

**THIS WEEK'S BIBLE STORY:** God delivered His people and proved that He is the one true God. Exodus 5-12

**BIG IDEA:** God spared the Israelites from the final plague.

**MEMORY VERSE:** Hosea 13:4 NIV

**THE BIG QUESTION:** Is there anything God cannot do? God can do all things according to His character.

## Connect

**ASK** your child to tell you about a time they met a leader or someone in authority.

**ASK** your child to give you some examples of what an important job would be. **ASK** them to tell you what makes the job important. **ENCOURAGE** them to be specific. Then **SAY**, "In our Bible story today we will hear about a man named Moses. God chose Moses for a very important job. God knew what was best for Moses and the Israelites. Even though it was hard they trusted God in a tough situation."

## Read the Bible

1. **SAY:** Each day, we can grow our friendship with God by getting quiet and reading His Word—the Bible.
2. **READ** from the Bible Exodus 7:20-21 & 12:12-13
3. **SAY:** Now that we've read God's Word, let's open up our hearts to God by thinking about what we read. Here are questions we can ask ourselves about this passage:
  - What was the first plague God sent to Egypt? (*God turned the Nile to blood, Ex. 7:20-21*)
  - What was the final plague and how did the Israelites avoid suffering under it? (*the death of every firstborn; spreading lamb's blood over their doorposts, Ex. 12:12-13*)
  - How does the Passover point forward to Jesus' death? *Guide kids to discuss that Jesus was identified as the Lamb of God. He died as a sacrifice so that we could be saved from sin. The Israelites sacrificed an unblemished lamb, and Jesus was without sin. Everyone who believes in Jesus will not be punished for sin; God's judgment will "pass over" believers.*
  - What is the Christ Connection? *The Christ Connection is part of each Bible story we teach. The goal is to help kids better understand that the Bible is not just a collection of stories, but one larger story that points to Jesus' sacrifice for each of us.*

**Christ Connection:** By His grace, God spared the Israelites from judgment by requiring the blood of a lamb. Jesus is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. His death was the ultimate sacrifice, and those who trust in Christ are under His saving blood and will be passed over in the final judgment.

## Memorize

**WHAT YOU NEED:** MEMORY VERSE WRITTEN ON A PIECE OF PAPER, OBJECT TO PASS, TIMER

1. **WHAT TO DO:** **SET OUT** the memory verse page for your child to use as a reference.
2. **GET OUT** a timer and have family members stand or sit near you. **TELL** your child that when you start the clock, they have 1 minute (or other designated amount of time) to see how many times they can say or read the memory verse before time runs out. **REPEAT** several times and include the whole family.
3. **SAY:** Keep working this week to memorize our memory verse. God gives us His Word so we can know Him.

## Let's Practice

**WHAT YOU NEED:** PENCIL, PAPER, BLINDFOLD

**GIVE** your child a pencil and a piece of paper. Blindfold or tell him to close his eyes. Explain that you will review the Bible story and tell them what to draw. Read the following script:

- God sent 10 plagues to punish the Egyptians. Write the number 10.
- First, God turned the water in the Nile River into blood. Draw a river.
- But Pharaoh would not let the people go. God sent frogs into Egypt. Draw a frog.

**SAY**, "Pharaoh said, "Ask your God to take away the frogs. Then I will let the people go." But when God removed the frogs, Pharaoh refused to let the people go. So God sent gnats into Egypt that bit the people and animals. Then God sent flies, and He caused all the livestock to die." **DRAW GNATS OR FLIES.** Still, Pharaoh did not let the people go. God sent boils that covered the people in Egypt, but Pharaoh's heart was hard." **DRAW A HEART.**

**SAY**, "Not even a terrible hailstorm changed Pharaoh's mind. Locusts ate up the plants." **DRAW A PLANT.** And then darkness covered the land for three days. But still Pharaoh said no. God told every Israelite family to kill a lamb and sprinkle its blood on the doorposts of their houses." **DRAW A DOOR.** God would "pass over" the Israelites' houses. No one in the Israelites' families would die." **DRAW AN 'X.'**

**SAY**, "At midnight, God struck every firstborn in the land of Egypt. Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron. "Go!" he said. Now, at the bottom of the page, write today's story point: God delivered His people and proved that He is the one true God. The ninth plague God sent to the land of Egypt was darkness. For three days, no one could see anything! But the Israelites had light where they lived. God spared the Israelites from His judgment against Egypt. Everyone who trusts in Jesus receives forgiveness and eternal life. God spares believers from His judgment against sin."

## Let's Pray

**INVITE** kids to share prayer requests. **PRAY**, thanking God for loving us by sending Jesus to be our Rescuer. Pray that kids would trust in Him. Pray a prayer like this, "Dear God, we are so glad you love us and are with us when life gets hard. Help us to always remember to ask you for help in every situation. We love you! In Jesus name, Amen."