

Old Testament

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Through the Old Testament in Two Years

Part One



Created for use with young, unchurched learners
Adaptable for all ages including adults

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Pharaoh and the Plagues

Exodus 7-12

Memory Verse:

Turn all your worries over to him. He cares about you.
(I Peter 5:7 NIRV)

Lesson Goals:

1. Understand that Aaron went with Moses to face Pharaoh.
2. Recognize that God hardened Pharaoh's heart.
3. Understand that the Egyptian magicians performed some of the same miracles.
4. Learn that God delivered Israel from slavery with mighty miracles.

Last week we learned that God told Moses to go back and help His people get out of slavery. His brother, Aaron, would help him as he went before Pharaoh.

Read the Bible

READ: Exodus 7:1-13 (Hold your Bible open throughout the story.)

Begin With Prayer

Moses and Aaron (Moses' brother) went to the king pharaoh to ask him to let God's people go. The king was very stubborn. Moses had a stick that became a snake when he threw it down. The king's magicians did the same thing with their tricks. (Exodus 7:8-13)

God told Moses to meet the king at the river in the morning. He talked to the king again, but the king would not let God's people go. So, God told Moses to dip his stick into the river. When he did, the water turned to **blood**. The king had the magicians do the same thing. So, the king would not listen to Moses. (Exodus 7:14-24)

Next, Moses met the king and asked him to let God's people go. This time the land was flooded with **frogs**. There were frogs everywhere! But the magicians did the same thing, so the king would not let God's people go. However, the king asked Moses to take the frogs away. With God's help, the frogs died, but the king did not change his mind. (Exodus 8:1-15)

Next, God sent **gnats** because the king would not listen. They flew around everywhere. This time the magicians could not make gnats, but the king still would not let the people go. (Exodus 8:16-19)

The fourth plague was **flies**. They swarmed over all the Egyptian people, but were nowhere around God's people. The king told Moses that they could go and worship God, if God would take the flies away. The flies left, but the king changed his mind and would not let the people go. (Exodus 8:20-30)

Then, Moses told the king that there would be a **disease** on the farm animals if he did not let them go. Sure enough, the disease killed all the animals but the king was still stubborn. (Exodus 9:1-7)

God told Moses and Aaron to scoop up ashes from a furnace. He told them to throw them into the air in front of the king. When they did this, the Egyptian people broke out in sores called **boils**. Even the magicians had them! (Exodus 9:8-12)

Pharaoh and the Plagues — Bible Facts

1. Pharaoh said he would not let Israel go free.
2. Moses turned his staff into a serpent.
3. God sent ten plagues.
4. Pharaoh let Israel go free.

Next, Moses told the king that a thunderous **hail storm** would come. It came and ruined the crops in the fields. The king told Moses that the people could go. But when the hail stopped, the king changed his mind again. (Exodus 9:13-35)

Moses and Aaron went to the king again. They asked to worship God or swarms of **locusts** would come. At first, the king agreed until he realized that even the children were going. Then, he told Moses, “No.” The locusts came. In fact, there were so many that the sky was black with them. They ate all the plants and made life miserable. When the king asked for mercy, the plague stopped, but then he told Moses, “No!” (Exodus 10:1-20)

For the next plague, God caused **darkness** in the Egyptian city for 3 days. However, where God’s people lived, it was both night and day as usual. The king still would not change his mind. He would not let God’s people go. (Exodus 10:21-29)

Finally for the tenth plague, Moses told the king that the last plague would change his heart. An angel was assigned to **kill all the first born sons** of all the families. (Exodus 11:1-7)

God had His people prepare for the last plague. All God’s people marked their doorposts with blood from a lamb. This was a sign for the angel that passed over that he would not kill the first son in that family. (Exodus 12:1-28)

All night long crying could be heard in Egypt. People were realizing that their first born sons were killed. Even the king’s son died. This caused the king to finally let God’s people go. He told them to take whatever they needed for their journey. Many Egyptians gave them things for their journey. (Exodus 12:29-30)

God cared for His people and helped them get out of slavery. It was not as quick as the people thought it should be. God could have done it differently, but He chose to do things in His way for important reasons.

Review

1. How did Pharaoh respond to Moses’ request? (He said he would not let Israel go free.)
2. What did Moses do? (turned the serpent into a snake)
3. What did God do? (sent ten plague)
4. What Pharaoh do? (let the people go)

Do you know Jesus?

God cares for us just like He cared for the people long ago. (1 Peter 5:7) In fact, He made a way for us to get out of our messes too. Jesus is the way to God. (John 14:6) We have all done wrong and have sinned against God. But if we ask for forgiveness, Jesus will forgive us and come and be a part of our lives. (Romans 10:9-10)

Prayer Time

1. Take a moment to listen to God.
2. Thank God for sending Jesus to make a way for us to get to God.
3. Ask God to help you trust Him to care for you.
4. Pray for friends and family members who need to trust God to care for them.

Application

Aaron and Moses went before Pharaoh. They told him what God said, but God hardened Pharaoh’s heart. When he saw the Egyptian magicians performed some of the same miracles, he refused to let the people go. But God delivered Israel from slavery with mighty miracles. We can trust God to care for us, too.

Planning for the next week:
Through the Red Sea — Exodus 13-14

Preschool Lesson

Read the Bible

READ: Exodus 7:1-13 (Hold your Bible open throughout the story.)

Teachers: Some kids may be scared of blood, bugs etc. Help them know that God took care of His people and they did not experience the plagues. Color or make pictures of the plagues.

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Moses and Aaron went to the king again. They asked to worship God or swarms of **locusts** would come. Locusts are like grasshoppers. At first, the king agreed until he realized that even the children were going. Then, he told Moses, "No." The locusts came. In fact, there were so many that the sky was black with them. They ate all the plants and made life miserable. When the king asked for mercy, the plague stopped, but then he told Moses, "No!"

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God took care of His people. He helped them when the king was mean and hard on them. God promises to help us too. He will take care of us and be with us all the time.

Prayer Time

1. Take a moment to listen to God.
2. Thank God for sending Jesus to make a way for us to get to God.
3. Ask God to help you trust Him to care for you.

Memory verse for younger children:

He cares for you. | Peter 5:7

Learning Activities

Memory verse activity — Write the verse on a piece of paper and hide it in the room. Let the kids try to find the verse. Talk about verses that they have learned. Share how they will help them do the right thing.

Test your memory — Make a booklet of the plagues or play a game about the plagues. Use it to tell the story. Ask the kids to retell the story.

Cut an empty egg carton so that there are 10 cups (instead of 12). Now, find little items to represent the 10 plagues and place in each of the 10 cups. For example, a red piece of paper for blood, plastic frog, fly, cow, Styrofoam ball for hail, etc.

Taste activity — Make bug snacks using crackers, peanut butter, pretzels for legs, and raisins for eyes.

Think about it — Do you ever make excuses? Moses tried to make excuses to God. God kept giving Moses an answer for every excuse he had. Do you try to make excuses to God? Talk about how we do not have to be afraid of what God is asking us to do.

God called Moses to do something special for Him. God knows us and has a plan for our lives too. Talk about how God can use us to help others know about Him.

Touch activity — Put a drop of red food coloring on the end of a toothpick. Dip it in water and watch the water turn red. Talk about how the magicians did the same thing. Share how God did a miracle and how it was different. (Even the water in pots turned red etc.)

The kids may want to draw pictures to help them remember the plagues.

Make a “Pharaoh Fan” out of leaves, feathers or construction paper.

Run and play — Bring silly string and pretend that the string is different plagues. Have the children run away from the plagues.

Bring several umbrellas to hide under to show the kids that God protected His people. They did not receive the plagues like the Egyptians did. Call out the name of a plague. Have the children run to hide under the umbrella.

Listen — As the children take time for silence, remind them that God cares for us.

Sing — Sing “Take My Life, Use Me Lord,” or another song related to the story.

Reach out — During class, pray for kids that did not come today. Ask the children to go with you to deliver coloring pages for those who did not attend. Read the Bible to the child.

Memory Verse

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I Peter 5:7

Word Puzzle

Trace the letters.

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Word Search

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