

Grades 3, 4, and 5  
Session 10

Prayer- Make the sign of the cross and say the Hail Mary together

Recap of last week, we learned who Moses is, that he was a Hebrew man that was adopted as a prince of Egypt and raised as royalty. Moses was chosen by God to lead his people out of slavery in Egypt even though he made a mess out of things before he left Egypt and had to move away. Now we are going to see how God is going to free his people, the Hebrews, with the help of Moses and his brother, Aaron.

Main lesson of this story for our kids is to know and have exposure to the events of their salvation history, and also to see how God used a flawed man like Moses and his brother, Aaron, to do great things in His name. Even though everything looked impossible to everyone involved, God made everything possible and saved his children even though they were not so sure of the whole business either. They weren't even sure they wanted to escape the comfort of their slavery, even though it was hard work, for a free life unknowing where it would lead. God had to convince both Pharaoh, through Moses, to let the people go *and* convince the Hebrews to follow him out of Egypt.

Exodus 6:28 - 11:9, 12:21-42

Take breaks at intervals to discuss these things with your child. One of the things for them to take note of is that the Egyptians did not know who God is. They worshipped many gods that were not real but they didn't know those gods were not real. Each time our True God showed his power, He was proving to the Egyptians that only the God of Abraham (our God, the great I AM) is God. Pharaoh thought that our God was still one of the many gods and it was to show who was most powerful, but really God was showing that he was the Only God and truly more powerful than anything they could have imagined. But the King was so stubborn, so God had to show His power over and over for the Egyptians to get the message. I daresay that God would have dealt with the Egyptians much nicer if the Pharaoh would have tried to play nice.

Together go over pages 116-117 in your child's Bible.

Here we want to take a break and point out 2 things. The first thing is that each of the plagues that God inflicts on Egypt is in direct correlation to an Egyptian god. The first plague was associated with the false god, Hapi, the water bearer. The God of Israel, the true God, showed that Hapi was nothing more than a picture someone drew and gave a name. This went on for 10 false gods that the Egyptians worshipped, the last one being Pharaoh himself, thought to be the son of the sun god, Ra, he was a god in the flesh. Not only did God show his power over Pharaoh, He showed his power over life and death. At the end of this document is the complete run-down if you are interested.

The second thing that is super interesting and important is that all of God's chosen people were saved by the blood of a lamb. A lamb is little and weak and doesn't seem like it is very powerful. But God shows the people that there is power in the most unlikely places. The blood of the lamb is so powerful that it keeps death out and the rest of the lamb is eaten, they have to eat as much as they can because they are going to need this food for the journey they are about to take.

Jesus will be that lamb for us later on in the story of our salvation. One of his names is "the Lamb of God". When Jesus came into the world, he didn't seem that powerful, like a king or a war hero. He was the son of a carpenter. He seemed like a nobody special. But just like that lamb in the story, Jesus showed who He really is and the power that He has when He sacrificed himself for our salvation. The Blood of Christ is so powerful that by His Blood, He has conquered death for us. His Body is our food in the Eucharist and when we eat it, we are given strength for the journey like the Israelites when they ate the lamb of the first Passover. Strength to walk the path that God has planned for us.

Exodus 13:17-14:31

Together go over pages 122-223 in your child's Bible.

If you like you can do the coloring page included in this packet of Moses and the Israelites crossing the Red Sea.

Closing prayer- The sign of the cross and the Glory Be followed by a blessing on the parent by the child/children.

The list of the Egyptian gods that God proved to be nothing

- Hapi- The water bearer
- Heket- The goddess of fertility, water, renewal. Had the head of a frog.
- Geb- the god over the dust of the earth
- Khepri- the god of creation, movement of the sun, rebirth. Had the head of a fly.
- Hathor- goddess of love and protection. Had a head of a cow.
- Isis- goddess of medicine and peace.
- Nut- goddess of the sky
- Seth- god of storms and disorder
- Ra- god of the sun
- Pharaoh- the ultimate power in Egypt, believed to be the greatest of all the Egyptian gods and the son of Ra.

For Mom and Dad to read more on this, you can visit the page <https://owlcation.com/humanities/Ten-Plagues-For-Ten-Gods>