

Through the Bible for Children: Exodus Lesson 8

Bloody Water

Exodus 7:8-25

The Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron saying, "When Pharaoh says to you, 'Show me a miracle.' Then you say to Aaron, 'Take your rod and throw it before Pharaoh,' and it will become a serpent."

Moses and Aaron went before Pharaoh, and they did as the Lord had told them. Aaron threw his rod down in front of Pharaoh, and in the sight of his servants, and it became a serpent.

Then Pharaoh called in his magicians, and they also turned their rods into serpents with their sorcery. But, God showed that He was more powerful, by causing the serpent of Aaron to eat up the serpents of the Egyptian magicians. Even though Pharaoh saw this, his heart was hardened. He would not listen to Moses and Aaron, just as the Lord had said.

The Lord said to Moses, "Pharaoh's heart is hardened, and he refuses to let my people go. Go to Pharaoh in the morning, when he goes out to the water. Stand by the water's edge until he arrives. Take the rod that you turned into the serpent along with you. This is what you shall say, "The Lord God of the Hebrews has sent me to you saying, "Let my people go, that they may serve me in the wilderness." You refuse to listen, so this is what the Lord says, "In this you will know that I am the Lord, I will strike the waters of this river with the rod that is my hand, and they shall be turned to blood. All the fish in the river will die, and the river will stink, and the Egyptians will hate to drink the water of the river."

The Lord went on speaking, "Say to Aaron, "Take your rod, and stretch out your hand upon the waters of Egypt, upon the streams, and rivers upon the ponds, and all the pools of water, that they may become blood. There will be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, even in the posts of wood and stone."

Then Moses and Aaron did as the Lord commanded them. He lifted up his rod, and struck the river in the sight of Pharaoh, and in the sight of all his servants, so that all the water in Egypt turned to blood, The fish that were in the river died; and the river stank. There was blood throughout all the land of Egypt.

The magicians of Egypt also turned water into blood with their enchantments, yet Pharaoh's heart was hardened, neither would he listen to Moses and Aaron, just as God had said.

Pharaoh turned away from Moses and Aaron and went to his house. All the Egyptians dug around the river looking for water to drink, because they could not drink the water of the river. God allowed this plague to stay upon the Egyptians for seven days.

When Pharaoh's magicians were able to turn their rods into serpents, and water into blood they did it by the power of Satan. Sometimes magicians or people that do miracles, do it by trickery. They make things look like they are miracles, they really are not. But, sometimes, the miracles and wonders that people do are real. People that yield themselves to Satan and his demons, sometimes receive supernatural powers from him, and they are able to do some things that might be called miracles or magic. Satan does have power that people do not, and he uses his power to enslave people to sin and to himself, and to turn them away from the truth. But no servant of Satan is ever able to do anything that God does not allow for His own purposes. In this case, God allowed the magicians of Pharaoh to do these small miracles so that Pharaoh's heart would be hardened against the truth. It is amazing though, that the magicians of Pharaoh were not able to change the blood back to water again. That would have been much more helpful to the Egyptians than making more blood than they already had.

We see also that the Lord directed the plagues that He brought on Egypt as a proof that the gods that they worshipped were false. The first god that the Lord showed to be false was the god Osiris. He was the Egyptian god of the Nile. The Nile River was really the life of the land, for nothing can grow and live without water. Egypt, being a land of desert, depended on the Nile River's water. Since the people of Egypt had rejected their Creator, they needed something else to worship, so they made gods of their own imagination. They worshipped what they thought gave them life, the river, instead of the true source of all life, the Lord. They worshipped the creation instead of the Creator. They worshipped the river, instead of the one who made the river. When the Lord turned the water of the Nile into blood, He showed the Egyptians that their god Osiris was powerless, and they worshipped him in vain.

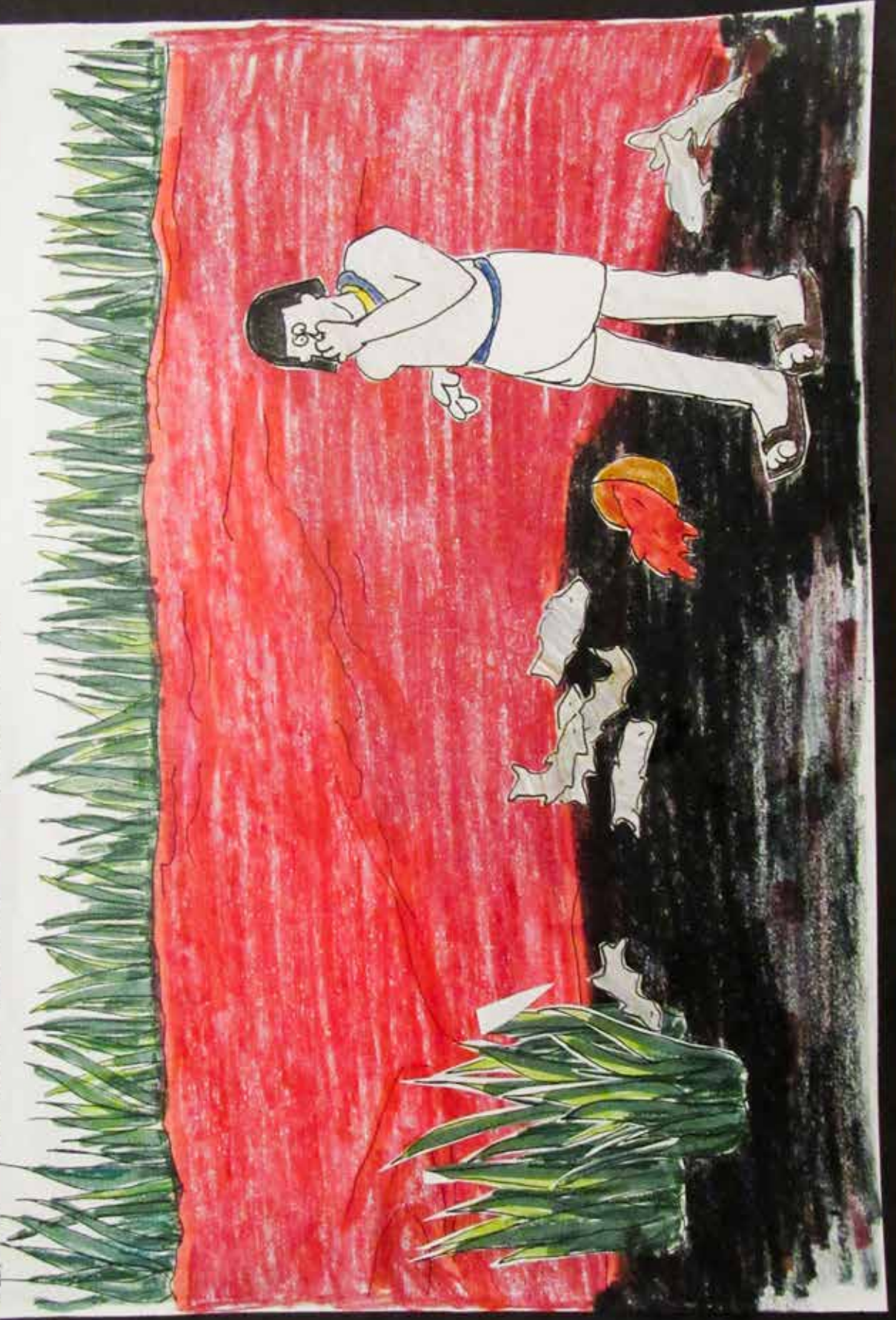
As the Lord tells us in His Word, all the gods of the earth are false. Only God Almighty, El Shaddai, is the True and living God. He deserves all of our praise and worship.

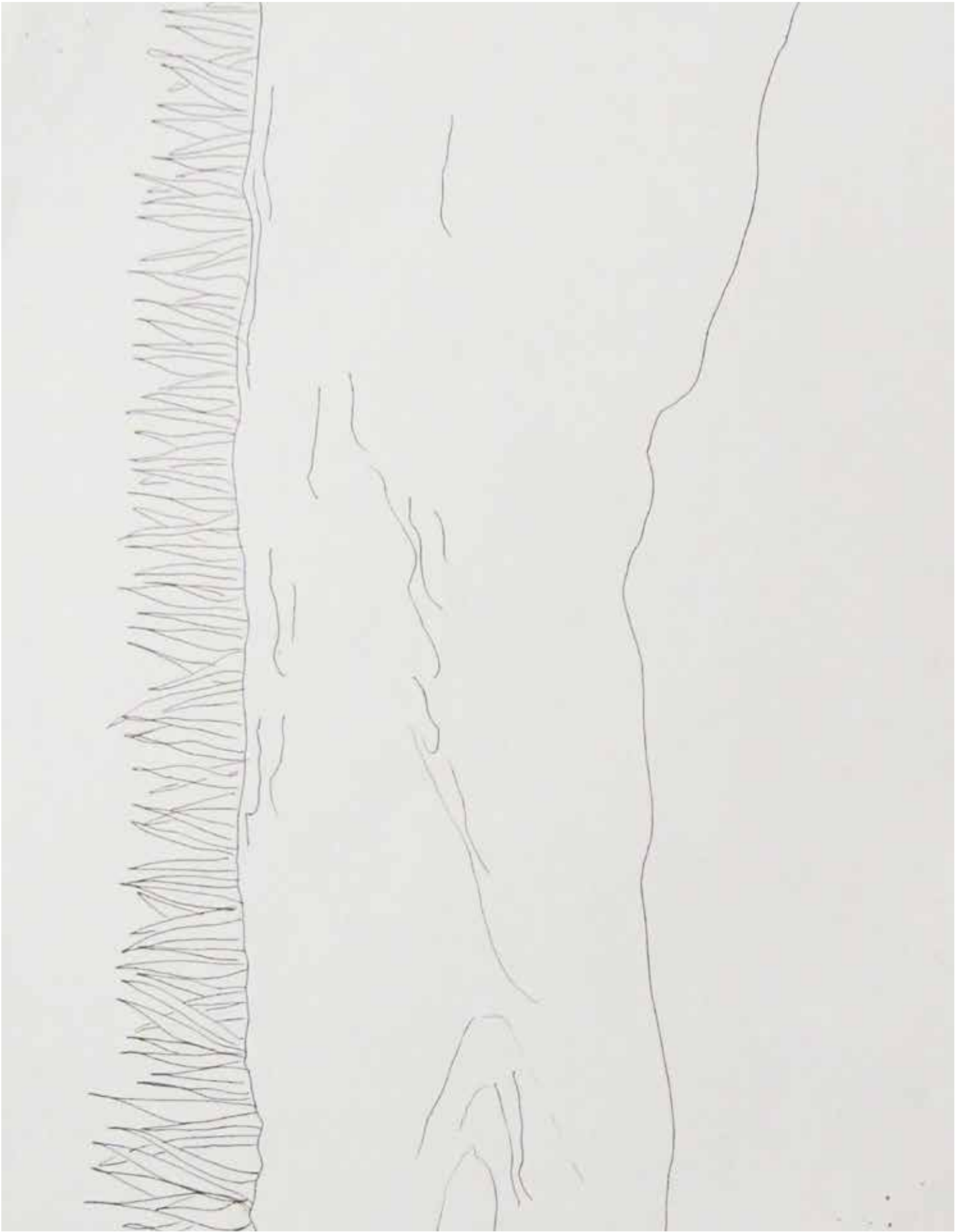
LEARN: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised: he also is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the people are idols: but the Lord made the heavens.

1 Chronicles 16:25-26

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1 Chronicles 19:25, 26





1. Color the reeds and background.
2. Cut out construction for fishes or color.
3. Color Egyptian dead fish, head of blood and reeds.
4. Cut out and paste at river's edge.

