



K-1st Lesson

Review

Refer to the Exodus to Malachi Timeline. We've learned how God protected Moses when he was a baby and then when he was grown up and had to run away from Egypt. Moses lived in Midian for 40 years until God called to him from a burning bush.

Refer to the Lesson 52 Flip Chart. God knew the Israelites were being treated badly as slaves, and it was time for Moses to lead them out of Egypt to the land God had promised to them. Moses was worried that he wasn't the right man for the job. So God gave him some signs to show the Israelites.

- What were the three signs God gave to Moses? His staff turning into a snake, his hand turning leprous, and water turning to blood.

Now Moses and his brother, Aaron, have to go before Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, and give him God's message to let his people go. Will Pharaoh listen and obey? Let's find out!

God's Power Over Satan's Power

First, Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and told him God's command to let the Israelites go. Pharaoh got angry! But God had a plan to show his great power to Pharaoh and all the Egyptians. They would see that he is the one true God who is greater than any of the false gods they worshipped. God would show them that only he is omnipotent.

- What does omnipotent mean? God is all-powerful. That's right. God is all-powerful. He is the Creator of all things and can do whatever he wants.

Exodus 7:10–12

- Let's look at the first sign of God's power. Who has the Bible? Have the student bring up the Bible and open it to the sticky note. I'm going to read Exodus 7:10–12. Read the verses.

- What happened when Aaron threw down his staff? God changed it into something. Exodus 7:10. It turned into a serpent.

Yes! It became a big snake, or serpent.

- But what happened when Pharaoh's magicians threw down their staffs? Their staffs also turned into serpents.

The magicians' staffs turned into snakes, too! It might have been some kind of magic trick, or the magicians could have been using Satan's power to do it.

- What did Aaron's serpent do to the magicians' serpents? Exodus 7:12. It swallowed them up!

- So who is more powerful, God or Satan? God.

When Pharaoh saw this, his heart grew hard and stubborn. He didn't believe God was omnipotent. He would not obey and let the Israelites go.

But this was just the beginning. God was going to send ten terrible plagues to punish him and the Egyptians for how they had treated the Israelites so harshly as slaves and wouldn't set them free.

The First Nine Plagues

What were these plagues like? Let's find out!

Exodus 7:20

For the first plague, God told Moses and Aaron to go to the Nile River, which was a big, important river in Egypt. Listen to what happened. Read Exodus 7:20.

- What happened to the water when Aaron hit it with his staff? It turned to blood.

- When the water turned to blood, what do you think happened to the fish that were in the river? They died.

Yes! All the fish died, and the river stank. Eww!

Show the Lesson Flip Chart. This first plague showed the Egyptians that God had power over the water in Egypt. Seven days later, Moses told Pharaoh to let the Israelites go, or God would send another plague.

- Do you think Pharaoh obeyed? No.

Exodus 8:3–4

No, Pharaoh did not obey. So God sent the second plague. Read Exodus 8:3–4.

- Refer to the Flip Chart. What was the second plague? Frogs everywhere.

Frogs came up out of the river! They hopped everywhere—in the people's houses, on their beds, in their kitchens, in the ovens, and in their mixing bowls. Yuck! Pharaoh had to ask Moses to ask God to take the frogs away.

So the next day, God caused the frogs to stop coming out of the river, and they all died. Can you imagine how bad all those dead frogs smelled? The people probably had to plug their noses. Have students pinch their noses. There were so many dead frogs that the people gathered them in piles, and the land stank! Ick!

- Do you think Pharaoh let the Israelites go yet? No!

Exodus 8:16

God knew Pharaoh's heart was hard and stubborn, so he sent another plague. Read Exodus 8:16.

- What was the third plague that God sent? Gnats.

Gnats are small flies that usually fly all together in a bunch called a swarm. God turned the dust of the ground into gnats, and there were gnats all over everyone—even on the animals. Can you imagine how itchy that would be to have tiny gnats crawling all over you, getting in your hair, and flying around your face? Have students scratch imaginary itches.

- But did Pharaoh obey God after the gnats came? No.

Even after these plagues, Pharaoh didn't change his mind, so God continued to send more plagues.

Show fly swatter and pretend to swat at flies. Here's a clue for the next plague. What do you think it was? Allow guesses.

The next plague was flies—millions of them all over the place. They're hard to swat and very pesky. Imagine a SWARM of flies in your house—a whole bunch! That would be awful. They'd fly around your face and buzz in your ears. It would even be hard to eat because the flies would land in your food. Yuck! Have students swat imaginary flies.

But there was something different this time. God sent swarms of flies on Egypt, but he did not send ANY flies where the Israelites lived.

From now on God only sent plagues on the Egyptians, not on his people, the Israelites.

After the flies came, Pharaoh still would not let the Israelites go, so God sent more plagues.

Refer to the Flip Chart. God made the Egyptians' animals get sick and die. Then he caused painful sores called boils to break out on the Egyptians and their animals. Ouch!

Pharaoh still would not obey. So God sent the seventh plague, a terrible storm with thunder, fire, and balls of ice called hail.

Pharaoh still would not obey the Lord, even after Moses and Aaron warned him about the next plague! The next morning, God sent locusts. Locusts are like grasshoppers. The Bible says there were so many locusts that they covered the ground and flew into the houses. They chomped up every bit of fruit and every green leaf left after the hailstorm.

But, believe it or not, Pharaoh still would not let the Israelites go. So God sent another plague.

- Turn out the lights and turn on the flashlight. Here's a clue. Who thinks they know what the ninth plague was? When do we need to use flashlights? Allow guesses.

The ninth plague was darkness—even during the day! Can you imagine being in complete darkness for three whole days? The Bible says it was so dark they couldn't even see each other. They didn't have flashlights or electric lights like we do now. During those three days of darkness, the Egyptians couldn't do any work outside. They had to stay in their houses!

- But, can you guess who DID have light? Allow guesses.

The Bible says the Israelites had light!

In each of these plagues, God showed that only he is omnipotent. But even after the darkness, Pharaoh still would not believe and obey God's command to let the Israelites go free. Pharaoh got angry and told Moses to go away.

But this wasn't over yet. God was going to send one last plague on Pharaoh and Egypt. This plague would be so terrible that Pharaoh would tell the Israelites to get out of Egypt. And we'll find out all about it in our next lesson.

God sent plagues on Egypt.

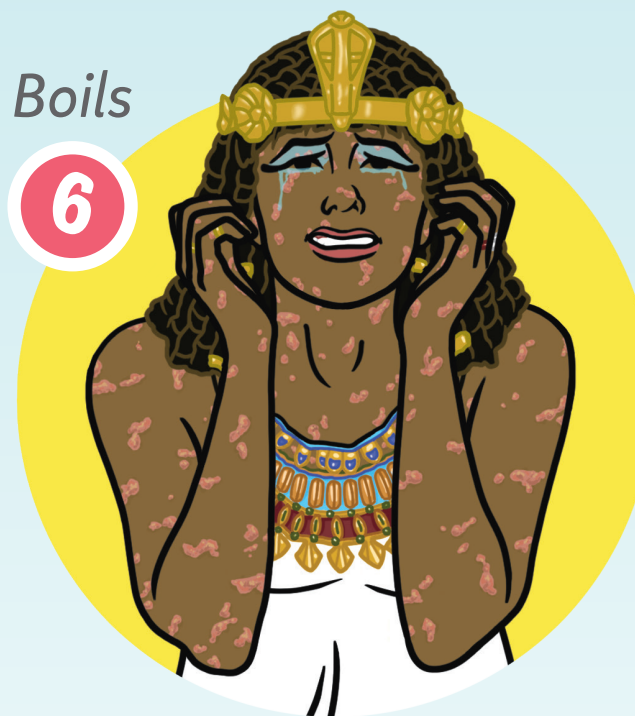
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Boils

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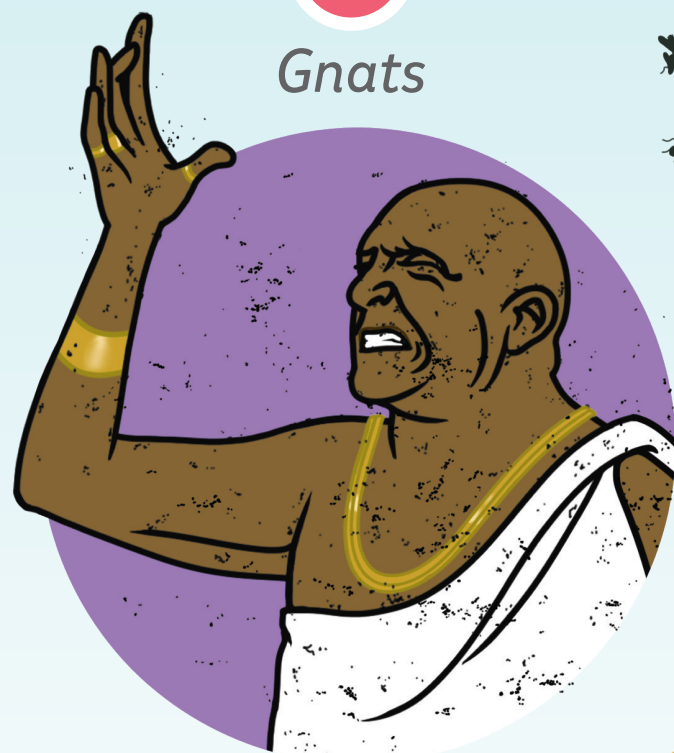
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Gnats

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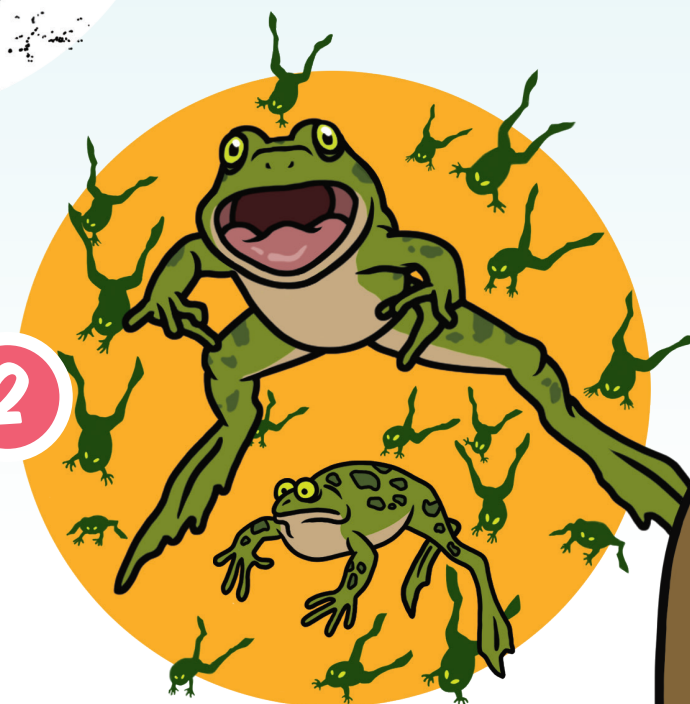
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Flies



Frogs

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Locusts



Water
Turned to
Blood

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Pharaoh would **NOT**
let the people go.

Darkness

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