

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: “The Lord will reign forever and ever.” - Exodus 15:18

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

Lesson Passage: Exodus 14:5-31

Materials Needed: Balloons, Markers, Construction Paper, Bibles, Series Theme Verse on white board or poster

Lesson Plan:

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:

- Blow up balloons to create a “sea.”
- Divide into two teams.
- Have the kids “part the sea” by kicking balloons to the other team’s side of the room.
- At some point call time and figure out which team has the fewest balloons on their side, thus crossing the sea on dry land.
- Remind students how God split the sea for Israel to cross on dry land.

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 is the ruler of all creation and able to do great miracles like parting the Red Sea.
- Ask students what they find in the sea? (fish, shells, etc.)
- Give each student a piece of construction paper and have them draw something you find in the sea on the paper.
- Write the Series Theme Verse on their drawing.
- Recite the 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.



AARON'S WORDS COME TRUE, BUT PHARAOH ONLY LAUGHS.

YOU ARE CLEVER, BUT MY MAGICIANS CAN DO THE SAME THING.

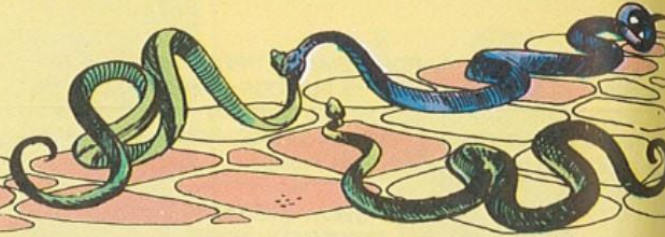


PHARAOH CALLS FOR HIS OWN MAGICIANS. THEY TOO THROW DOWN THEIR RODS—WHICH BECOME SERPENTS.

SEE?



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.



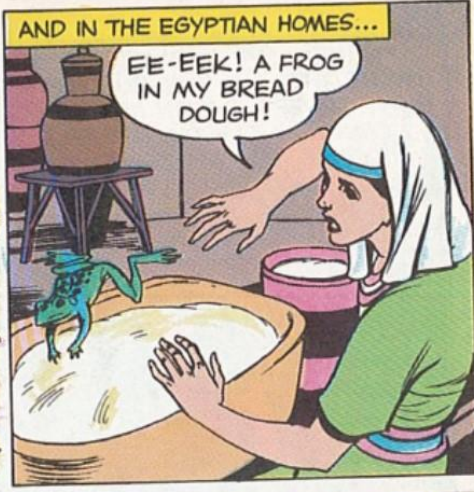
I DON'T DARE BATHE IN THAT BLOODY STREAM!

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...



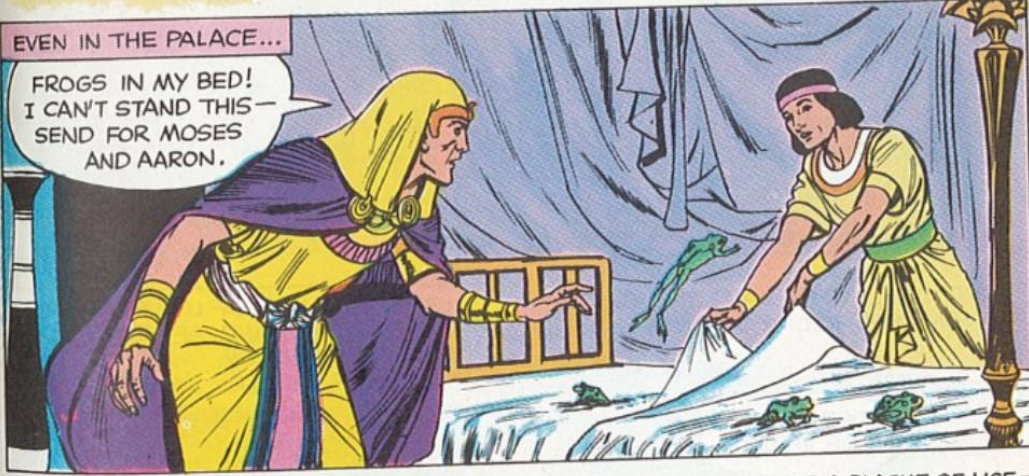
IN THE STREETS OF THE CITY...

FROGS—MILLIONS OF THEM... EVERYWHERE!



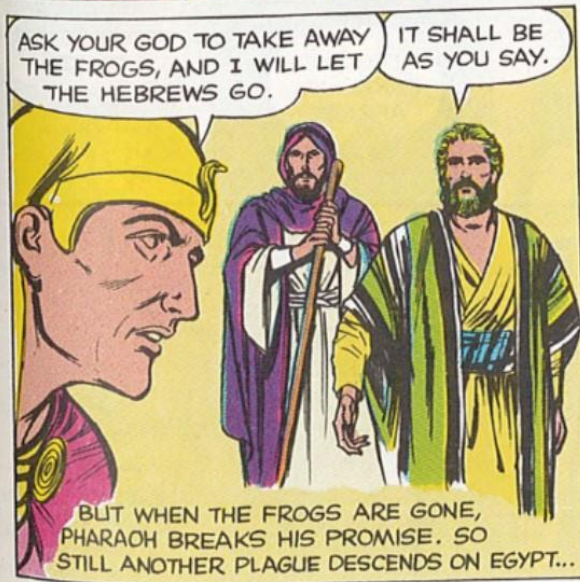
AND IN THE EGYPTIAN HOMES...

EE-EEK! A FROG IN MY BREAD DOUGH!



EVEN IN THE PALACE...

FROGS IN MY BED! I CAN'T STAND THIS—SEND FOR MOSES AND AARON.



ASK YOUR GOD TO TAKE AWAY THE FROGS, AND I WILL LET THE HEBREWS GO.

IT SHALL BE AS YOU SAY.

BUT WHEN THE FROGS ARE GONE, PHARAOH BREAKS HIS PROMISE. SO STILL ANOTHER PLAGUE DESCENDS ON EGYPT...

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.



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

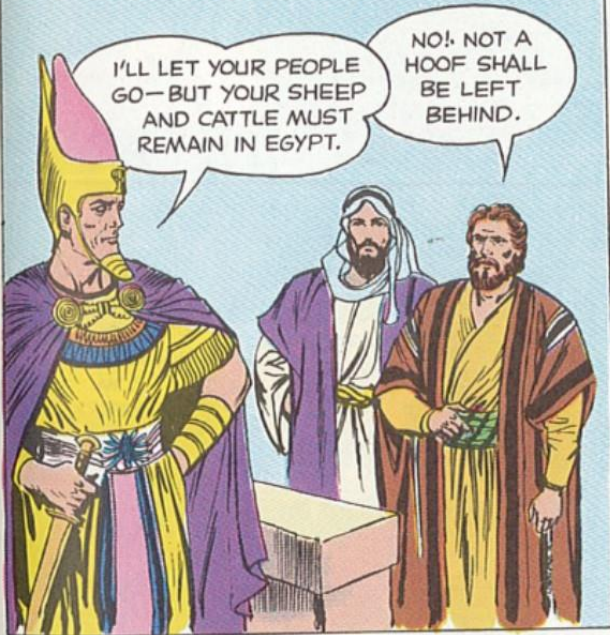


THROUGHOUT THE LAND, THE EGYPTIAN FARMERS WATCH THE STORM WITH TERROR.

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



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



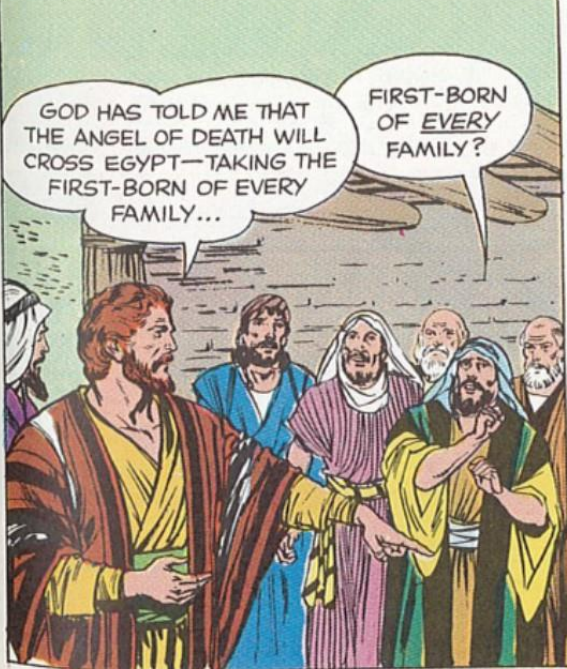
I'LL LET YOUR PEOPLE GO— BUT YOUR SHEEP AND CATTLE MUST REMAIN IN EGYPT.

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!

