

## Moses Plagues to Exodus

### Story

Moses went back to Egypt with his wife, Zipporah, and their two sons.

In Egypt, Moses and his brother Aaron went to Pharaoh and said, “The Lord, the God of Israel, says, ‘Let my people go.’”

Pharaoh said, “NO! Get back to work making bricks. You must need more work to do; from now on the people must find their own straw to make bricks.”

Well, the Israelites were not happy about the extra work. They complained bitterly to Moses and Aaron.

Moses called out to God, “Lord, why did you cause your people to suffer even more? Why did you send me? It has caused nothing but trouble and made things worse.”

God answered, “You’ll see. I have seen how my people are suffering and I will keep my promise to them and free them from slavery. Now I will force the Pharaoh to let my people go. Now you and Aaron must return to him and say as I command.”

Each time Moses and Aaron asked, “Let my people go,” and Pharaoh said “no”, then God would send a plague – each one worse than the one before; A total of ten plagues.

Ask: Do you know what a plague is? (something really bad that causes a lot of suffering)

For the first plague, Moses struck the surface of the Nile River with his walking stick and the water turned into blood. All the fish died. It smelled! But Pharaoh said “NO!” ... He would not let the people of Israel go.

[With each plague, pause after “But Pharaoh said...” and let the children say “NO!” They should catch on to the cue pretty quickly.]

For the second plague, God sent a plague of frogs. They covered the land and filled people’s houses. There were even frogs in the beds!

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Plague number 3: Moses struck his walking stick on the ground and God turned the dust into gnats: Nasty little bugs that flew into everyone’s eyes, and ears, and mouths. Ick!

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Plague number 4: flies. Cloud of flies buzzed around Pharaoh and the Egyptians. But, in the region of Goshen, where the Israelites lived, no flies!

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Plague number 5: God sent a terrible disease, and all the animals of the Egyptians died — the cattle, sheep, and goats. In Goshen, none of the rest of the plagues would bother the Israelites. God was protecting his people.

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Plague number 6: Moses threw ashes into the air, and it settled on the Egyptian people and became boils – open sores all over their skin.

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Plague number 7: thunder and lightning and hail. The hail the size of your fist pounded people and plants.

It destroyed their crops.

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Plague number 8: Locusts! Locusts that ate everything the hail hadn't destroyed.

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Plague number 9: Moses lifted his hand toward the sky and there was heavy darkness throughout Egypt for three days. The Egyptians could not see each other.

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Then God said to Moses, "I will send only one more punishment on Pharaoh and his people. Then he will make you leave. Now tell the Israelites and to prepare as I direct you. Every family must choose a special lamb, kill it, and put some of the blood on the doorposts of their house. I will go through the land of Egypt and kill every first-born male, human and animal. But I will pass over the homes of the Israelites, if they are marked with blood on the doorposts."

Moses warned Pharaoh but Pharaoh still said "NO!" So, at midnight, the tenth plague; all the first-born sons in Egypt, even Pharaoh's son, died.

Pharaoh sent for Moses and Aaron: "Get out! Leave my country."

The Israelites quickly packed their things and left. They had to leave in such a hurry that the food they took with them was bread dough made without yeast, for there was no time to let their bread dough rise.

After they left Egypt, God told the Israelites to remember the night when death passed over their homes. Every year they were to celebrate "Passover". Even today,

	<p>during Passover, Jewish people celebrate with a special meal and remember how God saved their people from slavery.</p> <p><b>Closing:</b></p> <p>Say: God's great power is what saved the Hebrews. They trusted and obeyed the one true God. Pharaoh believed only in himself, he thought his powers were just as great as God's but that was false! God is mighty and awesome. God is in control. We may not understand why God allows certain things to happen, but we can trust that God loves us. No matter what happens, God is with you. God loves you!</p>
<b>Videos</b>	<p>Here are the videos continuing on from the last lesson.</p> <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oosM99f5KeQ">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oosM99f5KeQ</a> 7:14 to 17:05</p>
<b>Activities</b>	<p><b>Cooking</b> Unleavened bread .</p> <p>The Israelites had to leave Egypt so quickly that they didn't have time for the bread they were making to rise before baking it to take with them. So they baked it without the rising time. Below is the recipe for unleavened bread that I got from Pinterest.</p> <p>1 cup of All purpose flour 1/3 cup of vegetable oil 1/8 teaspoon of salt 1/3 cup of water</p> <p>-Line a baking sheet with parchment paper or if you don't have that grease it well with butter or shortening.</p> <p>-Mix flour, oil and salt together in a bowl</p> <p>-Add water and mix until the dough is soft.</p> <p>-Using your hands form the dough into six balls and press them flat onto the baking sheet.</p> <p>-Bake at 425 degrees for 8 to 10 minutes. They should be slightly brown on top. Allow to cool and enjoy.</p> <p>*Did you know that when the Jewish people celebrate Passover this is the type of bread they use to remember when God passed over their homes in the night when the first born of Egypt died, and they were set free the next morning.</p>