



# God Sends the Plagues

Exodus 6:1, 7:14 – 12:1-30

**Running time:** Approximately 6 minutes

**Set:** The set for God of Wonders Units 7-10 is designed as a seventeenth century pirate ship viewed from the port (left) side. The Caribbean Queen's bow is stage right. On stage left, there is a raised wheelhouse with a door to the Captain's quarters. Characters and puppets may pop up from several trap doors in the deck and from the crow's nest near the top of the center stage mast. There is a pulley system to raise the treasure chest from below deck where the Bible is kept. For added interest, build windows, entrances, and levels where the characters and puppets can pop up unexpectedly.

**Characters:** Ripply Waters is the fearless Quartermaster. He is a true friend to Captain Billy. Matey (Nigel) is a simple, sweet-natured midshipman with a true servant's heart.

**Plot:** Matey is trying to learn how to listen to God. Ripply tells how God sent Moses to warn Pharaoh about the plagues but Pharaoh would not listen. We learn that when God speaks we should listen and obey.

**Costumes:** Ripply: Blousy shirt, vest, belt, boots, scarf; Matey: Striped shirt, stocking cap, short trousers (Capri pants), slippers

**Props:** Bible, treasure chest, sword, mop, megaphone

**Sound effects (SFX):**

1. Intro/Outro music suggestion: "Pirate Theme" from productiontrax.com tracks #19253 or #40794
2. Treasure chest suggestion: Music with voiceover as chests opens to reveal Bible: **"His Words for you are treasures true!"**

**Visual effects (VFX):**

1. Video Intro is available at ResourceWell.org
2. Treasure chest contains the Bible. Whenever it is opened, light shines out and music with voiceover plays.
3. Scripture slide: ***Then the LORD said to Moses, "Now you will see what I will do to Pharaoh: Because of my mighty hand he will let them go; because of my mighty hand he will drive them out of his country." Exodus 6:1***
4. Closing Slide: **"May the God of Wonders fill your sails and guide your path!"**

**Adaptations:**

1. Sound Effects: instead of using recorded effects, have children make the sounds
2. Voiceovers: may be spoken off stage
3. This illustration is also available in storybook form at ResourceWell.org

**High Seas Adventures**  
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**Voice over** (VFX: Video bump)

**Ahoy lads and lassies! There be a legend centuries old of a lost treasure, more valuable than gold! Though the pirates searched both land and sea, they could not find where it might be! Until Captain Billy sailed the ocean blue and brought that treasure home to you. So grab yer treasure map, climb aboard the Caribbean Queen and join us as Captain Billy Ocean and his crew unveil the greatest wonders God has ever shown**

**Matey**

**Ahoy kids! Ripply Waters asked me to swab the deck. I heard that if you learn to listen to people who are in charge of you, that's people in authority, you'll get better at listening to God. So, I'm going to listen to Ripply Waters and meanwhile, I'm also going to practice by listening to my iPod!**

**Ripply**

(puts on earphones and bangs pot w/stick)  
**Attention, all ship mates! Calling all mates! We're heading into choppy waters. We must get down into the cargo hold! Capt. Billy's orders, all mates into the cargo hold! Ahoy, Matey! We have to get below deck.**

**Matey**

**Oh, hello sir.**

**Ripply** (points down)

**I say we have to get into the cargo hold. We have to get below! Below!**

**Matey**

**I said, hello!**

**Ripply**

**You have to get below deck! Down there, down there!**

**Matey**

**Oh, did I miss a spot?**

**Ripply**

**No, take the earphones off! You can't hear me with earphones on!**

**Matey** (takes earphones off)

**What's that? I can't hear you with the earphones on.**

**Ripply**

**I was trying to tell you that Captain Billy wants us to get below deck!**

**Matey**

**I was practicing learning how to listen to God.**

**Ripply**

**You *might* hear from God while you listen to your music, but one clear way you can hear from Him is to read His Word. Let me get out the Traysure map, right now!**

(Opens treasure chest, SFX: Voiceover with music, VFX: light shines from Treasure Chest)

**Matey** (puts ear to treasure chest)

**Is that you, God?**

**Ripply**

**No, that's the traysure chest. When God speaks you'll know it. God makes His voice loud and clear.**

**Matey**

**He does?**

**Ripply**

**Sure, when God sent Moses to tell Pharaoh to let the Israelites go! That message was loud and clear!**

**Matey**

**If it was so loud, then why didn't Pharaoh hear it?**

**Ripply**

**Pharaoh didn't want to hear it and he didn't believe God's warnings about the plagues.**

**Matey**

**Plagues? Isn't that those nasty things what happened to the Egyptians?**

**Ripply** (VFX: Scripture slide)

**Aye, God warned Pharaoh to let His people go! But Pharaoh refused. So, the Bible says: *Then the LORD said to Moses, "Now you will see what I will do to Pharaoh: Because of my mighty hand he will let them go; because of my mighty hand he will drive them out of his country."* Exodus 6:1.**

**Matey**

**Poor Pharaoh, he never knew those plagues were coming?**

**Ripply**

**Oh, he knew! God gave Pharaoh plenty of warning that if he didn't obey, there would be plagues.**

**Matey**

**So...warnings are bad things?**

**Ripply**

**No! Not at all! Warnings help us stay clear of trouble.**

**Matey**

**But Pharaoh didn't listen! He said, "Nana-boo-boo!"**

**Ripply**

**I don't think he said *that*. But if Pharaoh would only have listened with his heart, the one true God might have blessed the Egyptians. Instead God sent the plagues just as He had warned.**

**Matey** (prop for each)

**And they were nasty plagues like when God turned the Nile River to blood (bottle), or when He sent millions of frogs everywhere you looked. (toy frog) And then there was the plague of the nuts (nuts) ...**

**Ripply**

**Nuts? There was no plague of nuts?**

**Matey**

**It's right here.**

**Ripply**

**That says gnats! They're tiny little bugs that fly in your mouth and up your nose.**

**Matey** (swats bug)

**Eww, that's yucky. Speaking of bugs God sent flies, locusts, he even sent hail! (tosses ice)**

**Ripply**

**Go easy there, Matey! What came next?**

**Matey** (pulls out cow)

**One plague made all the livestock die! And then there was boils! (pot)**

**Ripply**

**What is that?**

**Matey**

**Boils. This is what I use to boils water.**

**Ripply**

**That's not what boils are! They're disgusting puffy sores that you get all over your body!**

**Matey**

**That's the grossest thing I've ever heard!**

**Ripply**

**The next plague was darkness! (VFX: blackout)**

**Matey**

**I'm scared! I can't see a thing!**

**Ripply** (lifts lantern)

**Neither could the Egyptians. They couldn't see or go anywhere for three days but all the Israelites had lights.**

**Matey**

**That must've been scary.**

**Ripply**

Nothing was as scary as the very last plague. God said if Pharaoh would not let His people go, He would go through Egypt and every firstborn son of Egypt would die!

**Matey**

How terrible! What about the poor Israelite first borns?

**Ripply**

God made a way for them to be saved. It were called the Passover!

**Matey**

Why did they call it that?

**Ripply**

Because, God told the Israelites to sacrifice a lamb and then put the blood on the doorframes and the Lord would pass over that house. That's why we call it...

**Matey**

Houseskipper!

**Ripply**

Passover!

**Matey**

Right you are! I'll bet the Israelites listened to God's instructions.

**Ripply**

They did. They listened and obeyed and every one of them was saved.

**Matey**

Amen! From now on, when God speaks to me I'm going to listen!

**Ripply**

That's a good plan! We should all make sure to listen for God's still small voice!

**Matey**

**And his loud warnings!**

(SFX: Outro music, VFX: closing slide)

**Ripply**

Speaking of warnings, Captain Billy warned us to get below, so, until next time, kids, "May the God of Wonders fill your sails and guide your path!"

**Matey**

So long, kids!

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