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In the name of the
Father, and the Son, and
the Holy Spirit, one God.
Amen.



Begin with the Lord's prayer

Our Lord and Savior, our King and God, we thank you for gathering us here to stand before you to call on your Holy Name.

Heavenly Father, teach us to trust You in everything we do.

Our God open our eyes, ears, hearts and minds to Your Word today.

Bless all the children and keep them safe. Hear us when we humbly and thankfully pray to you.

Our Father, who art in heaven

Hallowed be thy name,

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done

On earth as it is in heaven

Give us this day our daily bread

And forgive us our trespasses

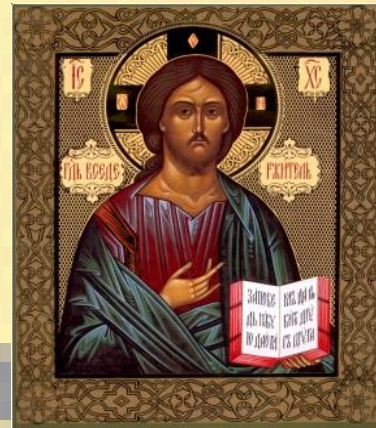
As we forgive those who trespass against us

And lead us not into temptation

But deliver us from the evil one

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the

Glory. Forever, Amen.



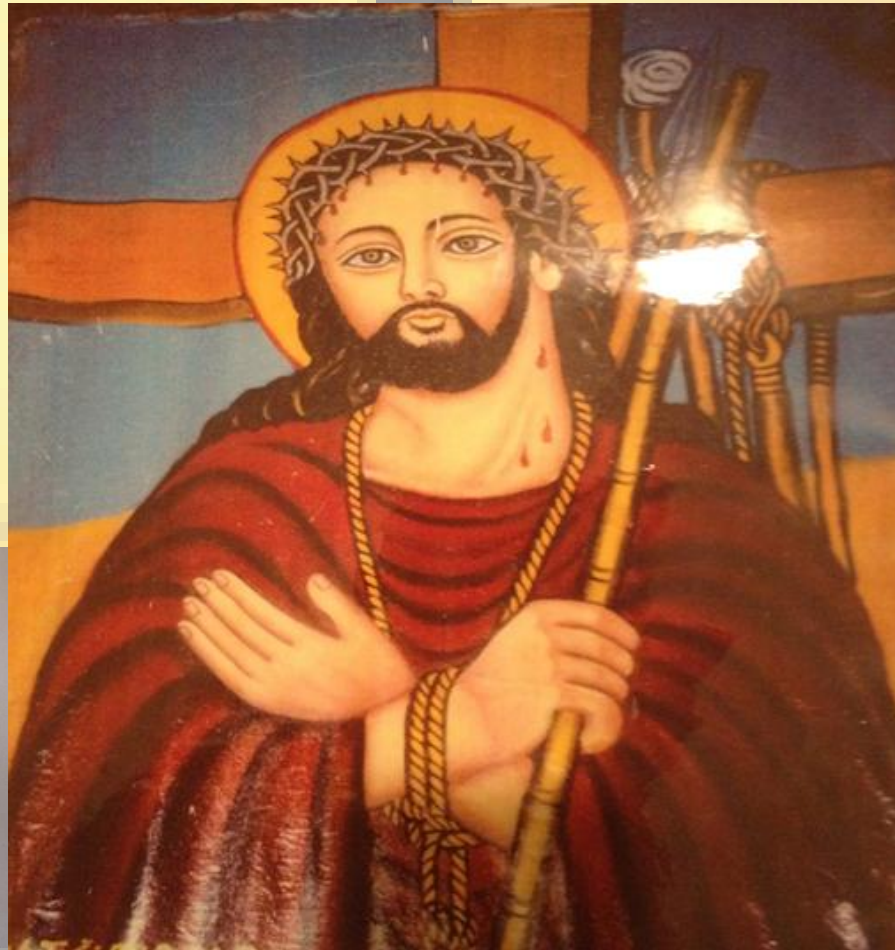
O our Lady, as St. Gabriel greeted you, “Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.” True Virgin in conscience as well as body, blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

Holy Mary, the God-bearer, pray that your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, may forgive us our sins. Amen.



Say The Jesus Prayer 3 times

**Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
have mercy on me, a sinner.**



Review

Where was Moses?

What was he doing?

How did the Lord appear to Moses?

What was the Lord's message to him?

What are the first, second and third signs?

What feelings prompted Moses to examine the burning bush?

wonder, curiosity

What did Moses do that angered God?

asked not to be sent

How do we accomplish tasks that are too hard for us to do?

trust in God to provide the means

Review

True or False

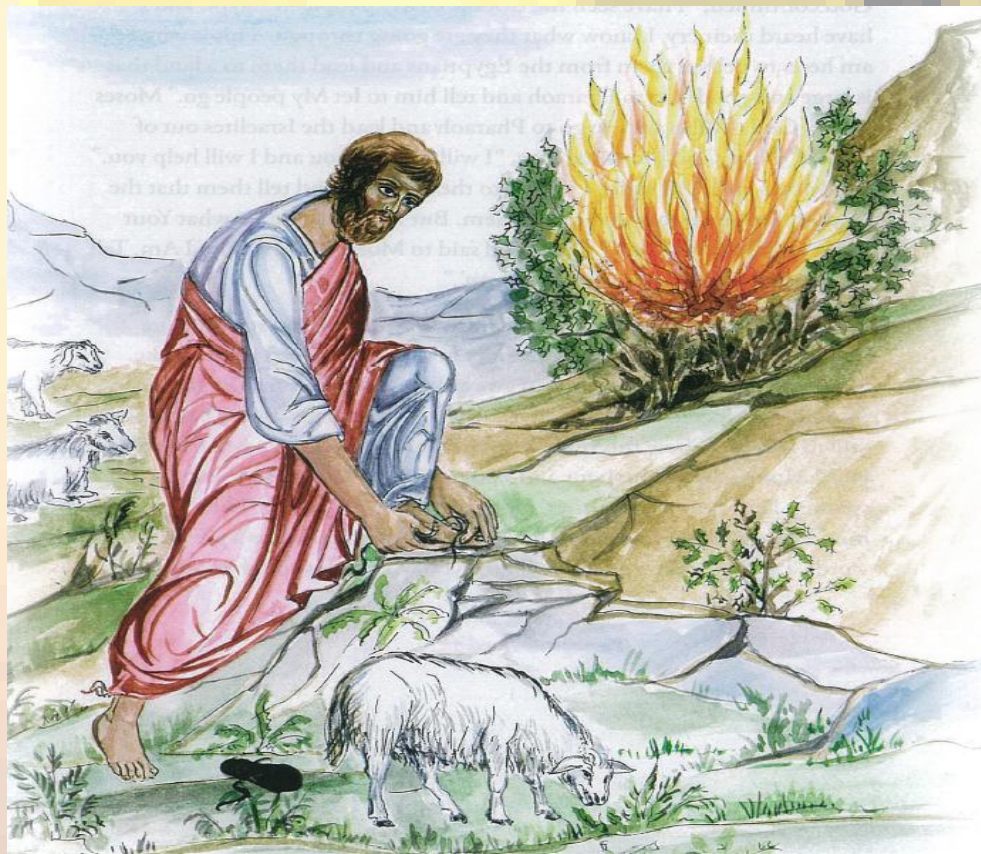
1. Moses decided that Mount Sinai was a holy place. F (God decided and announced it to Moses)
2. God told Moses to approach him "just as he was". F (God said Moses must show his respect for God's holiness by taking off his shoes).
3. God knew about Moses' weaknesses and provided help for him. T
4. Moses was afraid to go to Egypt. T
5. God let Moses "off the hook" because of his weakness. F

MEMORY VERSE




**Can anyone tell me
last week's
memory verse???**

Recite Last week's memory verse

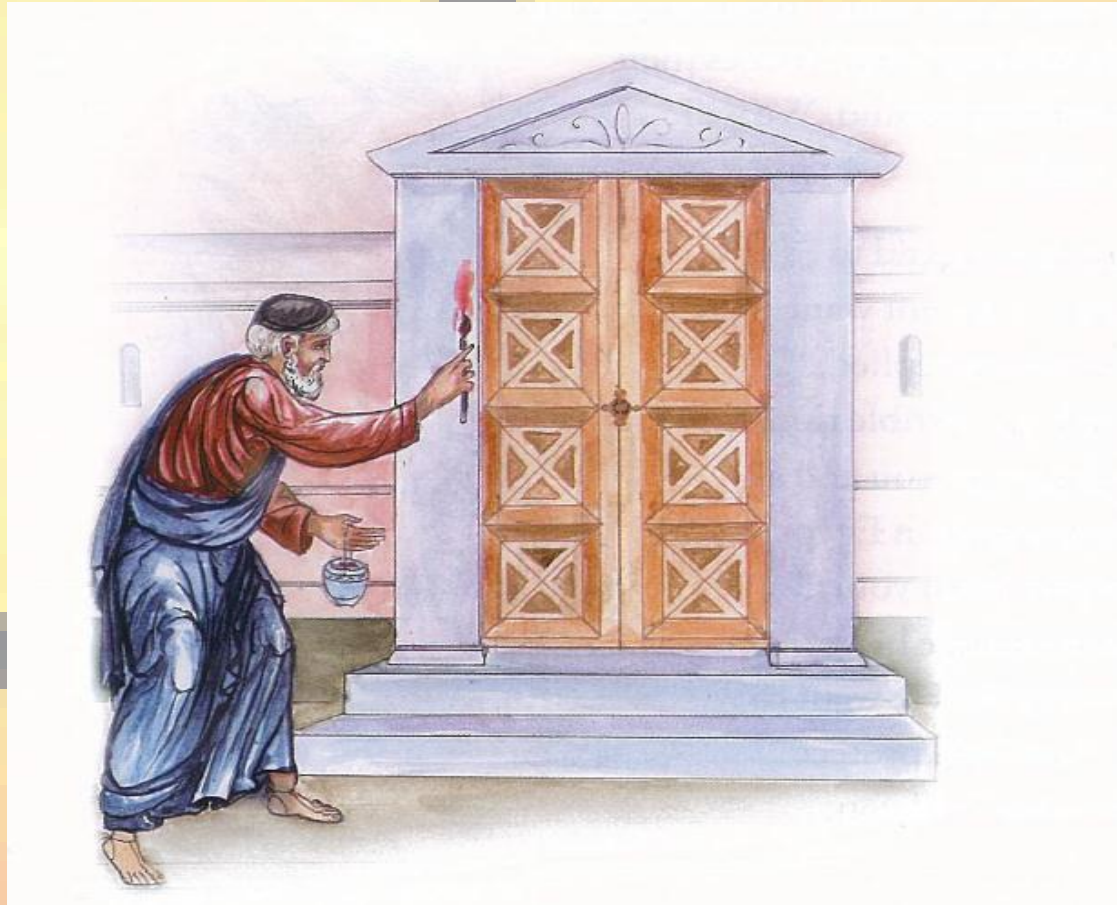
- “Here am I, send me” (Isaiah 6:8).



Class Covenant

I will keep my  on my teacher,
my  in control,
my s on God's Word;
knowing God is my goal.

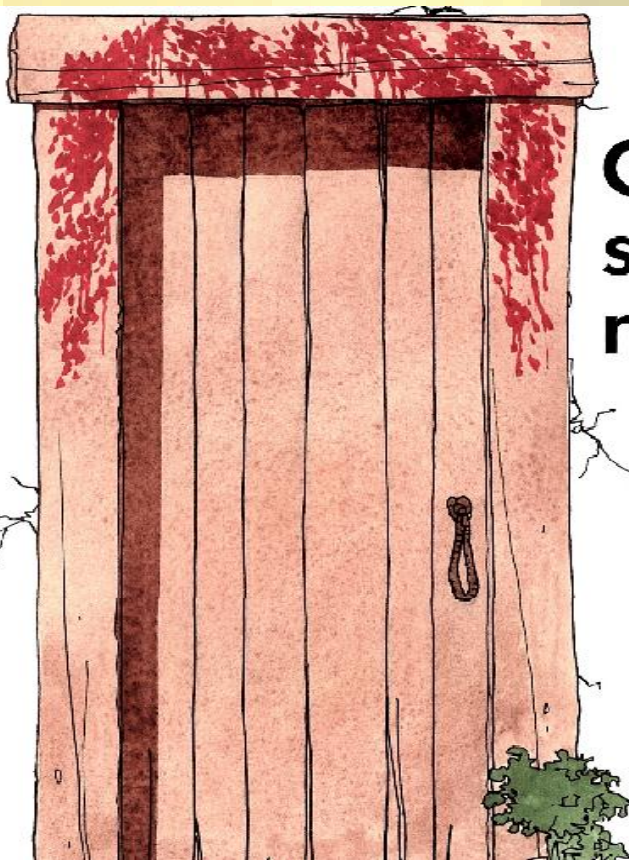
Pharaoh's Opposition And The Ten Plagues



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Memory Verse

“Let My people go, that they may serve Me”
(Exodus 9:13)

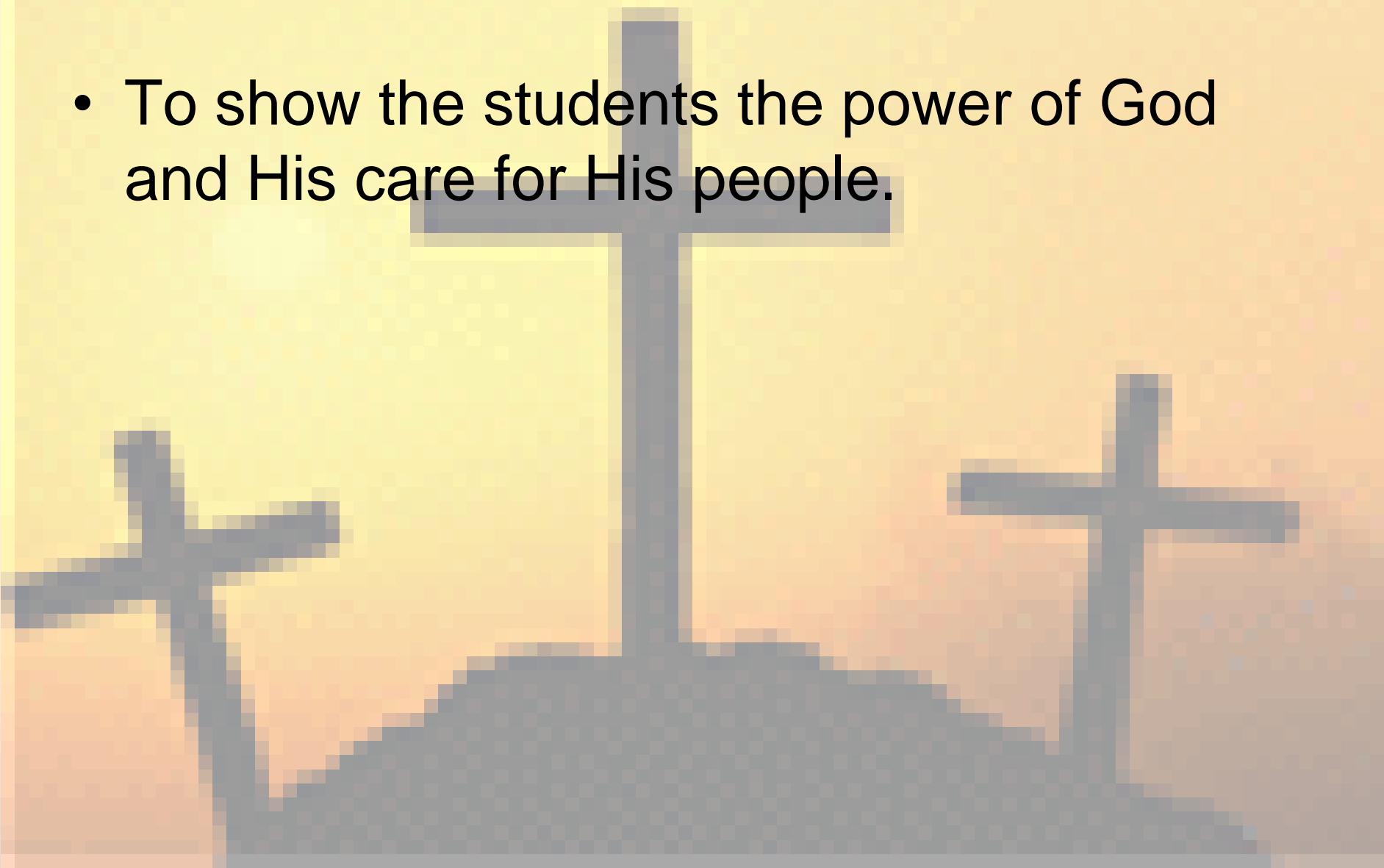


**God
shows
mercy.**



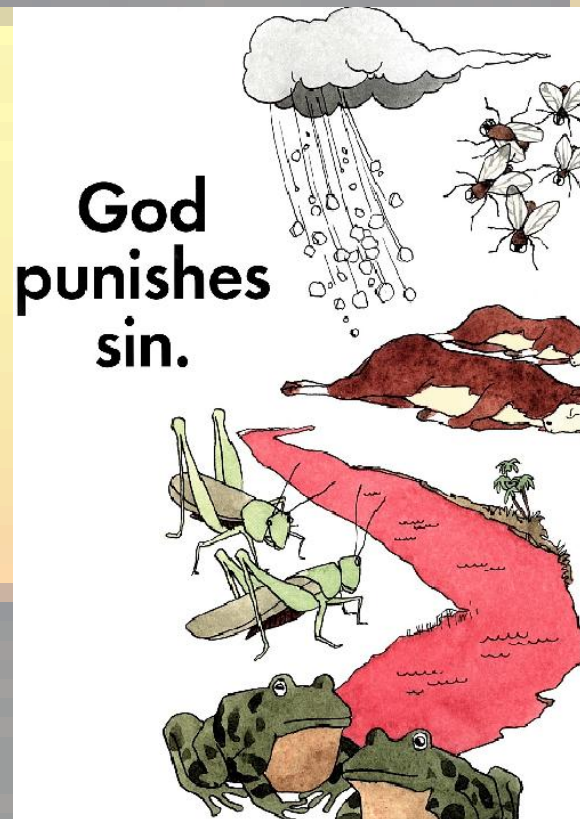
Objective

- To show the students the power of God and His care for His people.



Introduction

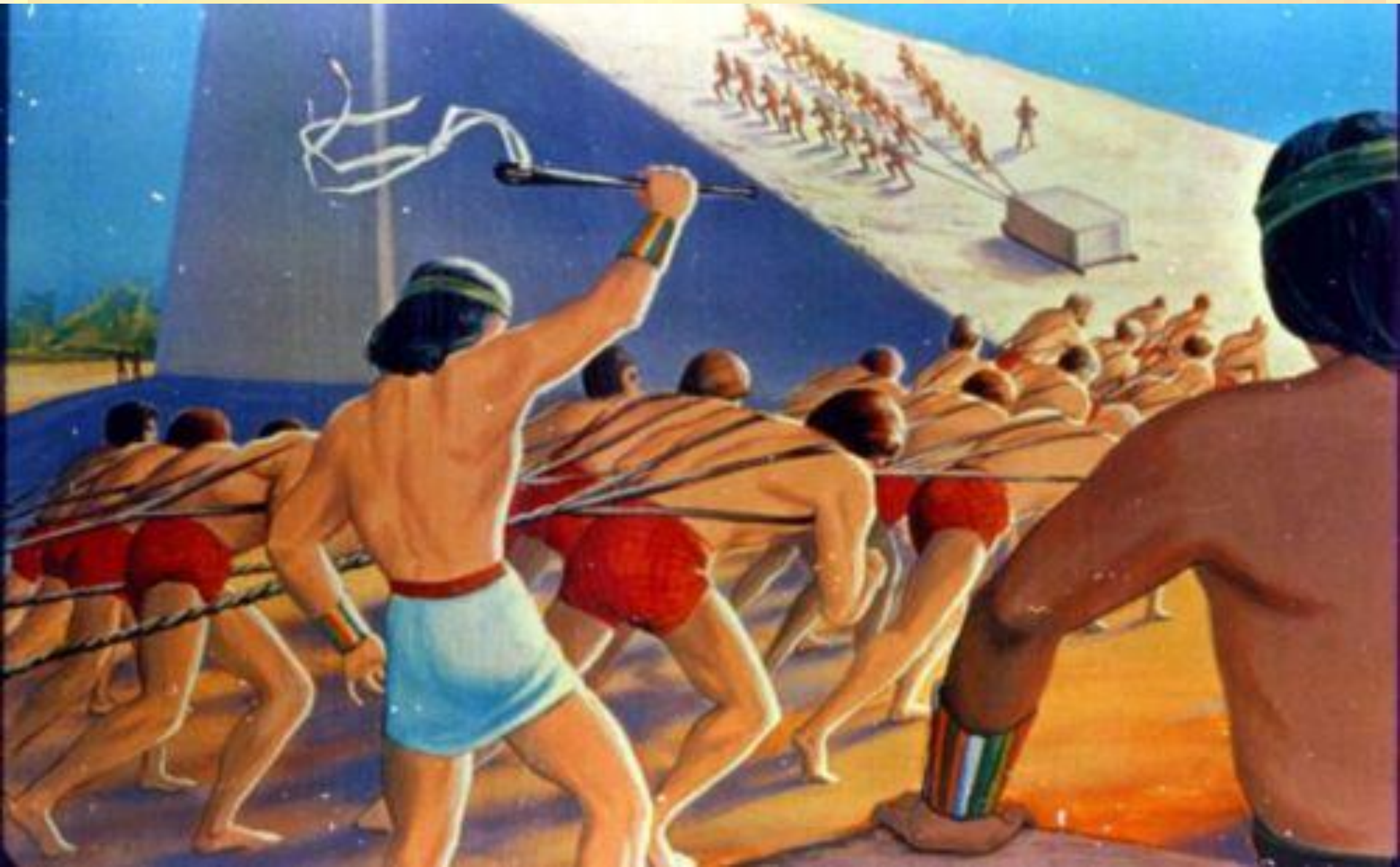
God sent judgment on those who did not believe him, showed mercy to those who trusted him and led His people out of slavery.



Pharaoh was angry! God had commanded him through Moses to let the Israelite slaves leave Egypt. "Who is the LORD? Why should I obey him?" he said angrily so he refused.



So he made the Israelites work even harder, gathering straw and making bricks day and night without rest. The weary Israelites must have wondered, "Does God really care for us?"



The people blamed Moses and Aaron for their troubles.



Moses found a place to pray. “O Lord.” he cried, “You have not rescued Your people at all. “I am the Lord and I will bring you out,” God answered.



Again God sent Moses and Aaron to Pharaoh with the same message, but once again Pharaoh would not listen. So the Lord told Aaron to give Pharaoh a sign.



Aaron took his staff and threw it down on the ground. Right there in Pharaoh's court it became a snake! Quickly Pharaoh called in his magicians, and they did a similar thing. But all the other snakes were swallowed up by Aaron's snake. God was showing Pharaoh and the Egyptians that he was Lord over everything, but Pharaoh would not honor God.



Next morning, Moses and Aaron met Pharaoh at the river. When Aaron held out his rod, God turned the water into blood. Fish died. People couldn't drink the water! but Pharaoh hardened his heart. He would not let the Israelites leave Egypt.



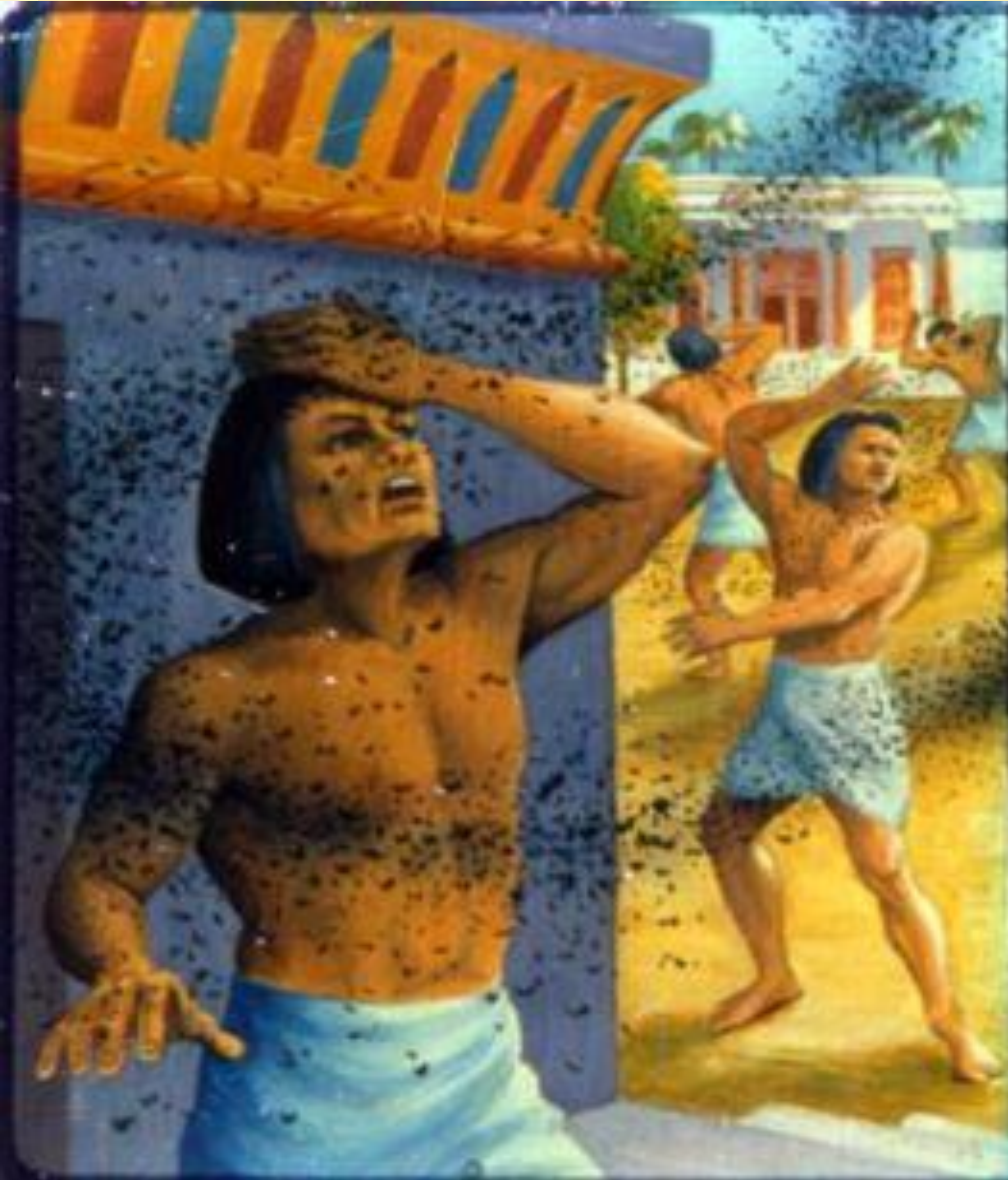
Then God sent another plague. Once again, Aaron stretched his staff over the waters of Egypt. Suddenly, thousands of frogs hopped out of the streams and ponds and covered the land. They were everywhere. They hopped into houses, into cupboards and ovens, even into beds!



“Pray for me, that God will remove the frogs,” Pharaoh pleaded. “And I will let your people go. But do you think Pharaoh kept his promise? No! When the frogs were gone, he changed his mind.”



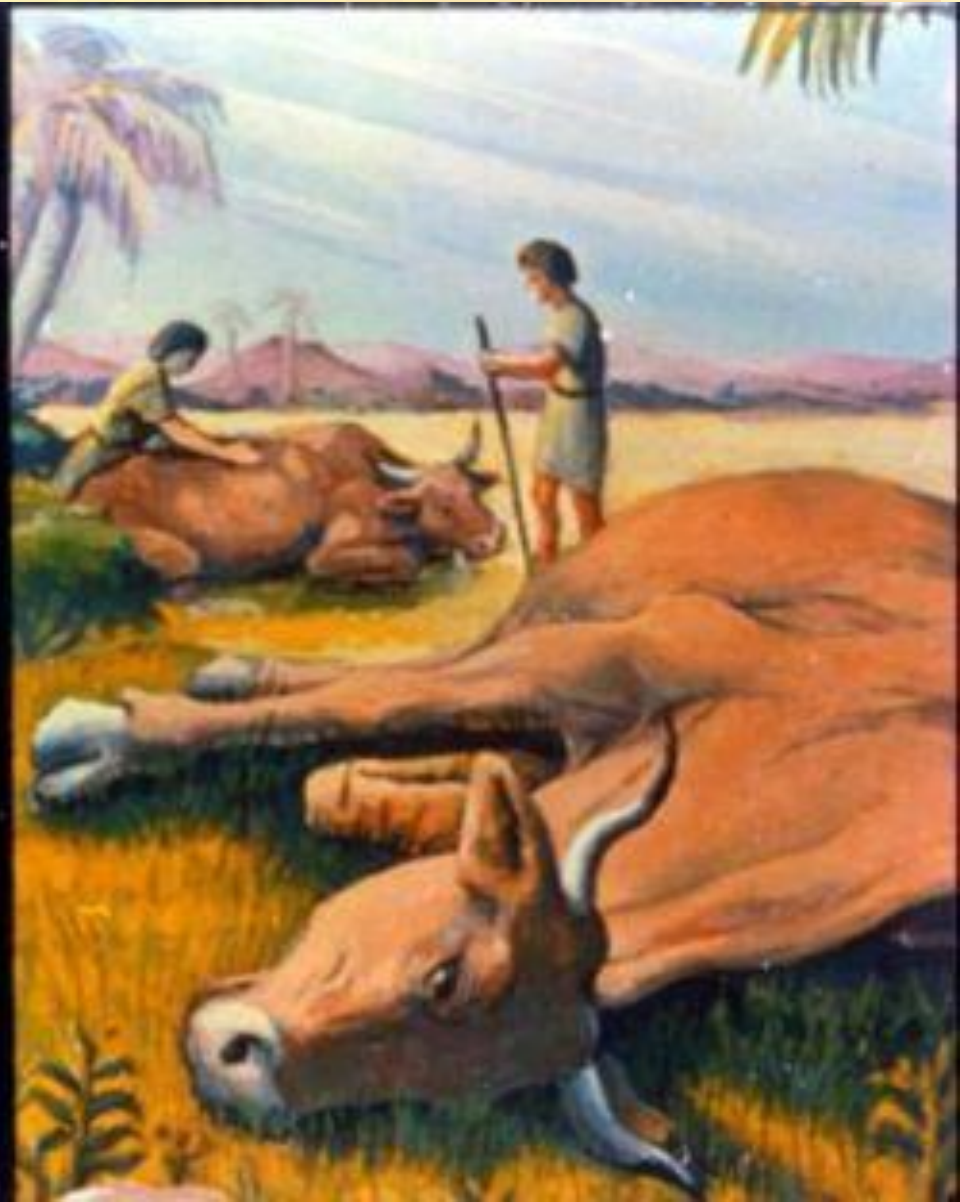
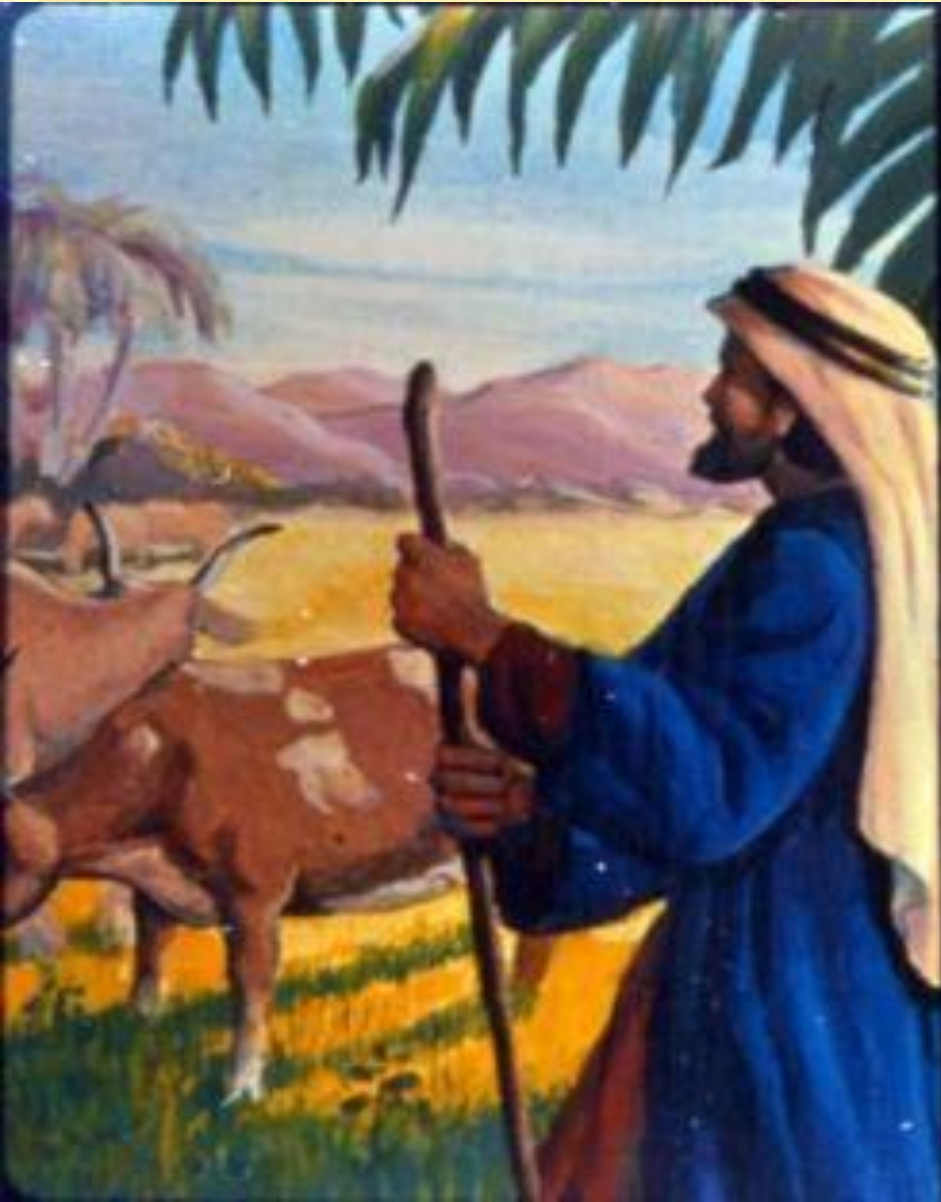
God then sent billions of tiny bugs called lice. Every person and beast itched from their bites. Even the magicians knew that this was an act of God and told Pharaoh, but Pharaoh would not listen to them.



Then God sent swarms of flies among the Egyptians.



Next he sent a plague that killed their cattle, but still Pharaoh's heart remained as hard as stone.



Then God told Moses to throw ashes in the air in front of Pharaoh.



This caused a terrible skin disease to spread among the people and animals. They broke out in painful boils. Yet Pharaoh still would not obey God's commands.



God sent a plague of hailstones that flattened crops and stripped trees. God kept the Israelites safe, but the Egyptians were not spared.



Pharaoh wanted the plagues to stop, but he did not fear the Lord's judgment.



So the plagues continued. God sent a swarm of locusts. They swept down to eat every green thing that grew in the land.



Pharaoh cried out for God to stop, but when God sent a strong wind to carry away the hungry locusts, Pharaoh's heart once more turned against God.



Then God sent a plague of thick darkness to cover Egypt; there was no light for three days. But Pharaoh refused to let the Israelites go.



I will send one more plague, God warned. About midnight, all the first-born of man and beast will die.



At last, the day came when God would lead his people out of Egypt. "Tonight," Moses told the Israelites, God has promised to show mercy to us because we belong to him. He has given us a way to save our children.



You must kill the best lamb.



and put its blood on your doorframe, and the Lord will pass over your house when he sees the blood of the lamb.



The Israelites obeyed God. Each father killed a lamb and smeared the blood on the top and sides of the doorframe of his house. Each mother roasted the lamb over the coals of an open fire. Then each family ate their meal together.



At midnight, the Lord passed over the land. He struck down the firstborn in the Egyptian households, but he spared the Israelites. At least one person had died in every Egyptian house.



On that terrible night, Pharaoh finally gave in. "Go," he told Moses and Aaron, "take your people, your flocks and herds. Go and worship the Lord as you have asked."



Then the great number of Israelites started out on the journey to the Promised Land, with Moses and Aaron leading the way.



How great our God is! He not only punishes those who disobey Him, He also shows mercy to His people. God had not forgotten His promises to the Israelites. He was leading them out of slavery and on to the Promised Land, just as He said He would. Our merciful God always keeps His promises. We can trust Him to do what he says.

Conclusion

God delivered His people from the ten plagues. God cares for us in the same way since we are His people now and we believe in Him.

He is so powerful that He can do anything to protect us and make us free. The Egyptians were punished because they did not listen to God's words and request to let His people go to pray and serve Him.

Movie Clip

Show a short movie clip about the story, if available.



Questions

How many plagues were there?

Who were the people afflicted with these plagues?

Review the 10 plagues

1. **First Plague:** Moses changed all the water in the river to blood with the touch of His rod.
2. **Second Plague:** Frogs came out of the river in very large number and covered all the land of Egypt.
3. **Third Plague:** With the rod Aaron changed all the sand into lice, which covered men and beasts.
4. **Fourth Plague:** God sent large number of flies that got into all the houses of the Egyptians including Pharaoh.
5. **Fifth Plague:** God brought disease on all the animals and cows of the Egyptians but spared the animals of the Israelites.
6. **Sixth Plague:** Moses threw a handful of ashes to the air and it brought boils and sores on the skin of all the Egyptians and their animals.
7. **Seventh Plague:** God sent very heavy Hail on all the land of Egypt.
8. **Eighth Plague:** God sent Locusts that eat every tree.
9. **Ninth Plague:** God told Moses to stretch out his hand to the heaven so that there will be darkness over Egypt for three days.
10. **Tenth Plague:** The death of the first-born (will be taught next lesson).

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORDS:

1. "The LORD spoke to Moses, 'Say to Aaron, "Take your rod and stretch out your hand over the waters of Egypt, that they may become (OIL, BLOOD)."
2. "Then the LORD spoke to Moses, 'Say to Aaron, "Stretch out your hand with your rod over the streams and cause (FROGS, SNAILS) to come upon the land of Egypt."
3. "The LORD said to Moses, 'Say to Aaron, "Stretch out your rod, and strike the dust of the land, so that it may become (LICE, MICE)."
4. "And the LORD said to Moses, 'Rise early, stand before Pharaoh and say to him, 'Let My people go, or else, if you don't, I will send swarms of (BEES, FLIES) on you and your servants."
5. "Again the LORD said, the hand of the LORD will be on your cattle in the field. There will be a very severe pestilence... So the LORD did this thing on the next day, and all the (LIVESTOCK, BIRDS) of Egypt died.

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORDS:

6. "The LORD said to Moses and Aaron, 'Take a handful of ashes and scatter it toward the heavens. And it will cause **(SOILS, BOILS)** that break out in sores on man and beast."

7. Then the LORD said, "I will cause very heavy **(HAIL, ROCKS)** to rain down, such as has not been in Egypt until now."

8. "Then the LORD said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the land of Egypt for the **(BUTTERFLIES, LOCUSTS)**, to come and eat every herb of the land.

9. "Then the LORD said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand toward heaven, that there may be **(DARKNESS, LIGHT)** in the land of Egypt.'

10. "And at midnight the LORD struck all the **(FIRSTBORN, SECONDBORN)** in the land of Egypt.



The End

Next Week

We will learn about the
Passover & Crossing the
Red sea.



3 things we all can do to strengthen our relationship with God

1. Read the Holy Bible daily preferably when we get up in the morning. 5 minutes to start.
2. Partake Holy Communion regularly.
3. Remember God throughout the day. We can repeat short prayer such as “Lord Jesus Christ have mercy on me.”

JESUS CHRIST

- “For there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12)



Any question?

Close with prayer.

