

Lesson 38: God Sends Plagues in Egypt

[Exodus 7:8–10:29](#)

Youtube Link: <https://youtu.be/zEPNjP0EypM>

Children's Bible Story Video: <https://youtu.be/WzwlUneeMEw>

Worship Theme: Nothing is more powerful than God.

Memory Verse: "I can do all this through him who gives me strength." (Philippians 4:13)

Songs (Youtube links):

1. When the Storm Comes <https://youtu.be/II5A7jKQb2o>
2. Our God Is So Great <https://youtu.be/QXEVqO94wpg>
3. Jesus Is the Lord <https://youtu.be/I-PzUIJ0MVo>

Prayer

Song: Select songs from the list above.

Icebreaker: Arm Wrestling



Partner the children according to their age or size and have them arm wrestle. The strongest child is the winner! Remind the children that even if they're the strongest child in this room, there is nothing more powerful than God!

Introduction:

God is all-powerful. That means that he is bigger than our situations. Whenever we need help in our lives, he can give it. Sometimes we can be in trouble—the way the Israelites were in trouble. They were slaves for over 400 years! They waited that long for someone to deliver them! God sent Moses to help them. Because nothing matches God's power, we can trust him to work things out in our lives, too. God can bring good things out of bad events.

Bible Story:

Who has the power (biggest) in your family? Who is the biggest in our country? Who is the biggest in our village? Who is the biggest in our school? Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, was a powerful man. After all, he and his fathers before him kept the Israelites as slaves for over 400 years! That's a long time to make people obey you and keep them from escaping slavery! But God wanted to free the Israelites. We know that God is also powerful. Who do you think is more powerful - Pharaoh or God? Today's bible story is like a contest between Pharaoh and God. God showed miracles to convince Pharaoh to free the Israelites. Instead of believing God, Pharaoh tried to challenge God's power. He commanded his magicians to copy the miracles. What some of you might not know is that they actually succeeded! Remember, Pharaoh was a powerful man from a powerful family.

Divide the children into two groups. One group will support Pharaoh and the other group will support God. Whenever either Pharaoh or God succeeds in performing a miracle, one child will stand up. At the end of the story, the group that has the most students standing up is the winner! Ready?

- Moses threw a stick down, and it turned into a snake! Have a child from "God" stand up.
- Pharaoh's magicians turned sticks into snakes. Have a child from "Pharaoh" stand up.
- Moses' snake ate Pharaoh's snakes. Have a child from "God" stand up.
- God turned water into blood. Have a child from "God" stand up.

- Pharaoh’s magicians turned water into blood. Have a child from “Pharaoh” stand up.
 - God made thousands of frogs appear jumping and hopping everywhere. Have a child from “God” stand up.
 - The magicians made frogs appear, too. Have a child from “Pharaoh” stand up.
 - God turned dust into bugs. Have a child from “God” stand up.
 - The magicians tried to turn dust into bugs but they could not. They told Pharaoh to give up and believe in God. Have a child from “Pharaoh” sit down.
 - God made thousands of flies appear everywhere. The flies greatly bothered Pharaoh and the Egyptians but not God’s people. Have a child from “God” stand up.
 - God made darkness for three days—no sun, moon, or stars. Have a child from “God” stand up.
 - The magicians didn’t even try to do anything—they couldn’t see! They quit trying to be like God. Have a child from “Pharaoh” sit down.
- Who won? Yes, God won! God won because nothing is more powerful than God!
God freed the Israelites from Pharaoh!

Questions to discuss:

1. How many years have the Israelites been slaves in Egypt? (400 years)
2. What did God want to do for Israel? (He wanted to free them from slavery)
3. Who is more powerful between Pharaoh and God? (God!)
4. What should you do when you need help in life? (Ask God because nothing is more powerful than God)

Memory Verse:

“I can do all this through him who gives me strength.” (Philippians 4:13)

Craft: “God is #1”



Cut out two hands for each child and glue the edges together (a hand must be able to go inside). Write “God is #1” on the hand. Wear the hand and everyone says, “God is #1!”

Song: Select songs from the list above

Prayer

Teacher’s Devotion (Please read before you get ready to teach the students.)
Everyone needs God’s help and power to survive the difficulties of living on the earth. Jesus empowers his followers and helps his friends! Why does God allow wickedness to flourish? We know that God has the power to stop evil and help the innocent. Are you able to trust God’s timing and wait for his power to come? This is difficult for most Christians. Take a moment to pray this prayer: “Thank you, Jesus, for helping me with your power. Grant me courage as I wait for you to act.”

