Exodus 7-11

“Don’t be mislead: No one makes a fool of God” (Galatians 6:7).

In this lesson students will learn about the terrible plagues that descended on the land of Egypt. Egypt was a large country, but most of the population lives along the banks of the Nile river. This 3,000-mile waterway was a “river of life” for the Egyptians. It made life possible in a land that was mostly desert by providing water for drinking, farming, bathing, and fishing. Without the Nile’s water, Egyptian civilization could not have existed. Imagine Pharaoh’s dismay when Moses turned this sacred river to blood! This was only the beginning of many plagues to follow!
Lesson Quest

What I want my students to:

Know: God warns us.

Feel: They can always turn to God for help.

Do: Never doubt God; always obey Him.

Leader’s Devotion

This story probably makes most of us think, “Sheesh Pharaoh, were you really that ignorant? Did you need this many signs from God before you believed?” Most of us probably look at him as a fool when it came to listening and obeying God.

Take a look at your own timetable of listening and obeying. For many of us, we are a lot more like Pharaoh; it takes drastic measures for us to finally give in to what God is asking, especially when it’s something we really don’t want to hear. Look at your other relationships with friends, co-workers, spouses or children. Are you waiting for something drastic to happen, or are you answering their first plea?
Get Set!

**Option A**

**STORY STARTERS**

**Materials:** Strips of paper with the beginning of sentences such as “if all the water turned to blood . . .” “if lice were all over my bed . . .” “if frogs covered the ground . . .” “if my dog was covered with fleas . . .” “if everyone had sores all over their bodies . . .” “if it was dark for three days . . .” and “if grasshoppers were jumping all around me . . .”

**Procedure:** Have students draw a slip of paper and finish the sentences. Can you imagine what it would be like to have all of these things happening? Let students respond. Why do you think God would let all of this happen? Let students respond. Our Bible story today tells us why God sent these plagues to Egypt; let’s listen to what it says.

**GO TO THE BIBLE STORY**

**Option B**

**HOW MANY TIMES?**

**Materials:** None

**Procedure:** Have one volunteer act like he is busy watching his favorite television show. You will pretend to be his mom. Have him do just what he would at home. Say to the volunteer, will you please turn the TV off and come clean your room? Give him a chance to reply, although he may simply ignore you. Ask him 2 or 3 more times, each time getting more and more aggravated. Thank you, helper. Say to the class, is this how most of us act when someone asks us to do something we don’t want to do? Let kids respond. Do your parents get really frustrated when they have to ask you more than once? Let kids respond. In our Bible story, Pharaoh didn’t listen either. And boy did he get in trouble! Let me tell you about it.

**GO TO THE BIBLE STORY**
Teacher Tip: Provide markers for students to highlight portions of the story in their Bibles

Materials: A picture of a thumb pointing down and a picture of a man shaking his head (see Teacher Resource section.)

Procedure: When I hold up the picture of the thumb, I want you all to shout, “uh oh!!” and make a bad face. When I hold up the picture of this man, who we’re pretending is Moses, I want you all to tell Pharaoh, “Let my people go!!” Are you ready?

God told Moses to go to Pharaoh and say, “. . .” (hold up picture of man) But, Pharaoh didn’t listen, so God helped Moses and Aaron turn all the water in the river into blood (hold up thumbs down sign). Then Moses said again, “. . .” (hold up picture of man so kids can respond.) But, Pharaoh was stubborn. So, God sent so many frogs that the people couldn’t even walk without stepping on them (thumbs down sign)! Moses went to Pharaoh again and said, “. . .” (man sign) but Pharaoh still shook his head no. So, God sent millions of gnats to Egypt (thumbs down sign). The people were so itchy because of all the bugs. Moses asked Pharaoh again, “. . .” (man sign) but Pharaoh still didn’t think anything that bad could happen and he said no. So, God sent so many flies that the people could hardly see (thumbs down sign)! Pharaoh talked to Moses and said, “please, I’ll do anything, just get rid of all these flies.” So, Moses prayed to God, and God took the flies away. But mean old Pharaoh changed his mind, and the Israelites couldn’t leave. Moses went to Pharaoh again and said, “. . .” (man sign) but Pharaoh still refused. So, God made all the animals that the Egyptians owned very, very sick, so that they all died (thumbs down sign). God was good to the people who loved him though; they’re animals were all okay. Moses went to Pharaoh again and said, “. . .” (man sign). Pharaoh still said no way, so God sent sores, called boils, all over the Egyptians skin (thumbs down sign). Moses went to Pharaoh again and said, “. . .” (man sign). Of course Pharaoh didn’t listen to Moses, and God sent a terrible hailstorm down on Egypt (thumbs down sign). Everything outside was ruined! Again Moses went to see if Pharaoh had changed his mind, but he hadn’t. So God sent locusts all over Egypt (thumbs down sign). Everything the hail hadn’t hurt was completely destroyed from the bugs. Moses went to see Pharaoh and asked him again, “. . .” (man sign). Pharaoh didn’t budge with his answer. So God made it completely dark for three whole days (thumbs down sign). Moses went to Pharaoh one last time and said, “. . .” (man sign). But, Pharaoh refused.
Hail Sticks

ARTS/CRAFTS

Materials: Toilet paper or paper towel tube, 2 three-inch circles of wax paper, 2 rubber bands, \( \frac{1}{2} \) c. uncooked rice per student, markers or crayons

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God sent hail to Egypt to remind Pharaoh to listen to Moses.

Procedure: Put one of the circles of wax paper on the end of the tube and wrap a rubber band around it to hold it in place. Pour the rice into the tube, and attach the other piece of wax paper to the open end. Decorate tube. To use the Hail Stick, simply flip it upside down and hear the storm!

Whenever we hear hail, whether it’s real or from our sticks, let’s remember to obey God the first time He asks us to do something!
Pharaoh Food

FOOD: Please check for food allergies!

Materials: A sugar cookie for each child, red frosting (buy white frosting and add red food coloring), chocolate sprinkles, gummy frogs

Quest Connection

The cookie shows a few of the plagues! The red frosting is the water turned to blood, the chocolate sprinkles represent the bugs, and the gummy frogs show the frogs God sent to Egypt.

Procedure: Have students frost their cookie, and then add sprinkles and a frog or two. Enjoy!

Prayer: God, please give us the energy we may need to do difficult things like Moses did. Thank You for always helping us through them. We’re glad we can always trust You. Amen.
REVIEW

Materials: The bug pattern for each child (see Teacher Resources), 2 ½ pipe cleaners, and 2 brads per child, black poster board, card stock paper, pens, hole punch

God sent a lot of different bugs to Egypt to show Pharaoh He was serious. This bug helps kids remember that!

Procedure: Cut out the body and head from black poster board. Glue the head onto the body. Cut the wings out and punch a hole where indicated. Punch holes in the body where the x’s are. Feed one pipe cleaner through the top left hole from front to back and then into the top right hole from the back to front. Pull the pipe cleaner half way through so that the legs are even. Fold the legs so they look like a bug. Do the same thing with the next two set of holes. Attach the wings where indicted with two brads so that the wings will move. Draw the eyes. Fold half a pipe cleaner in half to form the antennae and tape them to the back of the head. Then write the Key Quest Verse on the bug’s wings!

Prayer: Lord help us to remember that we don’t want bugs in our lives. Help us obey You. Amen.
Plague Song

MUSIC

Materials: Musical instruments to play as you sing (optional), Resource Page

Quest Connection

God sent the plagues to Egypt.

Procedure: Sing to the tune of “This Old Man.”

Close

**Charades**

GAME

Materials: Strips of paper with different plagues on them

**Quest Connection**

God didn’t speak directly to Pharaoh, He used signs (and Moses) to talk to him.

Procedure: Have one student pick a slip of paper (without looking!) and keeps it a secret from the others. (Some kids may need help reading or thinking up ideas. Help them without letting the other students hear you!) The student then acts out the word, perhaps by stumbling around with their eyes closed and arms out for darkness, or itching all over the place for bugs. The trick is that they can’t use words!! The other students try and guess which plague is being shown. Give each student a chance to act.

**Close**

Let’s all remember to keep looking for what God wants us to do, because He may not say it out loud!
Go!

Create-a-Pond

ARTS/CRAFTS

Materials: Ziploc quart size freezer bag, 1/3 cup cornstarch, 1 cup water, a plastic frog and plastic bugs for each person red, blue, yellow and green food coloring, plastic grass, green craft foam, scissors, wide tape

Quest Connection

Frogs and many bugs live in ponds, and in the Bible story they lived all over Egypt to irritate Pharaoh

Procedure: Have each child cut out a lily pad from the green craft foam. Pour one-third cup of cornstarch into the bag. Add one cup of water. Add one drop of blue coloring, two drops each of red, yellow, and green food coloring. Also, add a few pieces of plastic grass, the lily pad, toy frog and bugs. Seal the bag and reinforce with the tape. Gently knead the mixture. Everyone now has their very own pond!

Close

bugs are everywhere, but I can’t imagine having them all in the same place at once! Let’s remember to obey God so the bugs and frogs stay where they belong – in the pond!
WARNING!!

God sent warning signs to Pharaoh, so Pharaoh could have stayed out of danger. There are signs for us to see too, in everyday life. See if you can figure out what the signs below mean. Write the answer on the line below the picture.

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Cut out the pictures below. Then, with a friend, turn all the pictures over so you can’t see them. Take turns flipping over two cards. If they have the same picture on them, you keep them! If they’re different, put them back upside down. Then your friend does the same thing. Whoever gets the most matches wins!
Resource Page—
Plague Song

God sent plague,
Number one,
Turned the Nile into blood.
All because Pharaoh said, “no,”
When Moses told him, “Let us go!”

God sent plague,
Number two,
Jumping frogs all over you.
All because Pharaoh said, “no,”
When Moses told him, “Let us go!”

God sent plague,
Number three,
Swarms of gnats from head to knee.
All because Pharaoh said, “no,”
When Moses told him, “Let us go!”

God sent plague,
Number four,
Filthy flies, need we say more?
All because Pharaoh said, “no,”
When Moses told him, “Let us go!”

God sent plague,
Number five,
All the livestock up and died.
All because Pharaoh said, “no,”
When Moses told him, “Let us go!”

God sent plague,
Number six,
Boils and sores to make you sick
All because Pharaoh said, “no,”
When Moses told him, “Let us go!”

God sent plague,
Number seven,
Hail and lightning down from heaven.
All because Pharaoh said, “no,”
When Moses told him, “Let us go!”

God sent plague,
Number eight,
Locusts came and they sure ate.
All because Pharaoh said, “no,”
When Moses told him, “Let us go!”

God sent plague,
Number nine,
Total darkness all the time.
All because Pharaoh said, “no,”
When Moses told him, “Let us go!”

God sent plague,
Number ten,
Pharaoh’s son died so he gave in.
All the Israelites were aglow,
When Pharaoh finally let them go.
Resource Page—
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Journal Page

Draw a picture of a time when you disobeyed God. How do you think God felt when you disobeyed Him? Now, draw a picture of what you looked like when you obeyed God.

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