

# Real World Skit

*You and an assistant will read a skit about the “science” behind the plagues. Bring props to add interest!*

**Student 1:** I watched this show on TV last night that explained all the science behind the plagues of Egypt.

**Student 2:** What do you mean “the science” behind the plagues? The plagues were miraculous judgments from God on Pharaoh and the Egyptians.

**Student 1:** No, you see, they weren’t really miracles! Everything can be explained by natural disasters and stuff.

**Student 2:** Natural disasters?

**Student 1:** Yeah. It all started with warm, dry weather that caused the Nile River to run low and slow. Then red algae mixed with red dirt and made the Nile River turn red like blood. Then came the killer bacteria that formed and killed the fish!

**Student 2:** How did they prove that’s what happened? Have they ever seen or found evidence of a “red algae” or this “killer bacteria” in the Nile?

**Student 1:** Ah, well . . . they didn’t say exactly. But they’re scientists, right?

**Student 2:** I heard that the algae in the Nile River is actually green and the dirt is brown! It doesn’t sound very convincing to me.

**Student 1:** But the problems with the river made the frogs leave the water. When they came up on land and died, they caused the gnats and flies.

**Student 2:** All because of some red algae?

**Student 1:** Yep! And we all know that insects carry disease and stuff, so the gnats and flies infected the livestock, so they got sick and died. Oh, and it caused boils on the people, too. Ick.

**Student 2:** Hmm. Would this “killer bacteria” have the same effect on frogs, insects, and big animals like cows and horses? Why would it kill a big cow but only give boils to humans?

**Student 1:** Uh . . . not sure about that. But wait until you hear the next part though! This is cool!

**Student 2:** What’s that?

**Student 1:** There was a huge volcano 400 miles away on some island, and it blew volcanic ash all over Egypt. The ash mixed with thunderclouds, causing a terrible hailstorm.

**Student 2:** But Bible scholars believe the volcano they're talking about happened at a time later than the plagues.

**Student 1:** Oh, AND a biologist also said that the ash could cause humidity, which is the perfect condition for locusts. Then ash cloud blocked the sun, causing the plague of darkness.

**Student 2:** A lot of those explanations are pretty shaky. They sound like people searching for reasons not to believe the Bible.

**Student 1:** But we can't argue with science!

**Student 2:** Yes, we can—when it goes against what the Bible says. The show you saw was just giving “theories” that *could* explain events like the plagues. But they didn't prove anything.

**Student 1:** But they showed everything that happened. I saw it all right there on TV. Isn't that proof?

**Student 2:** Wait a minute. How could they show something on TV that happened thousands of years ago? That was all computerized stuff they made up for the show.

**Student 1:** Oh, yeah. I guess you're right. It seemed to make sense when I was watching it.

**Student 2:** Man's ideas can seem to make sense, until we compare them with the Bible. The Bible makes it clear that the ten plagues were miracles of God. He sent the plagues to show he controlled all of creation—not Egypt's false gods.

**Student 1:** Come to think of it, if they were just natural disasters like algae or a volcano, that probably wouldn't make Pharaoh see that God was who he claimed to be and let the Israelites go.

**Student 2:** That's right. And the Bible clearly explains what caused all the plagues—the mighty hand of God! Who would you rather believe—God who does not lie or scientists who can make mistakes?

**Student 1:** God, of course! I can't believe I was fooled by a fancy TV show.

**Student 2:** It can happen to anyone, which is why it's so important to always be studying the Bible, so we know what it says.

**Student 1:** Yeah. I guess I need to do some more reading!