

STORY: EXODUS: Moses: Let my people go! (Exodus 7-12)

STORY

When God appeared to Moses in the Burning Bush, He told Moses to go back to Egypt and tell Pharaoh to let His people go.

[Make this as interactive as possible]

So Moses went to Egypt. And he went to see Pharaoh and said,

“God said, ‘Let my people go!’”

“No!”

Every time you say this, put your arms on top of each other in front of you for “Pharaoh”, and turn your head abruptly to one side and say “No”

So God sent 10 plagues (curses) on Egypt — to punish the Egyptians and as a sign of His power so that everyone will know He is the real God.

Plague #1: Water → Blood

God told Moses to tell Aaron to stretch his hand over river and all the waters of Egypt — even in pails and jugs — turned into blood. The Egyptian magicians thought it was a trick, and did the same.

Prepare a large, clear pitcher -- empty except for some red food coloring inconspicuously at the bottom. At the appropriate moment, pour in some water -- and watch the water magically turn to "blood!"

“God said, ‘Let my people go!’”

“No!”

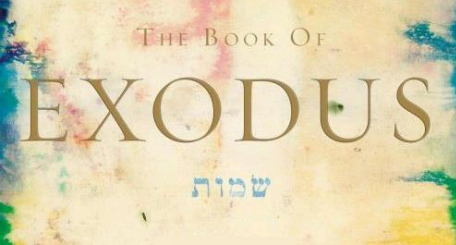
Plague #2: Frogs

God told Moses to tell Aaron to stretch his hand and rod over the streams and ponds and frogs came up all over Egypt. The Egyptian magicians thought it was a trick, and did the same.

Hop 5x like frogs in their place

“God said, ‘Let my people go!’”

“No!”



Plague #3: Lice

God told Moses to tell Aaron to stretch his rod and hit the ground and all the dust of the land became lice! (kutu) The magicians tried to make the lice disappear, but they failed. They told Pharaoh, "God has done this!" But the king was stubborn.

Throw some plastic bugs at the kids.

"God said, 'Let my people go!"

"No!"

Plague #4: Flies

Swarms of flies came all over Egypt, except for Goshen, where the Israelites lived. "Go offer sacrifices to your God!" the king cried. But later, he changed his mind.

Buzz around as flies.

"God said, 'Let my people go!"

"No!"

Plague #5: Livestock died

Disease struck, and all the cattle, horses, donkeys, camels, oxen and sheep all died. But the Israelites' livestock did not die.

Lie down and play dead.

"God said, 'Let my people go!"

"No!"

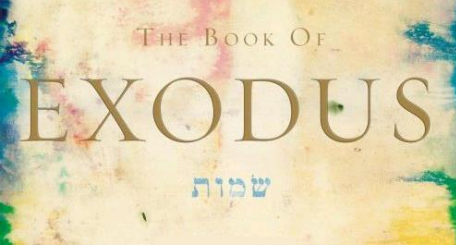
Plague #6: Boils

Moses took ashes from the furnace and scattered it toward the sky. It became fine dust in all the land and caused boils to break out in sores on man and animal.

Itchy, itchy. Scratch, scratch, scratch.

"God said, 'Let my people go!"

"No!"



Plague #7: Hail Storm

Moses stretched his hand out toward heaven and thunder and hail and fire came down all over Egypt.

Ping pong balls, marshmallows, rolled up pieces of paper etc.

"God said, 'Let my people go!"

"No!"

Plague #8: Locusts

Moses stretched his hand over Egypt, and locusts came and ate every leaf on the land that was left after the hail.

Hop, hop, hop like grasshoppers/locusts. Or give them green-colored (leaf) snacks to chomp on.

"God said, 'Let my people go!"

"No!"

Plague #9: Darkness

Moses stretched his hand up and there was darkness for 3 whole days. But the Israelites had light.

Turn off lights.

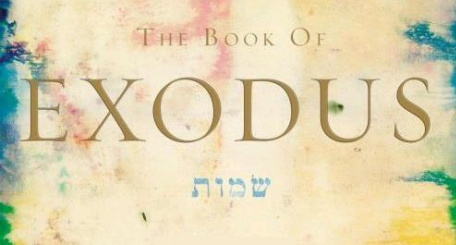
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Plague #9: Death of Firstborn

Pharaoh was so stubborn and refused to let God's people go. So God brought the final and worst curse on the land — every firstborn child and animal in Egypt died that night. But in a miraculous way, the firstborns of Israel were spared (we'll learn about it next week).

And finally, Pharaoh agreed to let God's people go.



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LESSON

Jesus is the Firstborn

The death of the firstborn in Egypt meant freedom for the Israelites.

The death of Jesus, the Firstborn over all creation (Col 1:15) — the One with no beginning, no end — meant freedom for all of us from sin and Satan's bondage.

From Plagues to Blessings

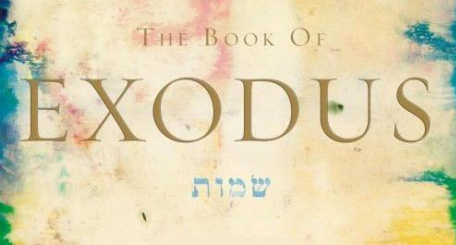
Moses brought 10 plagues/curses to set the Israelites free.

Jesus died for our freedom and brought us into all God's blessings — life, freedom, blessings, healing, rest, God's love, acceptance etc etc.

We have all of Jesus' inheritance as firstborn and heir of God.

Rom 8:17 *Now if we are children, then we are heirs — heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ,...*

Thank you Jesus!



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ACTIVITY SUGGESTION

Fun 10 plagues song: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7GIKcJmNyNo>

Have the kids do the Pharaoh action and say "No" in between the verses.

Video clip from 10 Commandments:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ahkwQhQZWG8&index=2&list=PLo4__PaHmfsC_cxyCWsboHOS9ZAht1GYx