron did all of those miracles in the sight of Pharaoh. But the Lord made Pharaoh's heart stubborn. He wouldn't let the people of Israel go out of his country.

Exodus 12 (parts regarding the instructions given to the Israelites and the 10th Plague)

"Speak to the whole community of Israel. Tell them that on the tenth day of this month each man must get a lamb from his flock. A lamb should be chosen for each family and home.

"The animals you choose must be males that are a year old. They must not have any flaws. You may choose either sheep or goats. Take care of them until the 14th day of the month. Then the whole community of Israel must kill them when the sun goes down. Take some of the blood. Put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where you eat the lambs. Eat the meat while your coat is tucked into your belt. Put your sandals on your feet. Take your walking stick in your hand. Eat the food quickly. It is the Lord's Passover. That same night I will pass through Egypt. I will strike down every oldest son. I will also kill all of the male animals that were born first to their mothers. And I will judge all of the gods of Egypt. I am the Lord. "The blood on your houses will be a sign for you. When I see the blood, I will pass over you. No deadly plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.

Bible Lesson with Discussion Questions – Continued

At midnight the Lord struck down every oldest son in Egypt. He killed the oldest son of Pharaoh, who sat on the throne. He killed all of the oldest sons of prisoners, who were in prison. He also killed all of the male animals that were born first to their mothers among the livestock. Pharaoh and all of his officials got up during the night. So did all of the Egyptians. There was loud crying in Egypt because someone had died in every home.

The People of Israel Leave Egypt

During the night, Pharaoh sent for Moses and Aaron. He said to them, "Get out of here! You and the Israelites, leave my people! Go. Worship the Lord, just as you have asked. Go. Take your flocks and herds, just as you have said. And also give me your blessing."

The Egyptians begged the people of Israel to hurry up and leave the country. "If you don't," they said, "we'll all die!"

Story Summarized for the Children:

God sent Moses and his brother Aaron to go and see the Pharaoh of Egypt. Moses went to the Pharaoh and told him to let God's people go. (The Israelites wanted to leave Egypt and go into the desert to worship God.) Moses even threw down his staff like God had showed him, and it turned into a snake. But Pharaoh said, "No!"

So God told Moses that since the pharaoh was so stubborn, He would send a plague, or very bad thing, onto Egypt until the Pharaoh agreed to let God's people go. He sent 10 plagues in all. He turned the Nile River into blood. He made frogs appear everywhere, even in their houses. He made flies swarm everywhere. He made a disease come on the farm animals (horses, camels, cows, etc.) and they all died. He made a hail storm come down and destroy anything in its path including animals, crops and people. He made insects called locusts come, and they ate all the plants in Egypt. He made the sun go away and darkness covered Egypt for three whole days, except for the place where the Israelites dwelled. And the tenth plague was to have the firstborn child in each family die. (The Israelites were to paint their doors red, and if they did this, their children would live.)

In the final plague, even the Pharaoh's firstborn son was killed. He finally said "Go! Leave my people and go and worship your Lord!" So all the Israelites packed up their things and their families and left Egypt. The Israelites saw God's great power, and they feared the Lord and put their trust in His servant, Moses.

Discussion Questions:

1. What were the first 9 plagues that God sent to the Egyptians? *(Use your poster or make one now to review the plagues: Water becomes blood, frogs, lice, flies, the farm animals or livestock died, boils, hail, locusts, and darkness.)*
2. What did Pharaoh say after each plague? Why? *(He answered "no". His heart was stubborn. Talk about what this means as needed.)*
3. What was the 10th plague called? *(Passover, because God passed over the Israelites in the night if they listened to what God told them to do.)*
4. What made the Pharaoh change his mind? *(God changed his heart because his firstborn son was killed.)*
5. Pharaoh was given many signs, why did he not just obey? *(He was stubborn because the Lord hardened his heart.)*
6. Did it take the Pharaoh a long time before he would listen to God and let the Israelites go? *(Yes it did!)*
7. Who should we listen to and obey? *(Discuss with the children...parents, teachers, etc.)* Do you always listen the first time? *(Discuss together.)*
8. Should we listen to God the first time? *(Absolutely.)*
9. How could the story have ended differently if the Pharaoh had decided to listen the first time to what God wanted? *(Discuss together.)*

Application to Real Life

Continue with “A Hardened Heart” discussion from the “getting started” section, or do the entire discussion at this point of the lesson. If continuing:

Ask the children if they remember the difference between the two eggs. They can experiment again with both eggs for a while to figure out the differences. The hard-boiled one spins very easily (show them this on the table), while the raw egg does not spin very well. Think about Pharaoh’s hardened heart. It was pretty easy to spin this way and that. He changed his mind a bunch of times. This is how a heart can be if we listen to everything around us. We spin around and around, away from God, and sometimes we forget about God. But if we are like the raw egg, we can’t spin very easily. Inside this egg is liquid. If we have that soft center that loves God, we can be obedient to God and His word.

Look up together in the Bible: **Proverbs 28:14. (NIRV translation is as follows) “Blessed is the one who always has respect for the Lord. But anyone who is stubborn will get into trouble.”** Ask the children who was stubborn in today’s lesson? (Pharaoh.) What kind of trouble did he get into? (Discuss together.) We always want to “Listen to God’s Word” (message statement). It will keep us out of trouble too.

Memory Work Fun

5 minutes

1. Recite the memory verse.
2. Practice finding the memory verse and/or Bible text in their Bible!
3. Play a game to review a Commandment (toss the bean bag/stuffed animal, the person who catches it says the next word...try to go faster and faster).
4. Lead the class in a short prayer about our Love for God and thanking Him for taking care of us, even when things seem impossible.
5. Who can name one of fruit of the spirit? (See Galatians 6:22-23 as needed.)

Activity Ideas

Choose One

All Ages

Retell the 10 plagues (with props)

Bring in items or pictures to represent each of the 10 plagues. Some examples could be:

- red food coloring in water for blood
- plastic frogs (found at most dollar stores)
- little balled up paper for lice and flies
- plastic farm animals for livestock
- white craft balls for hail or balled up white paper

OR Make a poster together. Divide it into 10 sections for the ten plagues. Gather clip art or pictures ahead of time to place on the poster. See if the children can put them in the correct order before using glue to attach them to the poster. SEE ATTACHED for clip art.

All Ages - continued**"The Plague Song"**

See: www.kidssundayschool.com → grade school → songs → "The Plague Song"

This song is sung to the tune of "[This Old Man](#)". Please see the above website for the words and further instructions.

Moses Timeline

Add the 10 plagues to the Moses timeline, illustrating each plague with a section of the timeline.

Moses Skit – Part 4

See the attached skit....remember to use props/costumes and have fun!

Musical Lily Pads:

See: www.daniellesplace.com → login → search the resource room (in the upper right hand corner of the webpage) for "Plagues" → click on "God will help you - Plagues" → Scroll down to "8. Musical Lily Pads"

Place lily pads cut mad from construction paper on the floor. You will need to make more than one lily pad for each child so that they are not jumping on top of each other. Please see the above website for detailed instructions.

Grades K-2**Frog Crafts**

See: www.daniellesplace.com → login → search the resource room (in the upper right hand corner of the webpage) for "Plagues" → click on "God will help you - Plagues".

There are several frog crafts available online at daniellesplace.com that can be used in connection with this story of the plagues. See the above link to the website.

"Frog Hot Potato"

You will need music and a beanbag or frog stuffed animal for this activity. When the music starts, the children will pass the frog around the circle, but when the music stops, the child holding the frog must say the memory verse. If they say it correctly, they get to stand in the middle of the circle. If not, try again by starting the music and passing the frog again until the music stops. Note: Try to have the memory verse posted somewhere in the room (on chart paper or the easel) as an extra support.

Grades 3-5**Play a Bible Verse Memory Game**

Before class cut out nine lily pad shapes from green construction paper. Go over the memory verse several times with the children. Write one of the words from the memory verse on each lily pad. (Remember to put the Bible reference on one too.) Be creative and make a game out of it, ending up eventually with the lily pads in the correct order, according to the memory verse.

Grades K-2

Draw a picture of the Pharaoh saying no to Moses. If you were the Pharaoh, how long would it take you to listen to God and let his people go? Why? Write about it.

Grades 3-5

Why do you think we should listen to God and His word? Be specific. Write about it.

If you were the Pharaoh, how long do you think it would have taken you to listen to God and let His people go? Be honest! Write about it.

Homework Ideas

- Read at home with a grown up the story about **The Crossing of the Red Sea** (Exodus 12:31-13:18; 14-15:1).
- Learn the memory verse: *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart...."*
--Proverbs 3:5 (NIRV)
- Work on memorizing commandment #_____.
- Color the "**Crossing of the Red Sea**" coloring sheet as your parents read you the Sunday School Lesson. Return your coloring page for a sticker.
- Who do you trust in your life? Make a list of all the people you can trust. Bring it to class to share.

Other Resources

www.daniellesplace.com → Resource Room → Search "plagues"

<http://children.ccm.com/curriculum/> → Old Testament → Lesson 37 "Support Curriculum"

"The Ten Plagues" Clip Art



#1 Water to Blood
(Color the water red)



#2 - Frogs



#3 – Lice



#4 - Flies



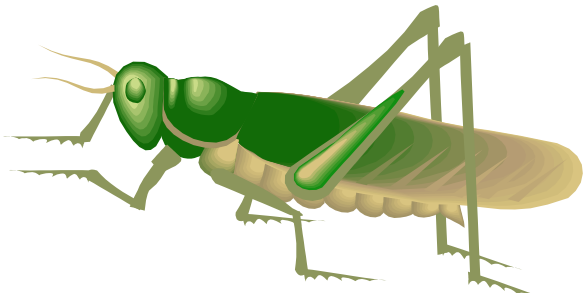
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#6 – Boils



#7 – Hail Storm



#8 – Locusts



#9 - Darkness



#10 - Passover

Moses Skit - Part 4: Moses and the 10 Plagues

Characters Moses, Aaron, Pharaoh

Narrator God told Moses to go to the Pharaoh in Egypt and tell him to let God's people go!

Moses Our God has commanded you: Let my people go!

Pharaoh No, I will not! The Israelites need to go back to work!

Narrator Pharaoh was so angry that he worked the Israelites even harder. They were upset with Moses, and blamed him for the extra work. Moses prayed to God, and God told him he was with him. Again, Moses went to the Pharaoh...

Moses Our God has commanded you: Let my people go!

Pharaoh No, now go away!

Narrator Moses threw down his staff, and it became a snake! The King called his magicians, and they also turned their staffs into snakes. Then Aaron's snake ate all the other snakes. The Pharaoh laughed and said...

Pharaoh Who is your God? Now, go away!

Narrator Moses and Aaron were upset, but God was with them. He sent a plague to the Egyptians. This time when Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh, they had a surprise for him.

Moses Let my people go!

Pharaoh No!

Moses Do you need a sign from God? Here, look at the water...

Narrator Moses touches the water with his staff, and it turns to blood. All the fish die and the Egyptians cannot get water. It goes on for a week. Moses goes back to Pharaoh.

Moses If you do not let my people go, God will continue to send plagues.

Pharaoh I will not let them go.

Narrator God sends one plague each week, and each time the Pharaoh says no. He sends frogs, flies, vermin, blisters and boils, hailstorms, swarms of locusts, total darkness for three days.

Moses Will you let my people go?

Pharaoh No! Get out of my sight!



Narrator Finally, God sent one final plague to the Egyptians.

Moses (to the Israelites) Go home and paint your doorways with blood from a lamb. Tonight, God will come and kill every firstborn in the land, except if you have painted your doorways.

Narrator That night, all the firstborns were killed, even Pharaoh's own son! Finally, the Pharaoh said...

Pharaoh Enough! Go and take all your people and leave Egypt!

Name: _____

The Crossing of the Red Sea



"Trust in the Lord with all your heart..."
--Proverbs 3:5 (NIRV)

Take Home Page: D31. The Ten Plagues

Today I learned...

Today your child learned that we need to Listen to God's word. The children explored the story of the ten plagues that were brought upon the Egyptian people and recognize how God protected the Moses and the Israelites. They also discussed what can happen when we are stubborn and do not want to listen to the Lord.

Help me learn my memory verse...

"But the Lord our God is with us." --2 Chronicles 32:8 (NIRV)

Ask me...

1. Which of the plagues do you think was the worst one? Why?
2. Why did God cause the plagues to strike the people in Egypt?
3. Do you believe it is important to listen to God the first time? Why or why not?

Live Your Faith...

If possible, play a game of telephone together. Think of a simple message and whisper it to one person in your family. Then have him/her whisper that message into the next person's ear, and so on. See if the message ends up being the same as the original one. Do this a few times, taking turns with who creates and starts the message. Remind your child/children that God wants us to listen to His Word, and that when we do, He will bless us.
