

EXODUS

“The Red Sea is Parted – Israel is Saved”

Series Objective:

Students will learn:

- God spoke to Moses from a burning bush
- God sent plagues on Egypt
- God parted the Red Sea to save God’s People
- God led Israel by fire and smoke

Series Theme Verse: “And God said, ‘I will be with you.’” - Exodus 3:12

Lesson Objective: For students to understand that God defeated Israel’s enemy when all looked lost.

Lesson Passage: Exodus 14:5-31

Materials Needed: Items from the bottom of the sea or pictures, Blue Jell-O, Goldfish Crackers, Bibles, Series Theme Verse on white board or poster

Lesson Plan: Before the lesson, collect some items, or pictures of items, you would find on the bottom of the sea: shells, sand, starfish, sand dollars, etc. Before the lesson, ask children if they have ever been to the ocean, or sea? Ask students what some things are that you would find at the bottom of the sea? Show some items (or pictures) of things you would find at the bottom of the sea. Next, use Very Berry Jell-O to make regular blue Jell-O according to directions on the box. Place mixture on a long thin pan – like a baking sheet (so that it is not very deep.) Put in Fruit Snacks shaped like fish, or goldfish crackers on top. Allow to cool according to package directions by placing in refrigerator to cool. Explain to students that today you are going to talk about God doing an amazing miracle at the Red Sea.

Talking Points: Exodus 14:5-31

- Why did Pharaoh change his mind about letting the Israelites leave Egypt? (The slave workforce was now gone, who would do all that work?)
- What did Pharaoh decide to do to stop Israel from leaving? (Took over 600 chariots and pursued the people of God, Israel)
- What was the Israelites reaction to seeing the huge army of Pharaoh? (They were terrified, called out to God, and blamed Moses for leading them to their deaths)
- Why was Israel terrified? (Because they were trapped between the Egyptian Army and the Red Sea or Sea of Reeds)
- What was Moses’ response to the people? (Do not be afraid, trust God to save you)
- What did God tell Moses to do? (Raise his staff and hand over the water and the water would split for Moses and Israel to cross over safely)

- How did God protect Israel while the people crossed the sea? (The angel of God created a barrier of cloud between the Egyptian Army and Israel)
- After Israel crossed the sea, what did the Egyptian Army do? (Charged after the Israelites, right between the walls of water)
- What did God tell Moses to do? (Stretch his arm out to let the water flow again)
- What happened to Egypt's Army? (They drowned and Israel was saved)
- After they saw what happened to the army, did Israel trust God and Moses? (Yes)

The Story Retold:

- Remove your Jell-O from the refrigerator.
- Place the "Sea" on the table and place Lego figures (Israelites) on one side of the Sea, with Hot Wheels (Chariots) behind the Israelites.
- Ask students what happened in the story to save the Israelites from Pharaoh's Army? (God used Moses to split the Sea)
- Cut out the center section of the sea for Israel to pass through safely.
- Remind students that when the Egyptians tried to cross, the sea caved in on them.
- Let students eat the sea.

The Story and Me:

- Have the Series theme verse written on a poster or white board.
- Remind students of the Series Theme Verse and that God was with the people of Israel, even when it seemed like they were in a difficult situation.
- Divide the students into Israelites and Egyptians.
- When you call on a group, have them say the Series Theme Verse together.

Plague of Death

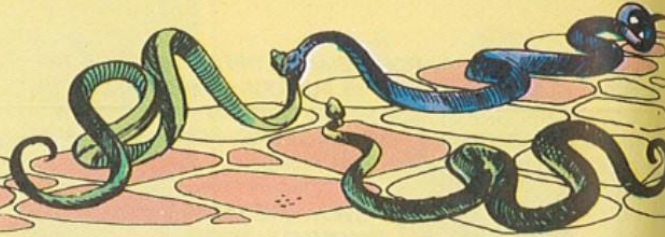
FROM EXODUS 5:22—1:5

WHEN MOSES AND AARON DEMAND THE RELEASE OF THE HEBREW SLAVES, PHARAOH IS FURIOUS—AND MAKES THE SLAVES WORK HARDER THAN BEFORE. IN ANGER THEY TURN AGAINST MOSES. MOSES SEEKS GOD'S HELP AND IS TOLD TO VISIT PHARAOH AGAIN.





BUT WHILE PHARAOH WATCHES, THE SERPENT OF AARON DEVOURS THE SERPENTS OF THE EGYPTIAN MAGICIANS. PHARAOH IS STUNNED... BUT HE REFUSES TO ADMIT THAT MOSES' GOD IS MORE POWERFUL THAN THE GODS OF EGYPT.



AGAIN MOSES SEEKS GOD'S HELP... AND AGAIN GOD TELLS HIM WHAT TO DO. IN THE MORNING MOSES AND AARON MEET PHARAOH ON THE BANK OF THE RIVER NILE.



WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

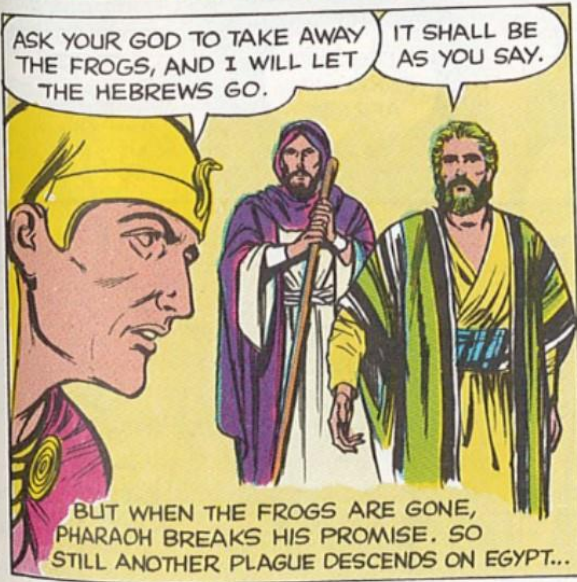
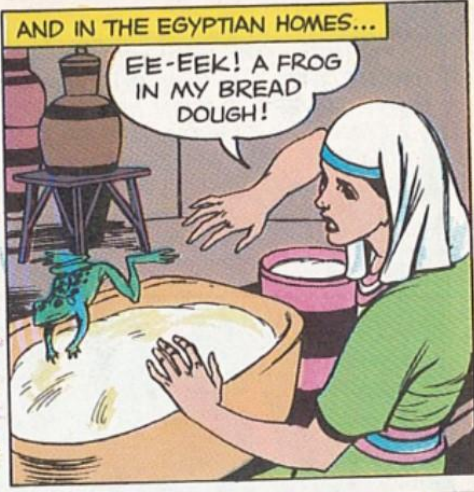
BECAUSE YOU WILL NOT LET THE HEBREWS GO, THE RIVER WILL BE TURNED TO BLOOD.

AT MOSES' COMMAND, AARON STRIKES THE WATER WITH HIS ROD AND THE WATER TURNS RED.



I DON'T DARE BATHE IN THAT BLOODY STREAM!

WHEN WOMEN COME TO WASH THEIR CLOTHES IN THE RIVER, THEY ARE TURNED BACK. MEN HAVE TO DIG WELLS TO GET DRINKING WATER. FINALLY THE RIVER IS CLEAR AGAIN, BUT STILL PHARAOH WILL NOT LISTEN TO MOSES' PLEA. AND SO GOD SENDS A DIFFERENT PLAGUE...



FIRST THERE COMES A PLAGUE OF LICE—LATER GREAT SWARMS OF BITING FLIES FILL THE AIR...



ONCE AGAIN PHARAOH PROMISES TO FREE THE HEBREWS. BUT WHEN THE FLIES DISAPPEAR, HE BREAKS HIS WORD. THEN DISEASE BREAKS OUT AMONG THE CATTLE, AND PHARAOH AND HIS PEOPLE SUFFER FROM PAINFUL BOILS.



FATHER, WERE THE SLAVE DRIVERS CRUEL TODAY?

THEY ARE ALWAYS CRUEL, SON, BUT RIGHT NOW THEY ARE SUFFERING FROM TERRIBLE BOILS WHILE WE ARE STRONG AND HEALTHY.

STILL PHARAOH KEEPS THE HEBREWS IN EGYPT. SO A TERRIBLE STORM STRIKES.



HAILSTONES AS BIG AS MY FIST!

THROUGHOUT THE LAND, THE EGYPTIAN FARMERS WATCH THE STORM WITH TERROR.

LATER, MILLIONS OF LOCUSTS SWARM THROUGH THE LAND. AFTER A STRONG WIND BLOWS THEM AWAY, THE DAY BECOMES AS DARK AS NIGHT.



OUR CROPS ARE RUINED...

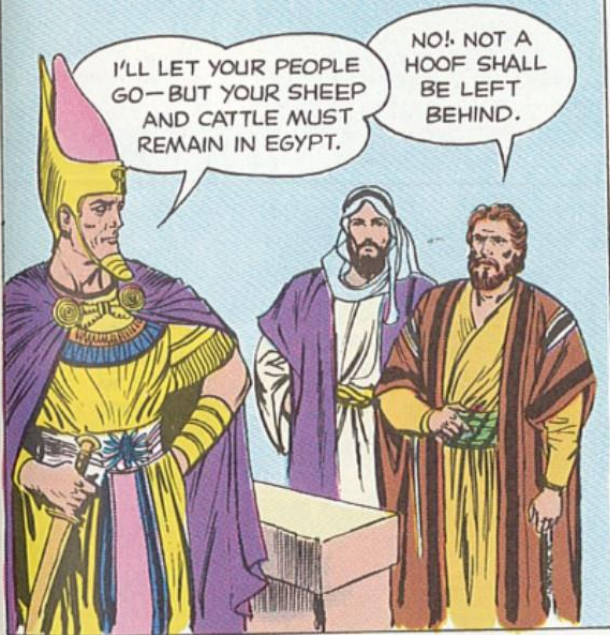
...BUT NO HAIL FALLS ON THE LAND WHERE THE HEBREWS LIVE.



IT'S SO DARK—I'M AFRAID.

WILL THESE TERRIBLE TROUBLES NEVER CEASE?

AFTER THREE DAYS OF DARKNESS PHARAOH CALLS FOR MOSES AND AARON.



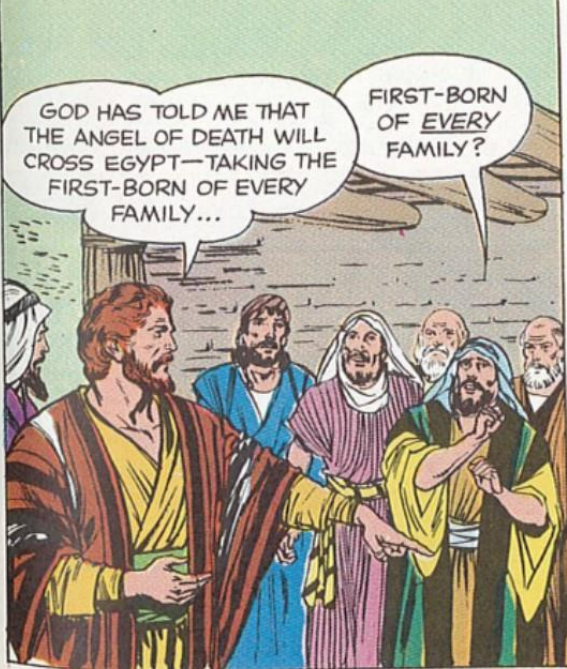
I'LL LET YOUR PEOPLE GO— BUT YOUR SHEEP AND CATTLE MUST REMAIN IN EGYPT.

NO! NOT A HOOF SHALL BE LEFT BEHIND.

THEN THEY SHALL STAY! AND YOU—GET OUT OF HERE. IF I SEE YOUR FACE AGAIN, YOU'LL DIE!



QUICKLY MOSES CALLS FOR A MEETING OF THE HEBREW LEADERS.



GOD HAS TOLD ME THAT THE ANGEL OF DEATH WILL CROSS EGYPT—TAKING THE FIRST-BORN OF EVERY FAMILY...

FIRST-BORN OF EVERY FAMILY?

WAIT! WE WILL BE SAVED— IF WE OBEY GOD!

