

A Baby's Basket Boat

I was really afraid. We had a new baby in our house, and we all loved him very much. But Pharaoh, the ruler of Egypt, wanted to kill all the Hebrew boy babies. He is such a mean man! How were we going to save my new baby brother?

We did everything we could to hide the baby. But by the time he was three months old, my parents knew they couldn't hide him any longer. It made me cry when I thought of Pharaoh's sending someone to take our baby away. But Mom and Dad said that God would protect the baby if we trusted in Him. That helped me to stop crying.

Then Mom started working on something. She used some tall grass from the river and wove a nice basket that was sort of like a boat. She called it an ark. She said she was going to put the baby in the ark and put it on the river. I didn't think that was such a great idea. Who was going to feed our baby? What if he floated out where we couldn't reach him? What about the crocodiles in the river? What if some of Pharaoh's men found him?

I was getting scared again. But Mom said that I didn't have to be afraid. She said we were all going to pray and that God was going to help us. That

made me feel better. It would be exciting to see how God was going to answer our prayer!

The next day we put the baby into the ark and went down to the river. Mom set the ark in the tall grass that was growing at the river's edge, so it wouldn't drift away. She told me to walk down the riverbank a long way and watch. I felt pretty important to be able to stay and watch alone. But what was going to happen?

Soon a group of people came to bathe at the very spot where the baby was. Oh, no! It was Pharaoh's daughter! Surely God wouldn't let her see the baby! I started praying while I watched.

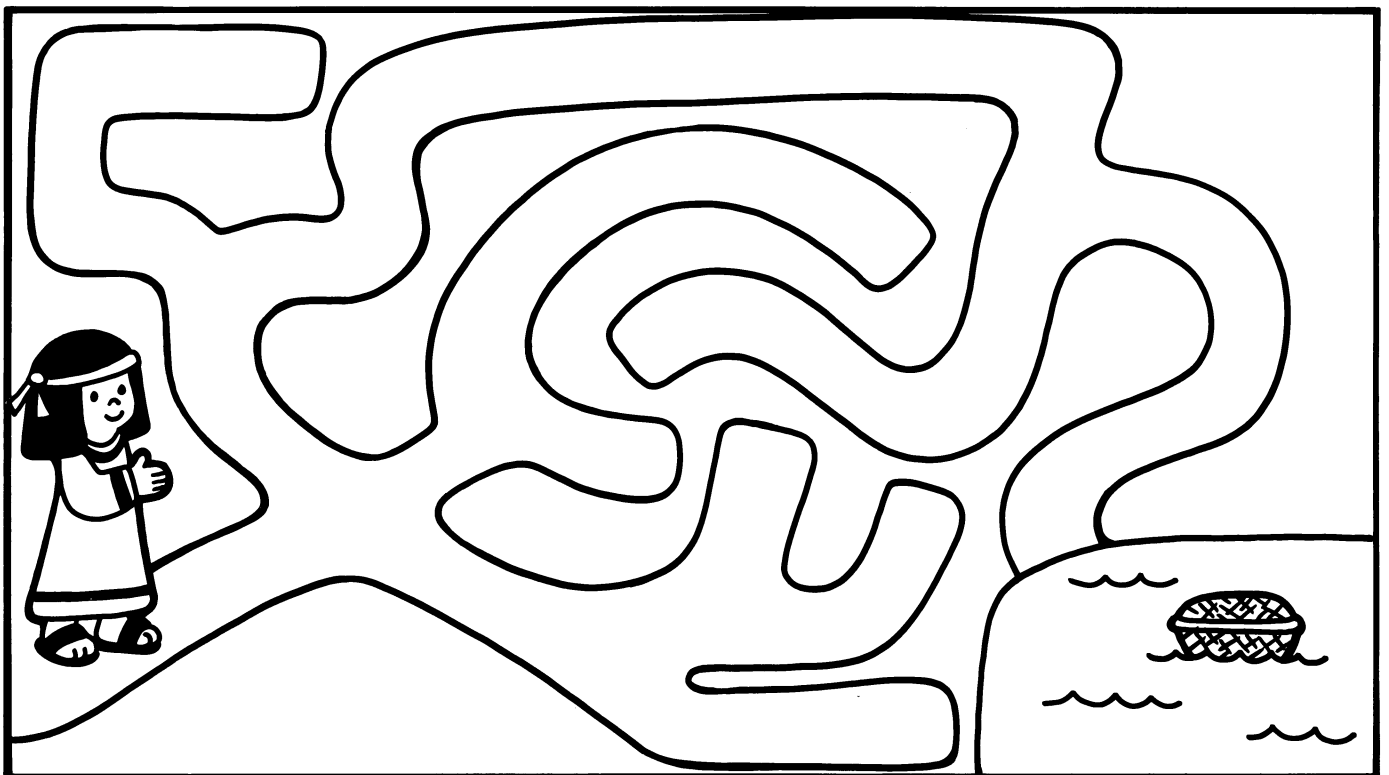
They found the baby! I couldn't stay where I was any longer, so I ran over to them. The baby was crying and Pharaoh's daughter was holding him. She wanted to keep him!

I got my courage up and asked if she wanted me to go get someone to take care of the baby. She said yes, so I ran as fast as I could to get my mom. She was so happy to hear the news! Our little baby was safe, because now he was Pharaoh's grandson! Pharaoh's daughter named him Moses.

After seeing God work like He did for my little brother, I know I don't ever have to be afraid again. God will take care of me too!

Where Is the Baby?

Help the princess find her way to where Baby Moses is hidden.



Preparing for This Bible Lesson

Parent's Corner

This new unit of lessons is about Moses, the man God chose to lead the Children of Israel out of slavery.

Do you have a small baby in your family? If so, you have the perfect opportunity to help your child relate to this lesson on how Moses' life was miraculously spared at infancy.

After reading the Bible text with your child, help him understand that Moses' family felt just the way you do about your baby. Talk about how much you love your baby, and how you would want to protect him from any harm. Discuss all the things a baby needs, and how difficult it would be to hide a baby. What would you do if the baby cried?

Your child might enjoy making a baby collage during this week. Let him cut out pictures of infants from magazines or catalogs and paste them on a large sheet of construction paper.

Time Together for Family Devotions

Verses to help your child understand this Bible lesson.

SUNDAY: Hebrews 13:6

MONDAY: Hebrews 11:23

TUESDAY: Psalm 37:5

WEDNESDAY: Proverbs 8:5

THURSDAY: Isaiah 26:4

FRIDAY: Psalm 33:18

SATURDAY: Psalm 34:17

Bible Text

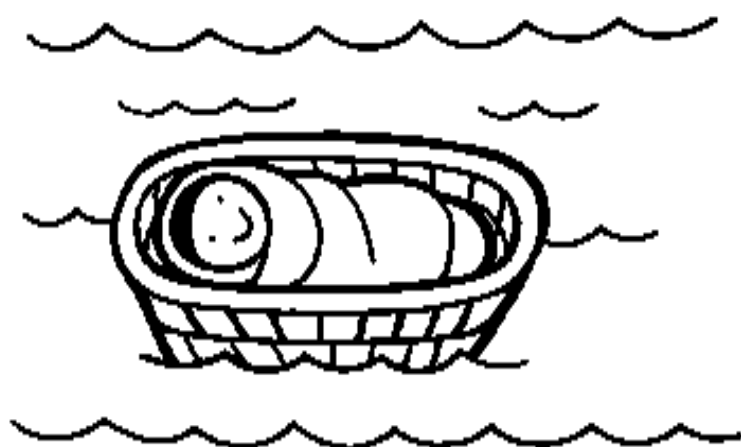
Exodus 1:22; 2:1-10

Hebrews 11:23

Memory Verse

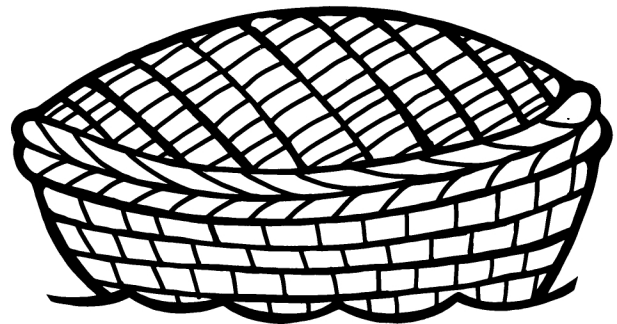
The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.

— Hebrews 13:6



Where's the River?

Finish drawing the bushes where Miriam hid to watch Baby Moses. Also draw the water for the basket to float in. Color the picture when you finish drawing.



Name: _____

PRIMARY PALS



The Bush That Wouldn't Burn

Moses became a famous man in the land of Egypt. He was raised as the grandson of Pharaoh, the ruler of all the land. As he grew older he was well known for his wisdom and for the things he did. But when he was forty years old, he killed an Egyptian who was hurting a Hebrew man. This made Pharaoh angry and Moses had to run away into the wilderness.

There, in the land of Midian, Moses lived a very different life than he had before. Instead of being famous, now he was a stranger in a strange land.

Moses lived in Midian for forty years where he was a shepherd. He may

have thought many times, Once I was part of a royal family, but now I am just a shepherd. I wonder what the future holds for me?

God had a plan for Moses. The time finally came to let Moses know about that plan. Even though Moses was far from his people and the land where he was born, God knew right where he was.

One day when Moses was tending the sheep on Mount Horeb, he saw something very strange. A bush was on fire nearby. Moses had seen things burn before, but this time it was different. The bush wasn't burned up

by the fire. This was so interesting that Moses started to walk over to get a closer look.

Then something even more strange happened. A Voice from the bush called Moses' name! He answered, "Here am I." It was God speaking to him from the bush! He told Moses to take off his shoes because the ground where he was standing was very special. It was holy because God was there. Imagine how Moses must have felt!

God began to talk to Moses about what was happening in Egypt. The Children of Israel were being treated very badly. They needed help. Moses may have wondered why God would appear to him in a burning bush to tell him this. Then he found out why. God

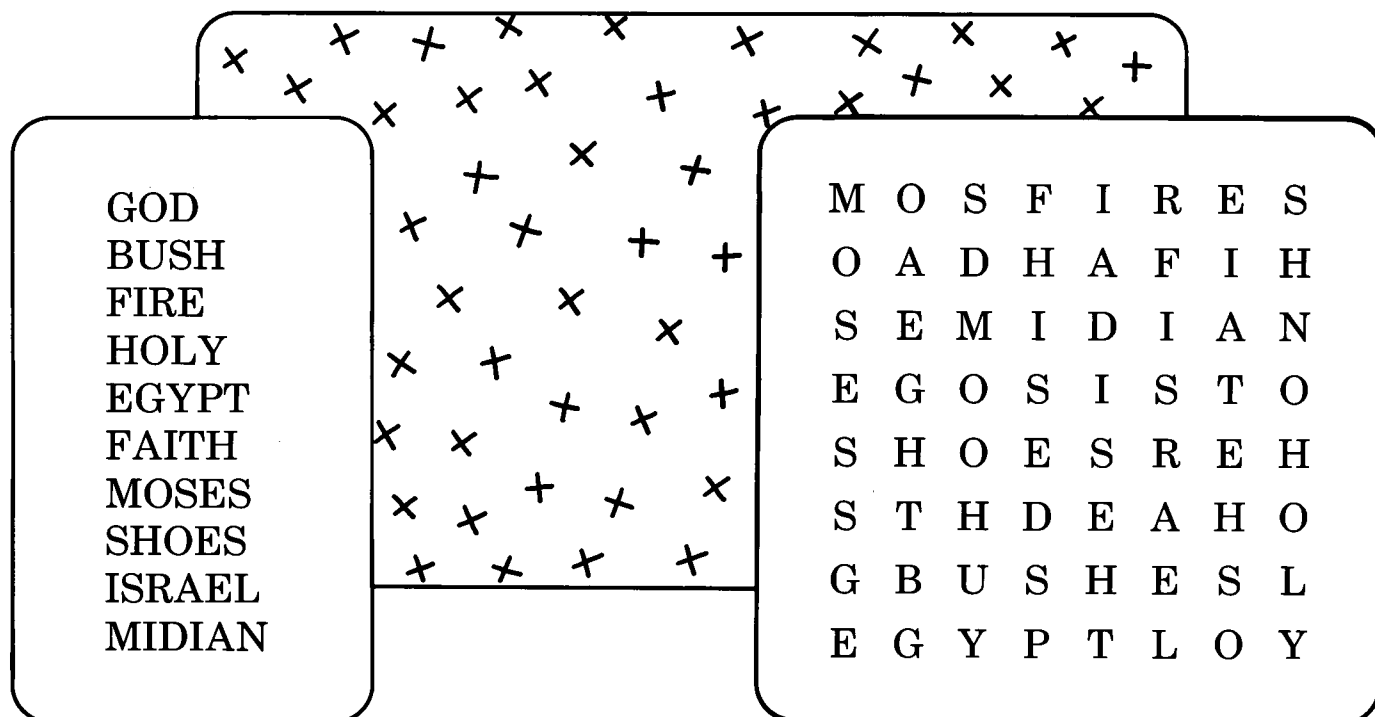
wanted Moses to talk to Pharaoh about leading the Children of Israel out of Egypt!

Imagine that! To go and talk to a king about leading all the slaves out of the land would be a scary thing to do. Moses didn't think he could do it. But God told him that He would be with him and help him. He told Moses everything he needed to know so that he could obey God.

Did you know that God has a plan for your life too? Did you know that He knows where you are right now? He has many ways of teaching you what He wants you to learn. You might not see a burning bush or hear God's voice like Moses did. But He will always show you what He wants you to do.

Hidden Words

Find and circle the words hidden in the puzzle below.



Preparing for This Bible Lesson

Parent's Corner

Our Bible lesson explains how God called Moses, revealing to him that he was to be the man who would lead the Children of Israel out of Egypt. This was an awesome assignment, and Moses did not feel capable of performing the task. But God promised to be with him.

Explain to your child that God has a job for each one of us too. Moses received his commission out in the middle of the desert, beside a burning bush which was not consumed. God may not call us in as dramatic a way as He called Moses. But whatever our occupation, we can be used of God.

Take the Help Wanted ads of your local paper, and circle in red a number of different occupations. Discuss with your child the ways a person doing each particular job might be able to work or witness for God.

Time Together for Family Devotions

Verses to help your child understand this Bible lesson.

SUNDAY: I Thessalonians 2:12

MONDAY: Hebrews 11:27

TUESDAY: II Chronicles 16:9

WEDNESDAY: Psalm 33:13

THURSDAY: Psalm 33:18

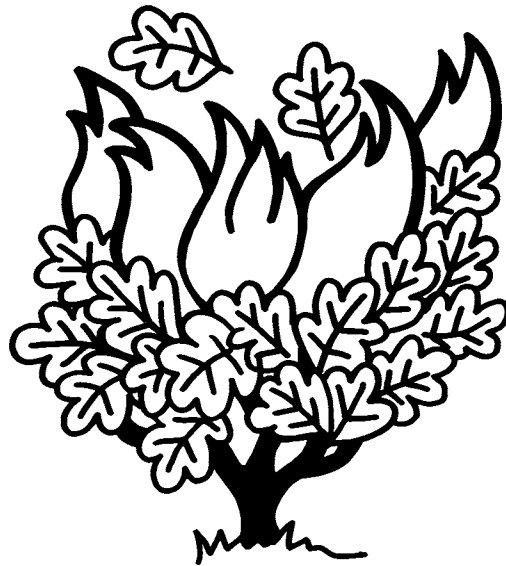
FRIDAY: Psalm 34:15

SATURDAY: Proverbs 15:3

Bible Text

Exodus 3:1-14

Hebrews 11:24-26



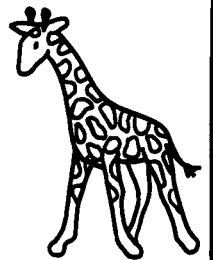
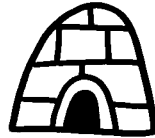
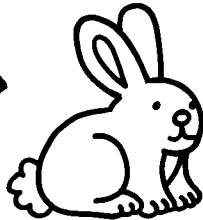
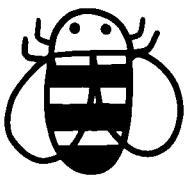
Memory Verse

Walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory.

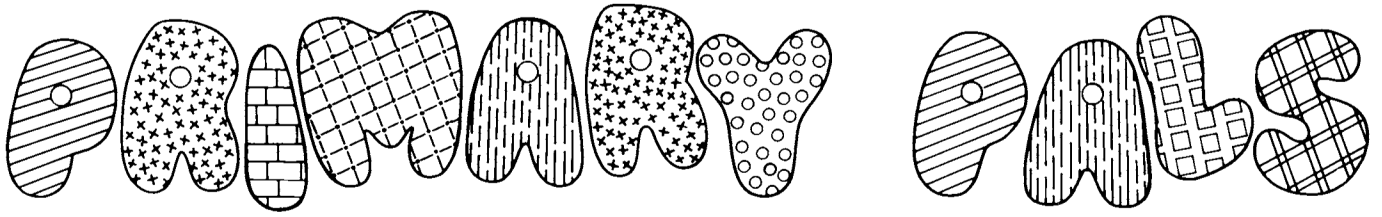
— I Thessalonians 2:12

Something's Burning!

Write the first letter of each picture on the line above it.
You will see two words that tell what Moses saw in the desert.



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When Pharaoh Refused to Listen

What an exciting time it is! All the Children of Israel have left Egypt at once. We are camping in a place called Etham, and there are so many of us that crowds of people are everywhere I look! Everybody is excited and talking about the journey we have begun. So many things have happened lately. I am going to write about how God delivered us from the Egyptians so that I'll always remember it. Most kids my age can't write, but my dad is a scribe, and he taught me how.

First of all, God sent that great man Moses and his brother Aaron to talk to Pharaoh. They told him that God had said, "Let my people go." God wanted

Pharaoh to let the Israelites leave Egypt. But Pharaoh just got angry.

Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh again. He asked them to do a miracle to prove that God had sent them. Aaron threw his rod to the ground and it turned into a snake! But Pharaoh's magicians did the same thing. Not even when Aaron's snake swallowed all of their snakes was Pharaoh impressed. It was then that God started sending the plagues.

Moses and Aaron went down to the river where Pharaoh was. Aaron took his rod and hit the water and it turned to blood! And the river wasn't the only water to turn to blood. The streams

and the ponds and even water that was stored in pots also changed into blood! Pharaoh's magicians did the same thing, and Pharaoh wouldn't let us go.

Next, God sent the frogs. There were frogs everywhere! The magicians did the same thing. Pharaoh was not happy and said he would let the people go if Moses would get rid of the frogs. But when God made the frogs leave, Pharaoh changed his mind. After that, God turned the dust into lice that bit the people. This time, the magicians couldn't copy what Moses and Aaron did. The magicians told Pharaoh that, for sure, it was God who sent the lice. Still, Pharaoh wouldn't listen.

The next plague was swarms of flies. God didn't allow the flies to enter Goshen, where our people lived. What

a miracle! But Pharaoh still wouldn't listen. So God sent a disease that killed all the Egyptians' cattle. None of ours died! After that, God put painful sores, called boils, on the Egyptians.

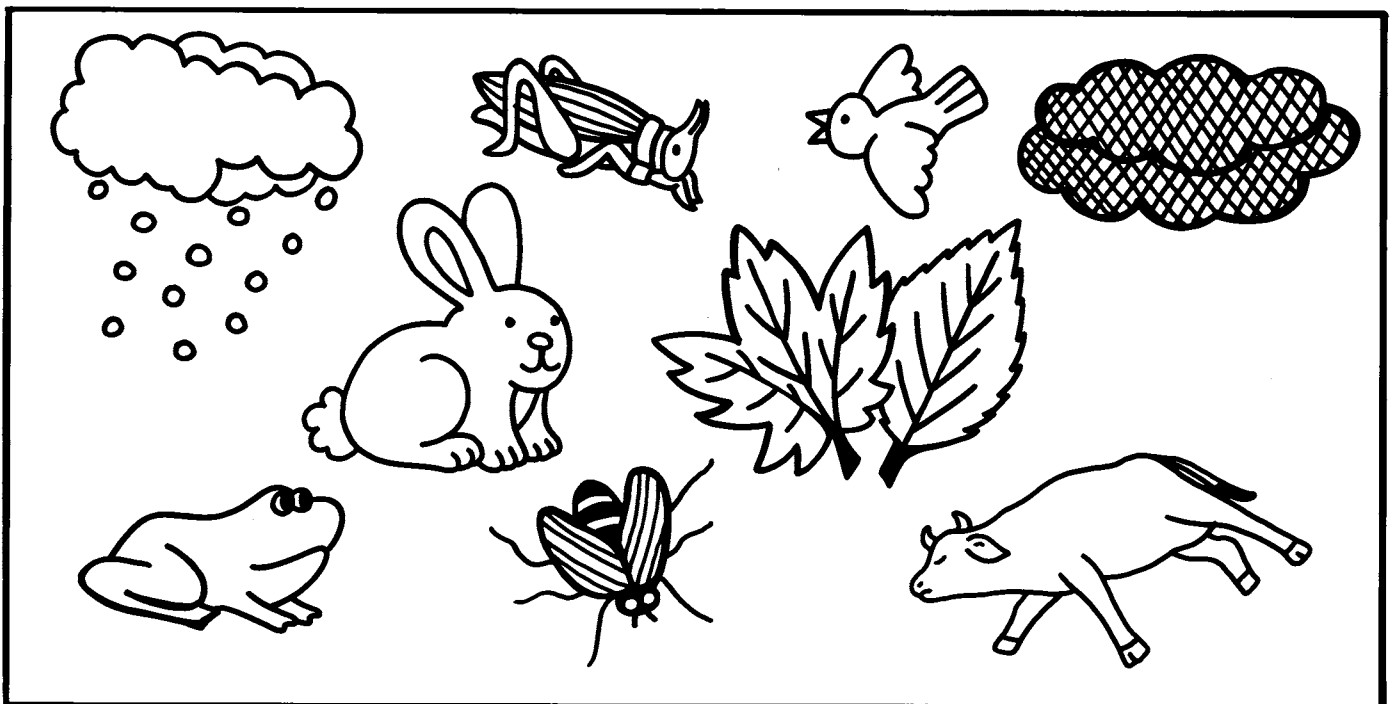
The hailstorm that followed was the worst that had ever happened in Egypt. Then millions of locusts came and ate up every green plant in the land. Next came a plague of darkness for three days. Still Pharaoh wouldn't let us go!

The tenth and last plague was the worst of all. In one night, the firstborn child in every Egyptian family died. Pharaoh finally let us go.

Tomorrow we head into the wilderness toward the Red Sea. I am glad I serve the true God. He will always help me, no matter what I face!

Circle the Plagues

Circle the plagues that God sent upon the people of Egypt. Six out of the ten are shown below.



Preparing for This Bible Lesson

Parent's Corner

God's judgments upon the people of Egypt are the subject of next week's lesson. When Moses appeared before Pharaoh and, as directed by God, asked that his people be freed, Pharaoh refused. God sent ten plagues upon the land of Egypt, but in spite of the suffering and trouble, Pharaoh would not let the people go until the final plague brought death throughout the land.

Our focus will be that God allowed these things to happen in order to bring deliverance for His people. God has promised to deliver us from our troubles also. It might be interesting to collect objects symbolizing some of the plagues to help your child visualize the various events.

Objects could include: frog, fly swatter, grasshopper, bandaid, water colored red, picture of baby.

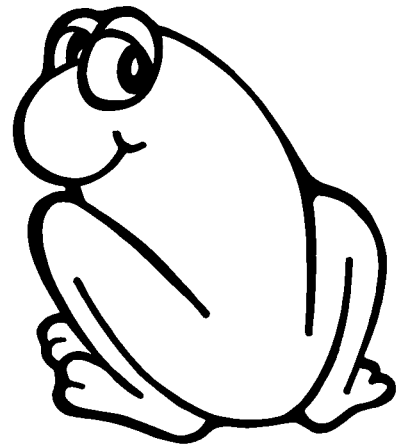
Time Together for Family Devotions

Verses to help your child understand this Bible lesson.

SUNDAY: Psalm 37:40
MONDAY: Hebrews 13:6
TUESDAY: Isaiah 41:10
WEDNESDAY: Psalm 37:7
THURSDAY: Psalm 18:17
FRIDAY: Psalm 34:4
SATURDAY: Jeremiah 1:8

Bible Text

Exodus 5:1,2; 6:1,2; 7:20;
8:6,7,24; 9:6,10,23; 10:13,22;
12:29-32



Memory Verse

The LORD shall help them, and deliver them . . . because they trust in him. — Psalm 37:40

Ten Plagues

The sentences below tell about the ten plagues that God sent upon Egypt. The main word is missing from each sentence. Guess what the missing words are, and write them on the blank lines. Hint: the missing words rhyme with the words at the end of each sentence. Need extra help? See the words listed below.

1. The water turned to _____. (Flood)
2. The land was covered with _____. (Logs)
3. All the dust of the land became _____. (Mice)
4. God sent swarms of _____. (Lies)
5. All the _____ of Egypt died. (Tattle)
6. There were _____ on all the Egyptians. (Coils)
7. Fire and _____ fell from the sky. (Sail)
8. The east wind brought _____. (Focused)
9. With no sun for three days, it was _____. (Park)
10. Every Egyptian firstborn _____. (Cried)

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locusts

hail

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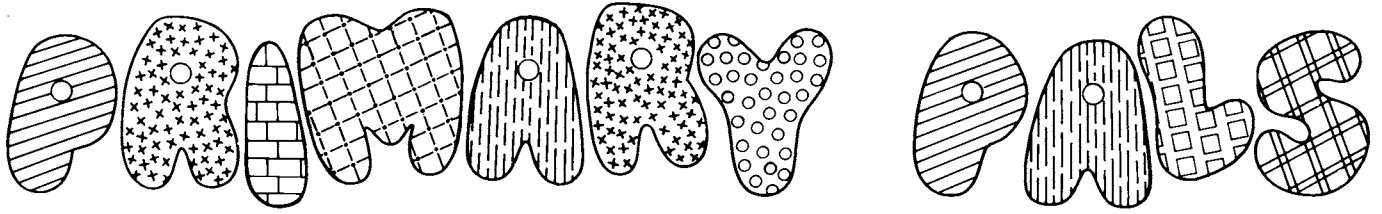
lice

boils

dark

cattle

Name: _____



Grandpa's Exciting Story

Chislon climbed up on his grandpa's lap. "Tell me again how you crossed the Red Sea when you were a kid!"

Grandpa stroked his beard and laughed. "You really like that one, don't you? Well, I'll tell it again. You remember how I told you that Egypt had ten awful plagues before Pharaoh finally let our people leave Egypt. Well, not long after we left, he changed his mind. He gathered a great army to chase us and take us back to Egypt. When we saw the army of the Egyptians coming toward us, it created quite a stir!"

"Were you afraid?" Chislon asked.

"Well, I was about your age then and I had been pretty excited about how God had led us out of Egypt. I figured that God would also help us not to be caught by all those soldiers. But when the adults started getting scared, I got scared too. Then our leader, Moses, stood up and told us God would take care of us and keep us safe from the Egyptians. That made me feel better.

"Before this time, God had sent a big, tall cloud to guide us during the day. At night, it turned into a pillar of fire to give light and show us the way to travel. It had always been in front of us, but now God moved it behind us.

That way it was between us and the Egyptians. They were in darkness while we were in the light! But we had a big problem in front of us.”

“The Red Sea!” Chislon piped in.

“Right. Pharaoh’s army behind us and the Red Sea in front of us. What were we going to do? But God hadn’t forgotten us. He made a strong east wind to blow all night. The waters parted! Oh, Chislon, I wish you could have seen it!

“As we moved forward, I thought I would get to splash in the mud. But the ground where the water had been was dry! What a miracle! On both sides of us the water was like a wall.

“The Egyptians followed right after us. When they were between the walls

of water, they started having problems. God caused the wheels of their chariots to fall off.”

“When we got to the other side, Moses turned and stretched his hand over the sea. Before Pharaoh’s army could escape, the waters covered them and they all drowned. We weren’t afraid anymore! God had delivered us.”

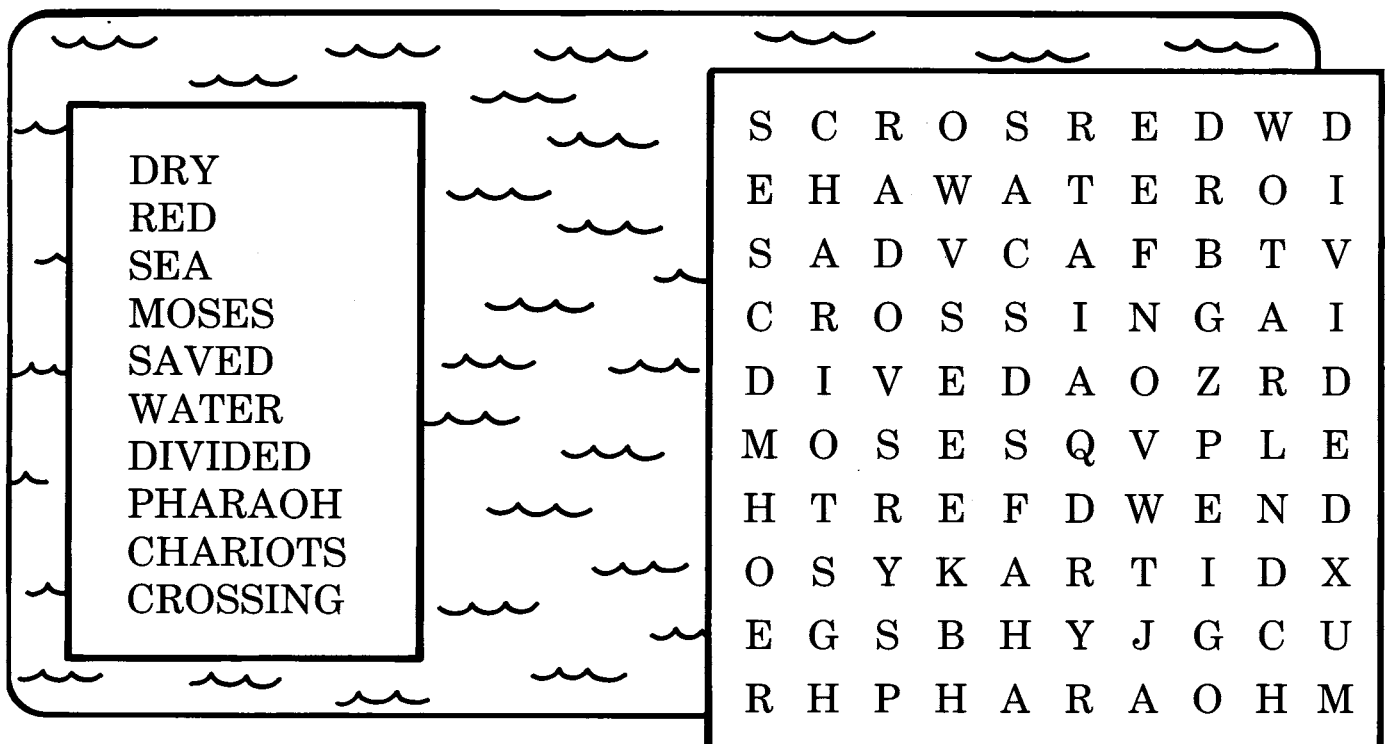
“I wish I could have been there,” Chislon said with a sad look.

“Well, it was a wonderful miracle. But remember, Chislon, God is still working today. Who knows what miracles He will work in your life!”

Chislon smiled. “You’re right, Grandpa. Maybe someday I’ll be able to tell my grandson exciting stories like you do!”

Hidden Words

Find and circle the words hidden in the puzzle below.



Preparing for This Bible Lesson

Parent's Corner

This Bible story is about the miraculous way God delivered His people from the pursuing Egyptian armies by opening a path for them through the Red Sea. This is an exciting story, and one that should help your child realize the great power of God.

As you think about the Children of Israel's moving toward the land which God had promised them, play a game called "Going to Canaan," with your family. The first player says, "I'm going to Canaan, and I am taking an apple" (or any word beginning with the letter A). Each succeeding player repeats all the things the other players are taking, and adds a new object beginning with the next letter in the alphabet. ("I'm going to Canaan, and I am taking an apple, a basket, and a cloak.") The game continues until the complete alphabet has been used.

Time Together for Family Devotions

Verses to help your child understand this Bible lesson.

SUNDAY: Exodus 14:13

MONDAY: Isaiah 41:13

TUESDAY: Psalm 91:11

WEDNESDAY: Psalm 34:7

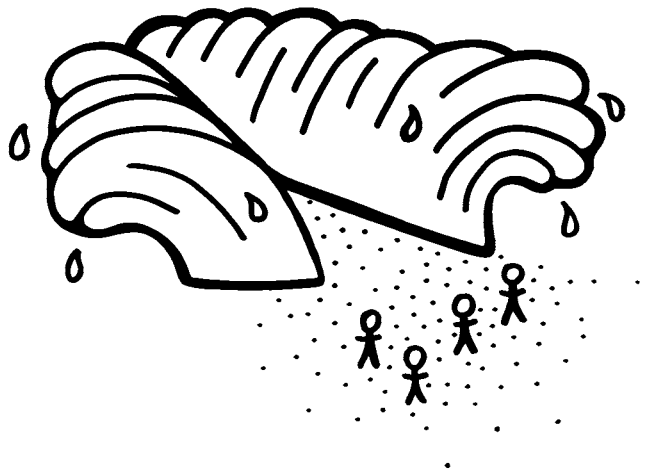
THURSDAY: Exodus 14:14

FRIDAY: Psalm 41:2

SATURDAY: Psalm 91:2

Bible Text

Exodus 14:5-31; Hebrews 11:29



Memory Verse

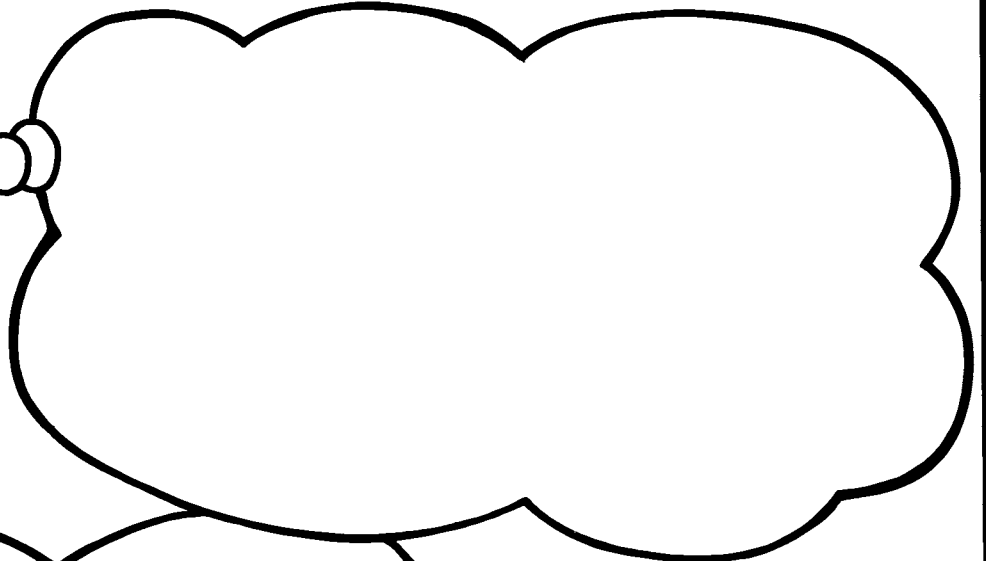
Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD. — Exodus 14:13

Ready to Go

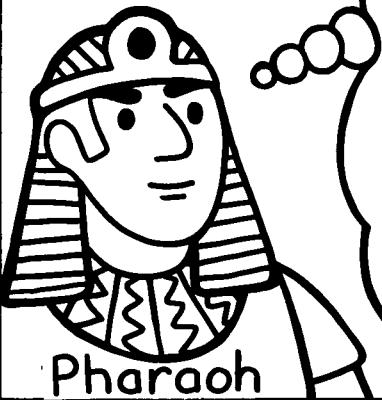
Write or draw a picture of what you think each person was thinking as Moses and God's people prepared to leave Egypt.



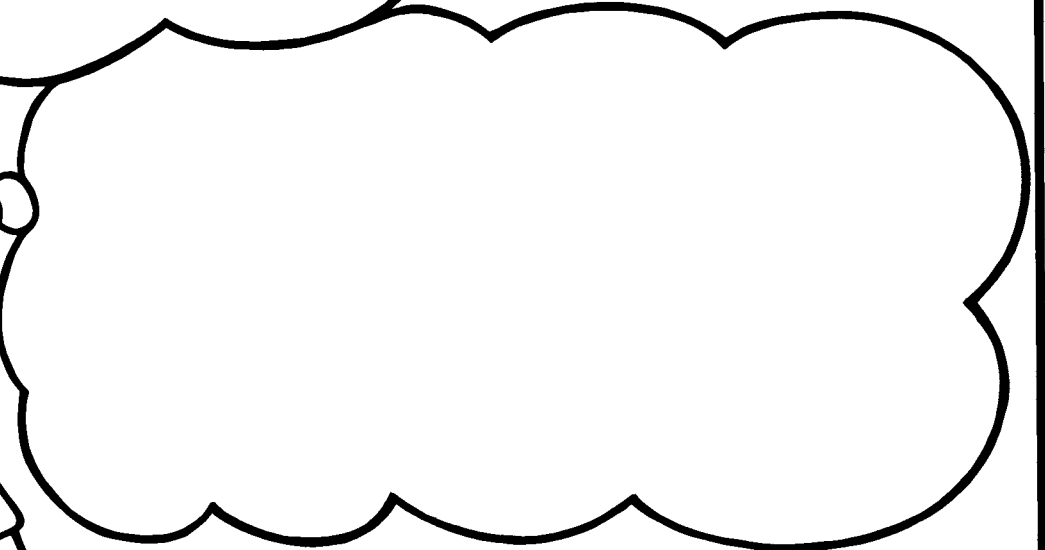
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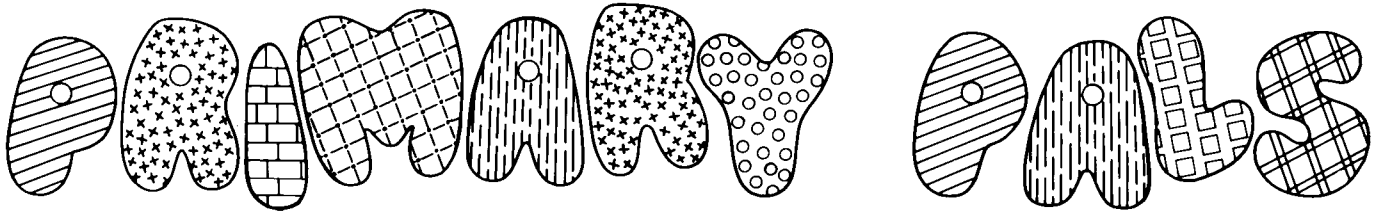
God's People



Pharaoh



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God Will Provide

“Mom, I’m hungry.” Kezia followed her mother into their tent.

“I know you are. But God will provide. He knows we need food. It’s time now for you to go to sleep.”

Kezia sat down on the mat that was her bed. She looked up at her mother and said, “I heard some people saying today that we should have stayed in Egypt. They said we had plenty to eat there. Do you think we should have stayed there, Mother?”

Her mother knelt down beside her and stroked her hair. “Kezia, your father and I have learned that it’s best to trust God. Some people have a hard

time doing that. When people complain, it makes God unhappy. We need to pray for them. God isn’t going to let us starve here in the wilderness.”

“But what about Egypt? We weren’t hungry there.”

“That’s right. But what people forget is that we were slaves there. God has wonderfully brought us out. We should be thankful and trust Him to take care of us. Let’s pray.”

They both bowed their heads as Kezia’s mother prayed. “Heavenly Father, we want to thank You for this day. We thank You for saving us from

the Egyptian army. We know that You will provide us food. Help those who doubt You to trust in You. Amen.”

Kezia lay down and said, “I’m so glad that our family believes in God. It feels better to trust than to doubt.”

The next day Moses called the people together to tell them God would send meat that evening and bread in the morning. Kezia tugged on her mother’s apron and said, “See, Mom, just like we prayed, huh? I can’t wait to see how God will feed this many people.”

That very evening, thousands of quail flew into the Israelites’ camp. There was meat for everyone. Kezia was so excited. She could hardly sleep that night wondering about the bread that God would send in the morning.

“Kezia, are you up already?” her father asked. “The sun has barely begun to rise.”

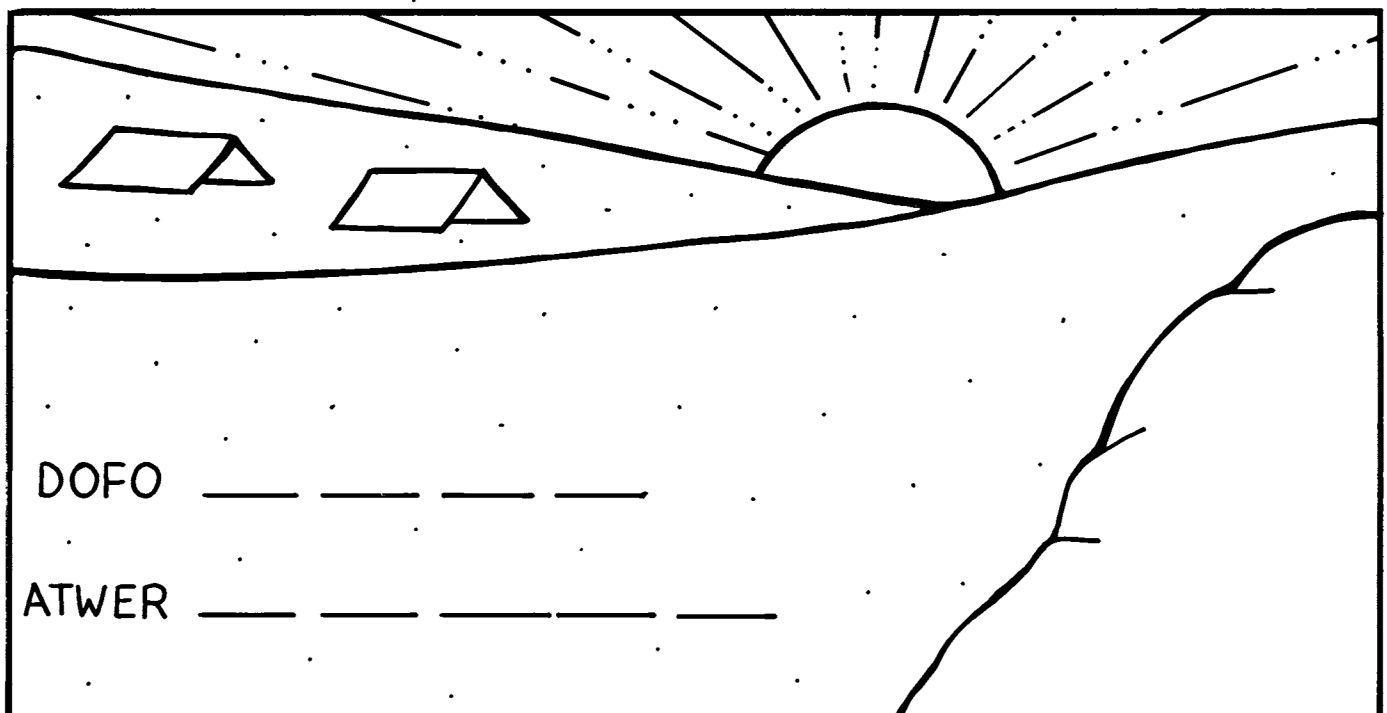
“Yes, Daddy, but this is the morning God sends us bread! Let’s hurry and see what it’s like.”

Before long the whole camp of the Israelites was full of excitement. On the ground everywhere were small kernels. The people called them manna. From these they made cakes that tasted like wafers made with honey. Kezia was so happy as she helped gather enough for her family.

That wasn’t the last time that God provided for Kezia’s family and the rest of His people. Later when they needed water, He brought water out of a rock! And remember, God is still watching over His people today.

Scrambled Letters

Unscramble the letters to find out what God gave to the Children of Israel.



Preparing for This Bible Lesson

Parent's Corner

It is important for primary children to realize that God cares about them and has promised to provide for their needs. This Bible story details how God provided food and water for the Children of Israel in miraculous ways as they traveled toward Canaan.

After reading together about the water from the rock, and the manna and quail, help your child make a batch of edible clay. Mix equal amounts of peanut butter and dry milk powder. Slowly add honey until the mixture is about the consistency of play dough.

Let your child use this mixture to mold a rock representing the rock Moses struck. Then he can make small quail, baskets, and little pieces of manna. When he is done playing, he can eat what he made! This dough can be kept in the refrigerator for several days and still be edible.

Time Together for Family Devotions

Verses to help your child understand this Bible lesson.

SUNDAY: Deuteronomy 2:7

MONDAY: Exodus 33:14

TUESDAY: Isaiah 43:2

WEDNESDAY: Deuteronomy 20:1

THURSDAY: Genesis 28:15

FRIDAY: Psalm 34:17

SATURDAY: Psalm 34:7

Bible Text

Exodus 16:11-31; 17:1-6



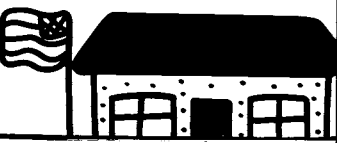






Memory Verse

The LORD thy God hath been with thee; thou hast lacked nothing.
— Deuteronomy 2:7

God Cares for Me!

When the Children of Israel had a need, God took care of them. On the chart below are some ways He still provides for His people today. Circle or write in your favorite thing in each group that God has provided for you.

<p>FOOD</p> 	<p>Grapes Apples Bananas _____</p>
<p>CLOTHES</p> 	<p>Shirt Dress Shoes _____</p>
<p>SCHOOL</p> 	<p>Recess Friends Books _____</p>
<p>CHURCH</p> 	<p>Stories Singing Prayer _____</p>
<p>PLAY AREA</p> 	<p>Backyard Park Playground _____</p>
<p>HELPERS</p> 	<p>Policeman Fireman Teacher _____</p>
<p>WEATHER</p> 	<p>Sun Rain Snow _____</p>

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