



At-A-Glance: Ages 6-7
God of Wonders Part 2: Genesis - Joshua
Unit 8, Lesson 41

41 God Sends the Plagues

Lesson Aim: To see the importance of listening to and obeying God.

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: What is your favorite insect?

GAME: Plague Tag

THE WORSHIP THE GOD WHO SPEAKS

Read Worship Scripture: Psalm 85:8.

Sing songs and worship God.

Bless and collect the offering.

Perform High Seas Adventures script or read storybook.

THE WORD PHARAOH WOULD NOT LISTEN

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: God called to Moses from a burning bush.

Point to Moses (Circa 1500 B.C.). **Today, we will learn God warned Pharaoh to let the Israelites leave Egypt.** Point to Egypt. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Exodus 7:16-18; 8:1-4, 20-21, 28; 10:3-6. Pray.

God promised to free the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. Ten times, Moses gave Pharaoh God's warning, "Let my people go." Pharaoh would not listen, so God sent a plague (appearance of something in large numbers that is destructive) each time. Listen carefully. When I read the words, "Let My people go," I want you to jump up and run in place. Read Exodus 7:16-18; 8:1-4.

The next plague God sent were gnats, which are tiny bugs, and then He sent flies. Read Exodus 8:20-21, 28. God warned Pharaoh again and again Pharaoh did not listen. God plagued the Egyptians' farm animals, the Egyptians' skin with sores called boils, and hail that destroyed their crops. The eighth plague was locusts, which are like swarming grasshoppers. Read Exodus 10:3-6. The ninth plague was darkness. The land of Egypt was dark for three days.

Still, Pharaoh would not listen. In the tenth plague, God gave the strongest warning yet; the firstborn sons of the Egyptians died. Then, Pharaoh finally listened and let the Israelites leave Egypt.

THE WAY BE QUICK TO LISTEN AND OBEY GOD

What did God want Pharaoh to do? (Let the Israelites go.) **Did Pharaoh listen?** (No.) **What did God do?** (Sent ten plagues.) **God gave Pharaoh many warnings. Each time Pharaoh did not listen, God sent a plague. After the tenth plague, Pharaoh let the people go. To this day, the Israelites (now called Jews) have a big meal called Passover to help them remember how God freed them.**

When God sent the flies, what did Pharaoh ask Moses to do for him? (Pray for him.) **Pharaoh was being very mean. He continued to disobey God's command to let the Israelites leave, but Moses prayed for him anyway. Should we pray for people who are mean to us?** (Yes.) **Why?** (God made them and He loves them.)

How many warnings did Moses give to Pharaoh? (Ten.) **Moses always delivered the message. How were Moses' actions like our Bible Memory Verse?** (Moses was faithful to go back to Pharaoh and give each of the ten warnings.) **God trusted Moses to lead the Israelites out of Egypt to the land He had promised them.**

CHRIST CONNECTION:

God sent Moses to speak for Him. Pharaoh did not listen. When Jesus lived on the earth, He sent out 72 men to tell others about Him. Let's see what Jesus says about those who would not listen to His messengers. Reveal Luke 10:16. Read.

When we don't listen to Jesus' messengers, we are rejecting or turning away from Jesus. When we turn away from Jesus, whom are we also turning away from? (God the Father.) **Why do you think it is important to know what Jesus said in the Bible and to obey it?**

Children stand. **When I say the words "Moses says," you are to obey the command right away. If you do not hear "Moses says," don't move. If anyone moves when they aren't supposed to, we will all buzz like the flies around Pharaoh's head.** Lead children through a practice. Suggestions: Swat at a fly. Cover your ears. Fold your arms. Jump like a frog. Croak like a frog. Moo like a cow. March in place. Stand on one foot. Clap your hands 3 times.

THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Plastic bug
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- OFFERING OF ART: One of the ten plagues
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Creature Treats

GAME: Pharaoh's Charades

CRAFT: Listening Posters

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Stepping Stones, Bible Memory

Verse Message Ball

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW