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# TEN PLAGUES OF EGYPT

**Printable Lesson Kit**





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# TEN PLAGUES OF EGYPT

## LESSON OVERVIEW

### TEN PLAGUES OF EGYPT MIGHTY MESSAGES

This Lesson on the Ten Plagues of Egypt will teach children about the justice of God. We often hear about the mercy of God. But the 10 plagues are a great example of when God gets tough with people who have been mean to those he loves. Children who have been bullied or treated unfairly will see God as one who comes to the rescue of those who are patient.

### How to Use the Lesson Kit:

This kit includes a variety of activities that you can select from to customize your perfect lesson. We suggest beginning with the Scripture Reading & Lesson followed by the Discussion Questions. From there, feel free to mix & match the activities to build your lesson plan based on the time you have allotted and the age level/interests of your kids.



#### WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- Scripture Reading & Lesson
- Discussion Questions
- Printable Craft
- Game
- Coloring Page
- Wordsearch
- Crossword Puzzle
- Learning Lookups Journaling
- Parent Handout
- Quiz
- Reference Sheet
- Certificate of Completion
- Answer Page



#### MATERIALS LIST:

- Crayons, markers, etc.
- Scissors
- Ten Plagues Card file (game)
- Brad Fasteners
- Pencils or pens
- Bibles (electronic or hardcopy)



# TEN PLAGUES OF EGYPT

## SCRIPTURE & LESSON

### EXCERPTS OF EXODUS 6:1-11, 7:1-6

Read the following excerpts as shown (NIV translation), or read from your chosen Bible translation:



### EXCERPTS FROM EXODUS 6:1-11, 7:1-6

*This story of the 10 plagues of Egypt takes place after God appeared to Moses at the Burning Bush. The people of Israel had been working in Egypt as slaves for several hundred years. God heard their cries for help and moved to get them released. He told Moses to go to Pharaoh, who was like a king, and tell him to let the people go.*

#### Exodus 6:1-11

<sup>1</sup> 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.”

<sup>2</sup> God also said to Moses, “I am the Lord. <sup>3</sup> I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob as God Almighty, but by my name the Lord I did not make myself fully known to them. <sup>4</sup> I also established my covenant with them to give them the land of Canaan, where they resided as foreigners. <sup>5</sup> Moreover, I have heard the groaning of the Israelites, whom the Egyptians are enslaving, and I have remembered my covenant.

<sup>6</sup> “Therefore, say to the Israelites: ‘I am the Lord, and I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. I will free you from being slaves to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment. <sup>7</sup> I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God. Then you will know that I am the Lord your God, who brought you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. <sup>8</sup> And I will bring you to the land I swore with uplifted hand to give to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob. I will give it to you as a possession. I am the Lord.’”

<sup>9</sup> Moses reported this to the Israelites, but they did not listen to him because of their discouragement and harsh labor.

<sup>10</sup> Then the Lord said to Moses, <sup>11</sup> “Go, tell Pharaoh king of Egypt to let the Israelites go out of his country.”



## EXODUS 7:1-6

<sup>1</sup> Then the Lord said to Moses, “See, I have made you like God to Pharaoh, and your brother Aaron will be your prophet. <sup>2</sup> You are to say everything I command you, and your brother Aaron is to tell Pharaoh to let the Israelites go out of his country. <sup>3</sup> But I will harden Pharaoh’s heart, and though I multiply my signs and wonders in Egypt, <sup>4</sup> he will not listen to you. Then I will lay my hand on Egypt and with mighty acts of judgment I will bring out my divisions, my people the Israelites. <sup>5</sup> And the Egyptians will know that I am the Lord when I stretch out my hand against Egypt and bring the Israelites out of it.”

<sup>6</sup> Moses and Aaron did just as the Lord commanded them. <sup>7</sup> Moses was eighty years old and Aaron eighty-three when they spoke to Pharaoh.

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*The mighty acts of judgment mentioned above are the Ten Plagues of Egypt. God struck the Egyptian people for having slaves and abusing them. Below is a list of the 10 plagues:*

1. Nile River turns to blood
2. Frogs
3. Lice
4. Flies
5. Death of cattle
6. Boils
7. Hail
8. Locusts
9. Darkness for three days
10. Death of the firstborn



## Questions for Children about the Plagues of Egypt

1. God was really mad at Pharaoh and the people of Egypt. Why? ***Idolatry and cruelty to others. Idolatry; they worshipped gods that didn't exist and spent a fortune building monuments to or about themselves (pyramids). But lots of cultures did this and God left them to their own devices. The Egyptians were being cruel and unfair to the descendants of Father Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph. God had promised them they would spawn a great nation whom he would bless. He was mad because of idolatry, which hurt him, and cruelty, which hurt people.***

2. The Hebrews started to cry out to God, but they had to wait a while before the Burning Bush happened and Moses was sent to intercede. Have you ever had anyone be cruel to you for a while? What did the Israelites do that you should do also? ***Cried out to God for help. Did it seem like God wasn't watching or didn't care? What should you be doing while waiting for God's justice? Believing that he is at work, that he heard you, and that he does care.***

3. Here is a tough question: Sometimes people don't see justice for things done to them until years or decades later. What does God's love have to do with him withholding judgment sometimes? ***He loves the other guy too, and is giving him time to repent.*** Do you think God was happy about bringing 10 plagues on the Egyptians? ***No, God doesn't enjoy punishing people. But if those he loves are hurt by others, he gets mad.***



## TEACHER'S MIGHTY MESSAGE

What were the people of Israel doing all the way down in Egypt? It has to do with the last Bible story in Genesis. Joseph, the great-grandson of Father Abraham, had been kidnapped from the Promised Land and been sold into slavery in Egypt. Then there was a famine in the Promised Land. Joseph's older brothers, who had pulled this mean trick, came down to buy food. God had blessed Joseph after this cruel treatment. He did not stay a slave. After interpreting dreams for the Pharaoh, Joseph became something like Prime Minister! Joseph forgave his brothers and had them all come with their families to stay in Egypt. So, 400 years later, the people had found themselves in a mess. After Joseph died, the new king forgot about Joseph and his family. Their ancestors became slaves to the Egyptians and were subjected to cruel treatment.

The people started crying out to God. As Christians, when we cry out to God, we need to believe that he hears us. Hebrews 11: 6 tells us that anyone who comes to God must

- (1) believe that he exists, and
- (2) that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

If we seek God earnestly, like the Israelites did, we can rest assured he will bring justice. The plagues were not fun for anyone—not God, not the Israelites who witnessed them, and especially not the Egyptians! Let's look at those plagues again:

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God carried out a horrible plan as the only way to free his people while building their faith. Be certain of this: God sees your problems. He understands. He is working on your justice. You may have to wait. You may have to do lots of praying and forgiving. But you will not wait forever, and the more praying and forgiving you do, the more of God's greatness you can look forward to seeing.



# TEN PLAGUES OF EGYPT

## PRINTABLE CRAFT

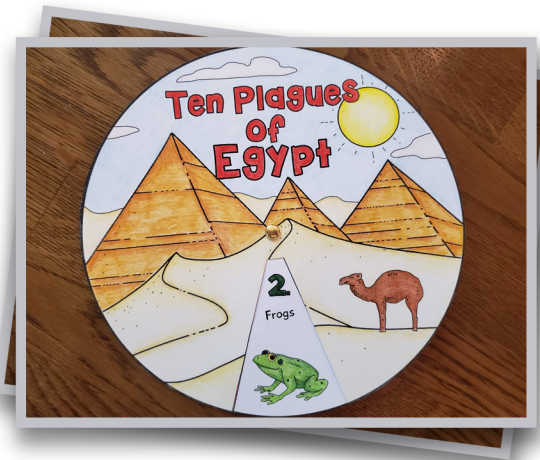
### TEN PLAGUES SPINNING WHEEL

Here is a creative way to help children come to learn the Ten Plagues of Egypt.



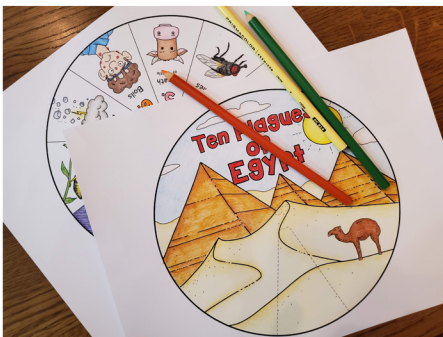
#### MATERIALS:

- White paper or card stock
- Coloring utensils
- Scissors
- Brad fastener

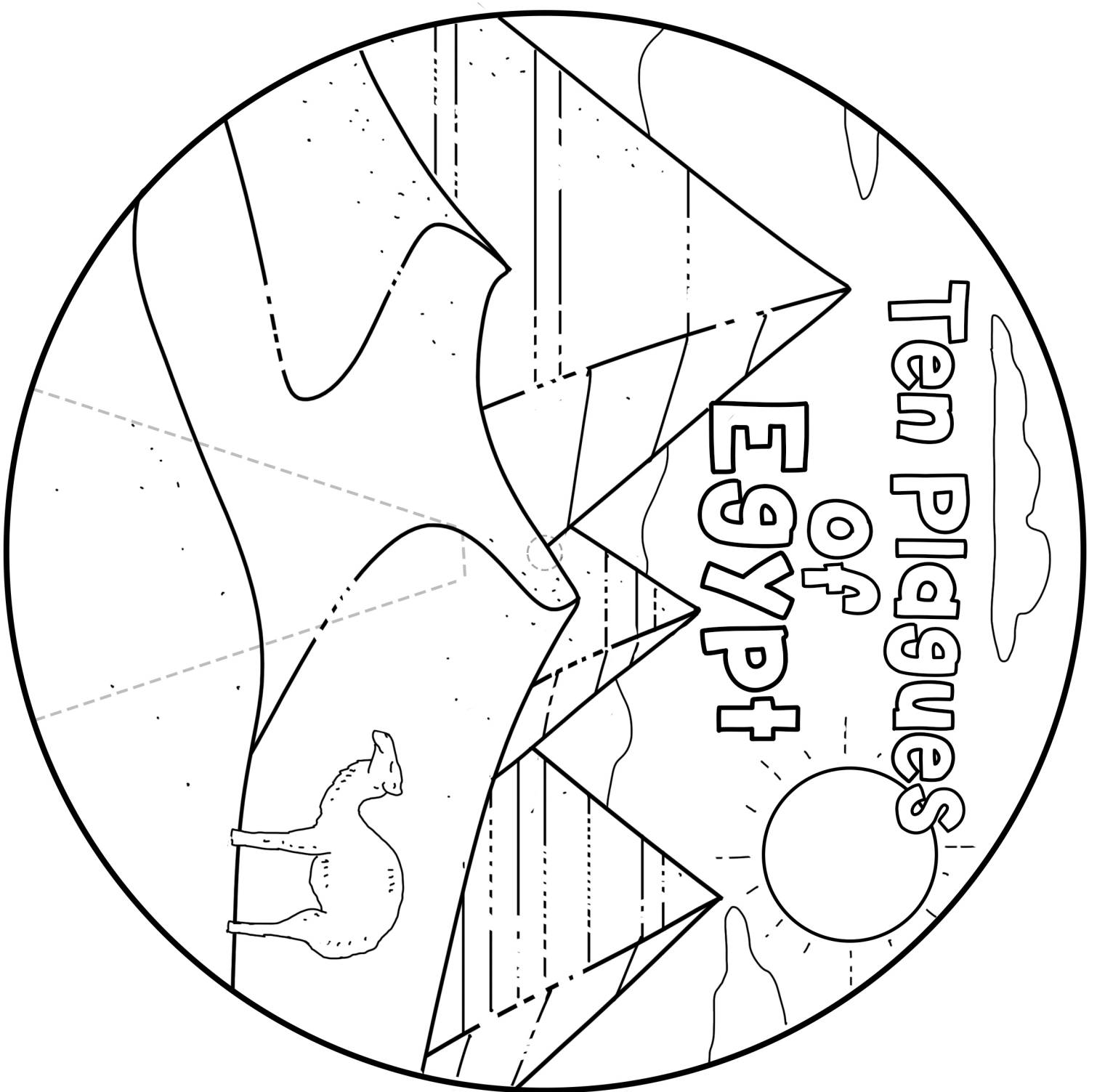


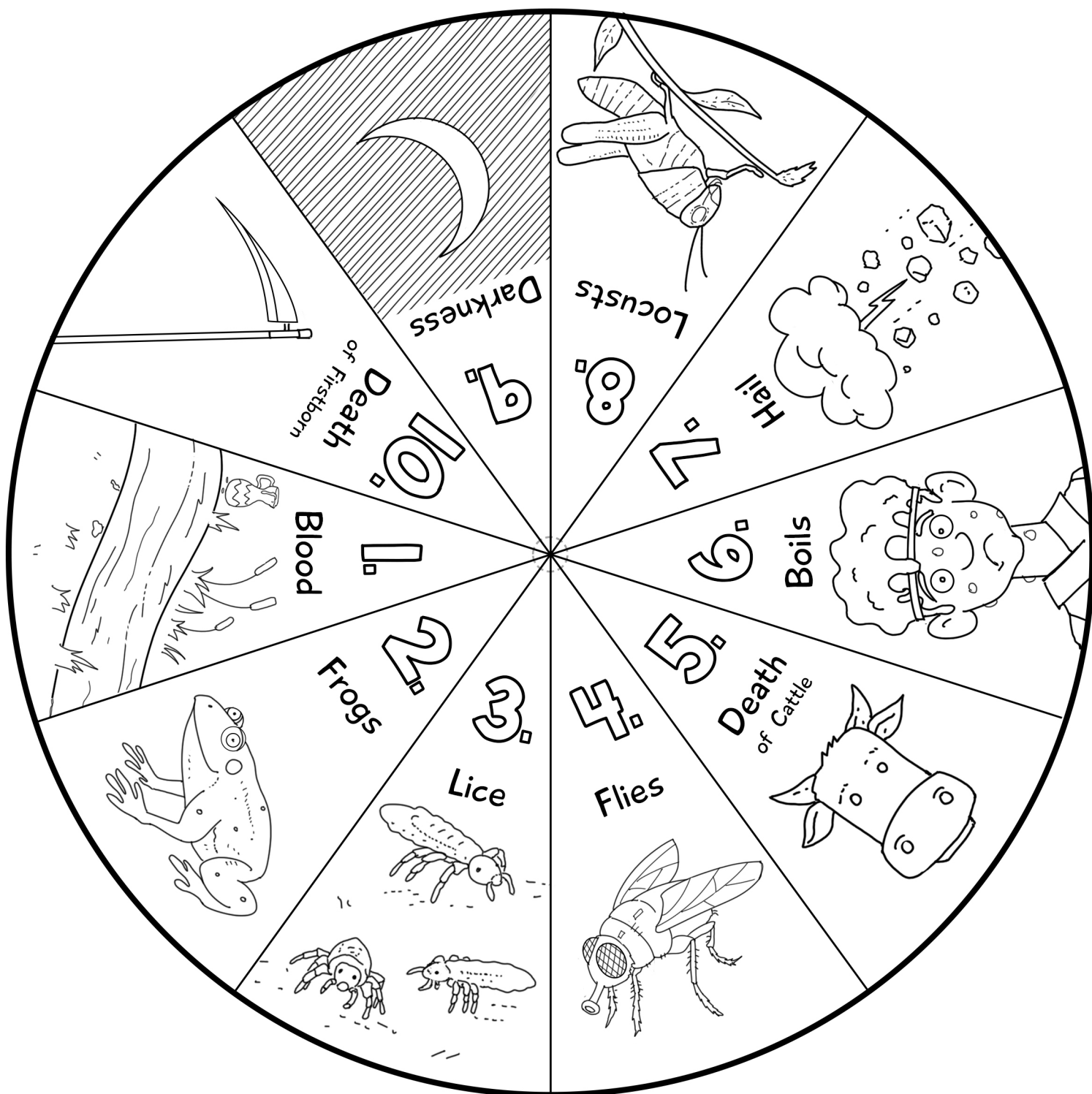
#### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Print out Ten Plagues Wheel templates on white paper or card stock.
2. Color as desired.
3. Cut out each of the templates and cut the “window” from the Ten Plagues Wheel cover.
4. Poke a small hole in the center of the marked circles on both the cover and wheel.
5. Push a brad fastener through each of the holes and pull the tines out to secure.













## GAME

### PLAGUE CHARADES

Help your students learn the Ten Plagues of Egypt by having them act each one out. Our card files follow these instructions.



#### MATERIALS:

- Ten Plagues Card file (follows these instructions)
- Scissors



#### PREPARATION:

1. Print out a copy of the Ten Plagues Card file and cut out the 10 cards. Lay them upside-down on the table.



#### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Have students form pairs.
2. Tell them this is a **SILENT** game. No noises can be added as part of the charade.
3. Have the first pair pull a card and see which plague it is. Give them 20 seconds to decide how they will act out the plague.
4. Students can raise their hands to guess the plague. Call on them in order of their hands raised. If a student guesses correctly, he gets the card. If he guesses incorrectly, he returns the card to the middle of the pile.
5. Once all plagues have been acted out, the student with the most cards wins.

**NILE RIVER TURNS  
TO BLOOD**

**FROGS**

**LICE**

**FLIES**

**DEATH OF CATTLE**

**BOILS**

**HAIL**

**LOCUSTS**

**DARKNESS FOR  
THREE DAYS**

**DEATH OF THE  
FIRSTBORN**





## GAME 2

### PUT THE PLAGUES IN ORDER

Here's a second game to help your students learn the Ten Plagues of Egypt. Use the same cards as the first game. This time, have students order the cards on the learning table faster than their classmates. Our card files precede these instructions if you haven't printed them out yet.



#### MATERIALS:

- Ten Plagues Card file
- Scissors
- Timer, such as on a smartphone



#### PREPARATION:

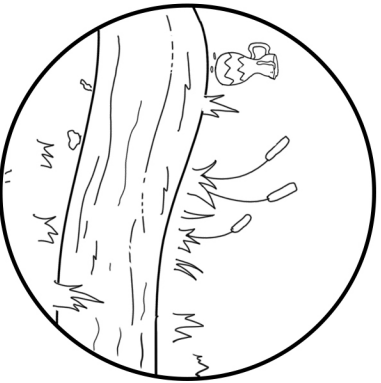
1. If you haven't already, print out a copy of the Ten Plagues Card file and cut out the 10 cards.
2. Use your Mighty Message Lesson, which contains the order of the plagues to put them in order on the table.



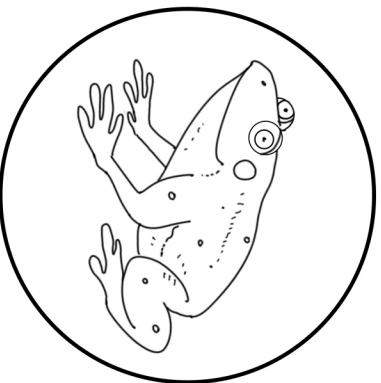
#### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Have students form pairs. Suggest to each pair that one person memorize the first five and the other person memorize the last five. Give them 30 seconds to study the plagues.
2. Scramble the cards all up on the table.
3. When you say, "Go!" the first pair will try to put the plagues in order. Stop them after 30-45 seconds, depending on your class's ability.
4. Go over the list and see if they are in the correct order. If they are, the team gets a point. If they are not, go over what's out of order, and they do not get the point.
5. Scramble them for the next team and repeat.
6. Do the best of three to pick a winner, or keep playing rounds until one team gets them right the first time.

# The Ten Plagues of Egypt



1. Blood



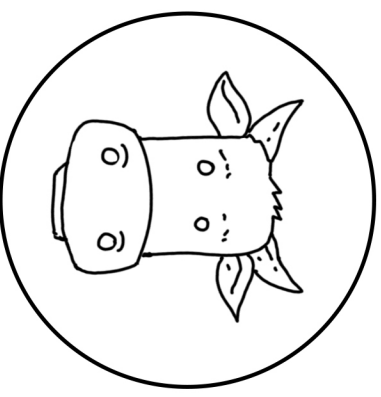
2. Frogs



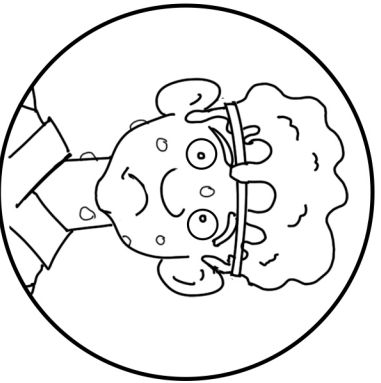
3. Lice



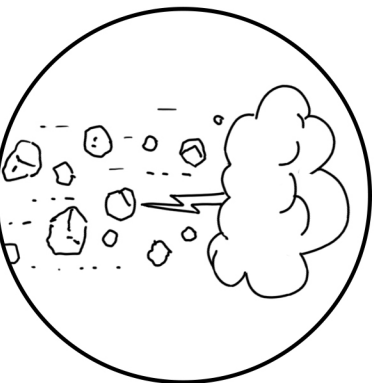
4. Flies



5. Death  
of Cattle



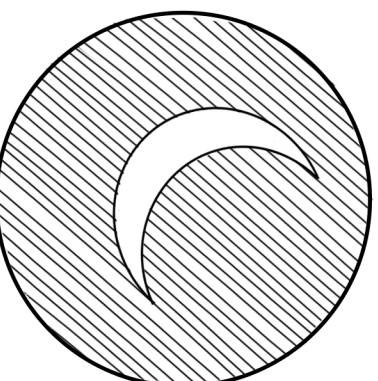
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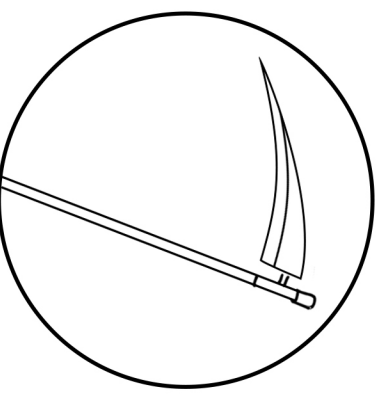
7. Hail



8. Locusts



9. Darkness

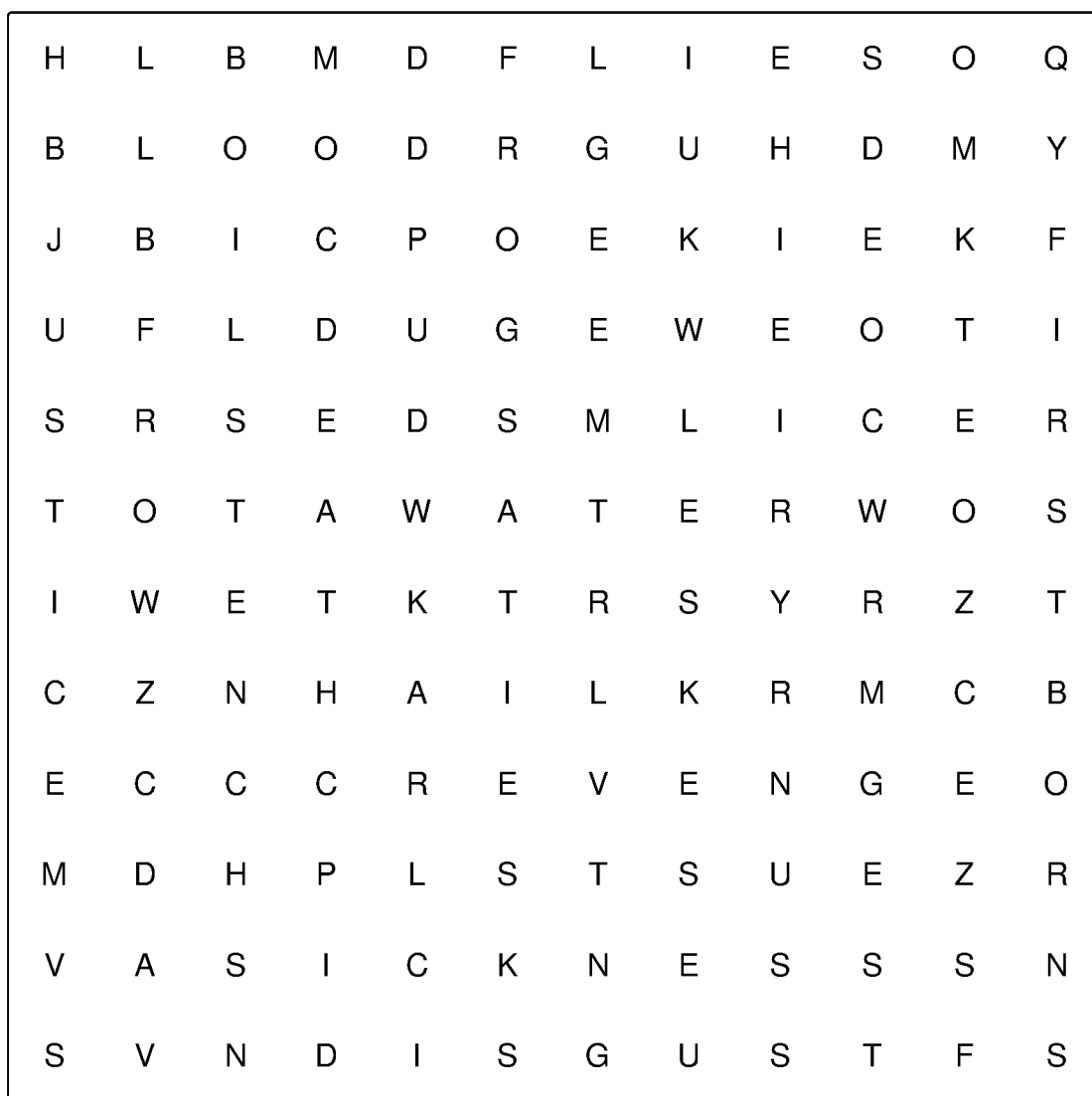


10. Death  
of Firstborn



## WORD SEARCH

Below are words that either name the 10 plagues of Egypt or have something important to do with them. Find them all in the puzzle!



### Words to Find:

BLOOD  
FROGS  
LICE  
FLIES  
DEATH

CATTLE  
BOILS  
HAIL  
LOCUSTS  
DARKNESS

FIRSTBORN  
WATER  
NILE  
STENCH  
SICKNESS

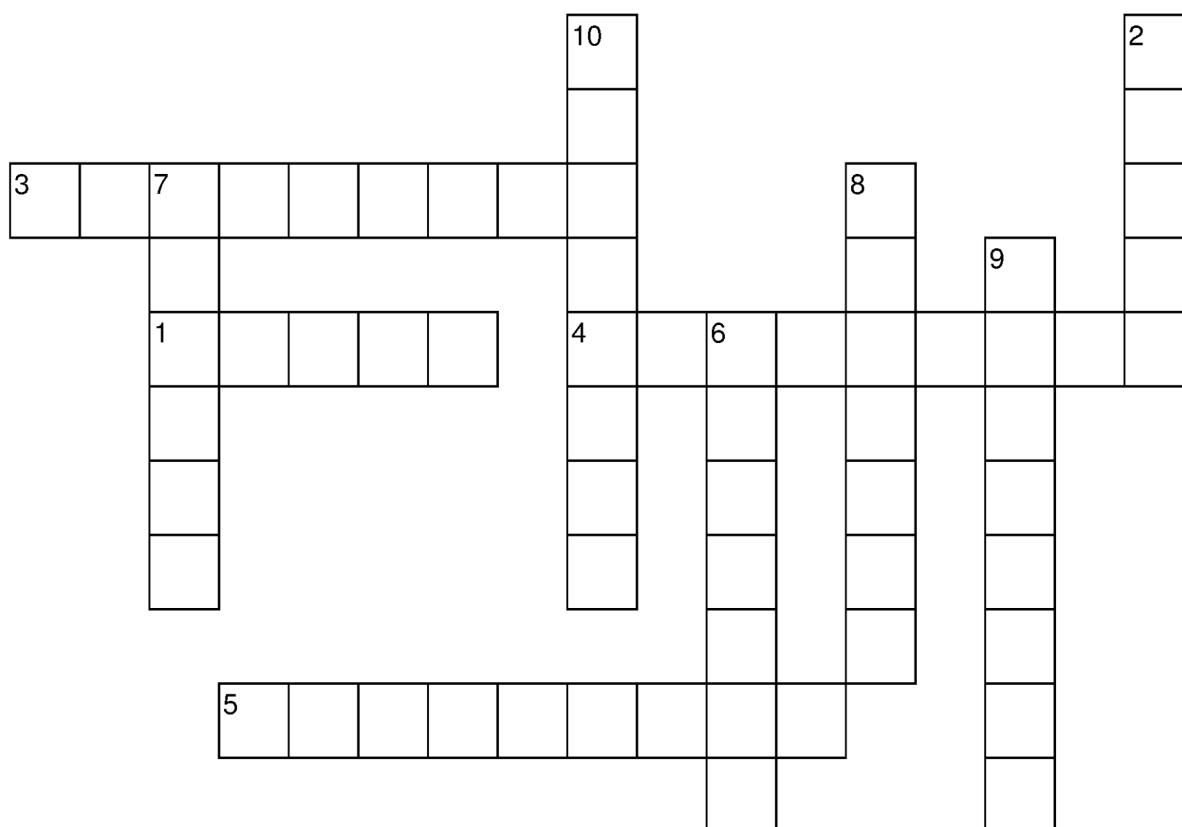
DISGUST  
TERROR  
JUSTICE  
REVENGE



# TEN PLAGUES OF EGYPT

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Read the Bible verses about the Ten Plagues story on the At-A-Glance Sheet to get the crux of God's word about each plague. Use the verses to get the answers to the crossword below.



### Across

1. The fish in the Nile will die and the river will ...
3. These people pointed out to Pharaoh, "This is the finger of God"
4. I will send swarms of flies onto you and these types of leaders...
5. All these types of animals died but only if they belonged to the Egyptians

### Down

2. These will come in your palace, bedrooms and beds
6. Moses took soot from this type of place to show the coming of the boils plague
7. The only place the hail did not hit, which is where the Israelites were living
8. These covered the ground until it was black
9. This covered the land of Egypt for three days and was thick
10. The holiday still celebrated over the 10th plague

# TEN PLAGUES OF EGYPT

## PARENT HANDOUT



**Scriptures to Read:** Exodus 6:1-11, 7:1-6



### This Week We Learned About ...

This lesson on the Ten Plagues of Egypt taught the children about the justice of God. We often hear about the mercy of God. But the 10 plagues are a great example of how God gets tough with people who have been mean to those he loves. Children who have been bullied or treated unfairly will see God as one who comes to the rescue of those who are patient.



#### ✓ Questions for Kids:

1. God said he appeared to three important biblical heroes. Who were they? **A. Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.**
2. God promised to take the Israelites as his what? **A. People**
3. When Moses reported this to the Israelites, what was their reaction? **A. They didn't listen.**

#### ✓ Dinner Table Discussion:

This scripture teaches us that it is not our job to get revenge. Think of a time when someone did something mean and you wanted to get them back. How can/could you have trusted God in that situation? Discuss.

The Israelites didn't have faith in God immediately. Do you ever struggle with your faith? Talk about some times when you have a difficult time trusting God.

### Scripture Notes (tuck in lunchboxes, tape to mirrors, etc.):



*Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord.*

**Romans 12:19**



*Then people will say,  
"Surely the righteous still are rewarded;  
surely there is a God who judges the earth."*

**Psalms 58:11**



*I the LORD do not change. So you, the descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed.*

**Malachi 3:6**

# TEN PLAGUES OF EGYPT

## AT-A-GLANCE

Because the Bible reveals the Ten Plagues in story form, it can be challenging to find each plague in the scriptures. Here they are! All occur between Exodus 7 and Exodus 12. If you look them up, the scriptures below may start in the middle of a verse. Be patient! Learn them by reading the whole scary story, beginning with Exodus 7.

Use the passages below to learn the basics and to fill in the Ten Plagues crossword puzzle attached.



PLAGUE 1	EXODUS 7:17-18	With the staff that is in my hand I will strike the water of the Nile, and it will be changed into blood. The fish in the Nile will die, and the river will stink; the Egyptians will not be able to drink its water.
PLAGUE 2	EXODUS 8:3-5	The Nile will teem with frogs. They will come up into your palace and your bedroom and onto your bed, into the houses of your officials and on your people, and into your ovens and kneading troughs. The frogs will come up on you and your people and all your officials.
PLAGUE 3	EXODUS 8:18-19	Since the bugs were on people and animals everywhere, the magicians said to Pharaoh, "This is the finger of God." But Pharaoh's heart was hard and he would not listen, just as the Lord had said.
PLAGUE 4	EXODUS 8:21	If you do not let my people go, I will send swarms of flies on you and your officials, on your people and into your houses. The houses of the Egyptians will be full of flies; even the ground will be covered with them.
PLAGUE 5	EXODUS 9:6-7	All the livestock of the Egyptians died, but not one animal belonging to the Israelites died. Pharaoh investigated and found that not even one of the animals of the Israelites had died.
PLAGUE 6	EXODUS 9:8-9	Take handfuls of soot from a furnace and have Moses toss it into the air in the presence of Pharaoh. It will become fine dust over the whole land of Egypt, and festering scabs will break out on people and animals throughout the land.
PLAGUE 7	EXODUS 9:25-26	Throughout Egypt hail struck everything in the fields—both people and animals; it beat down everything growing in the fields and stripped every tree. The only place it did not hail was the land of Goshen, where the Israelites were.
PLAGUE 8	EXODUS 10:14-15	Never before had there been such a plague of locusts, nor will there ever be again. They covered all the ground until it was black. They devoured all that was left after the hail—everything growing in the fields and the fruit on the trees. Nothing green remained on tree or plant in all the land of Egypt.
PLAGUE 9	EXODUS 10:22-23	So Moses stretched out his hand toward the sky, and total darkness covered all Egypt for three days. No one could see anyone else or move about for three days. Yet all the Israelites had light in the places where they lived.
PLAGUE 10	EXODUS 12:29-30	The Passover: At midnight the LORD struck down all the firstborn in Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh, who sat on the throne, to the firstborn of the prisoner, who was in the dungeon, and the firstborn of all the livestock as well. Pharaoh and all his officials and all the Egyptians got up during the night, and there was loud wailing in Egypt, for there was not a house without someone dead.

**Lookup:** Romans 12:19 and write it down.

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**Lookup:** Isaiah 61:8 and write it down.

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Question: The first verse is about waiting for God's justice. The second is about how we can show God's justice among ourselves. Name something you could do daily, or as part of your regular thinking, to make sure that justice is being done for the Lord.

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Create a prayer below. Speak to God and write it. Ask God to help you see ways to correct wrongdoings you witness around you every day. Use your own words:

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# TEN PLAGUES OF EGYPT

## QUIZ

**Instructions: Use your Bible to complete these lookups of all scriptures surrounding the Ten Plagues of Egypt, including the final outcome for the Jews!**

### CIRCLE YOUR ANSWER

**1. The first time Moses told Pharaoh to let the people go, he responded by (Exodus 5:7-9):**

- a. letting them go
- b. making their work harder
- c. threatening to kill them

**2. For the first of the 10 plagues, Moses and God did this in Exodus 7:20-21:**

- a. turned the Nile to vinegar
- b. turned the Nile to blood
- c. turned fish to blood

**3. Seven days later, the second plague involved this, according to Exodus 8:3:**

- a. crocodiles
- b. frogs
- c. gnats
- d. burning garbage

**4. The third & fourth plagues involved these, according to Exodus 8:17&24:**

- a. gnats & flies
- b. gnats & crickets
- c. dust & gnats
- d. dust & flies

**5. The fifth, sixth, and seventh plagues were these, according Exodus 9:6, 9, & 24:**

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- b. dead livestock, boils, & hail
- c. boils, hail, & fleas

**6. The last plague was the worst and made Pharaoh let the people go. It was (Exodus 12:12):**

- a. killing the firstborn of men and animals
- b. killing all babies under age 2

**7. God parted the Red Sea for Israel to escape after the last plague, why? Because Pharaoh hardened his heart once again! The Lord took this long to drive back the sea (Exodus 14:21):**

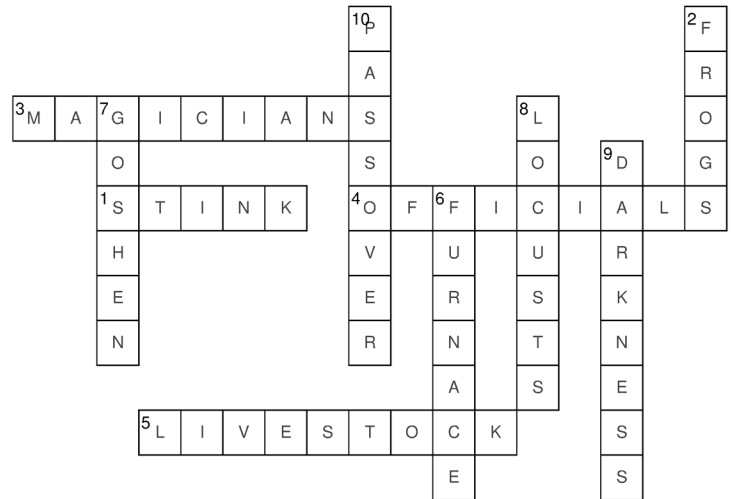
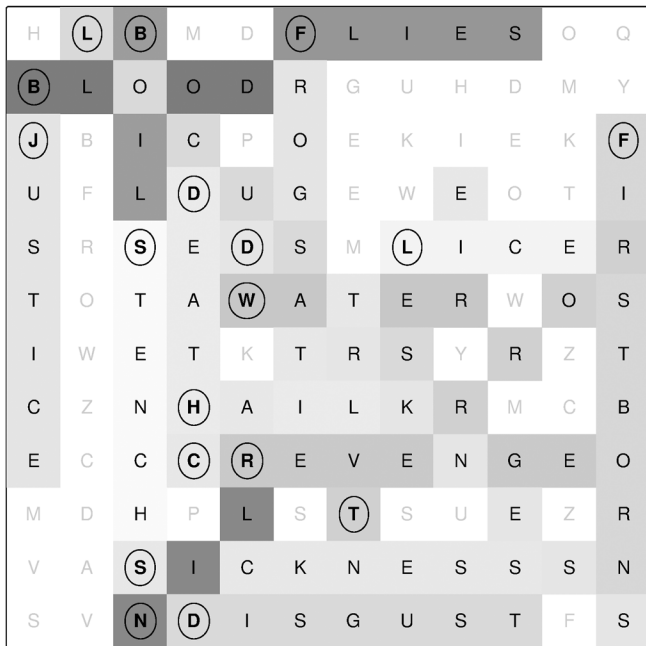
- a. two hours
- b. all night
- c. one minute
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**8. The happy ending: when the Israelites passed through the Red Sea, they saw this (Exodus 14:29-30):**

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DATE:

