

Through the Bible for Children: Exodus Lesson 9

FROGS, LICE, AND FLIES

Exodus 8:1-32

The Lord spoke to Moses, and said, "Go to Pharaoh, and say to him, 'This is what the Lord says, Let my people go, so that they may serve me. If you refuse to let them go, I will plague the land with frogs. They will be abundant everywhere, even in your beds and in your ovens. They will jump on every Egyptian.'"

Again the Lord spoke to Moses. He said, "Tell Aaron to stretch his rod out over the river and all the waters. Then I will cause frogs to come upon all the land of Egypt."

So Aaron did as the Lord had commanded, and frogs came up and covered all the land. The magicians added to the frogs with their enchantments, but they were not able to take the frogs away, not even one.

I suppose that the Egyptians were not real happy to have even more frogs because of the magicians foolishness.

Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron, saying, "Ask the Lord for me, that he take these frogs away from me and my people. Then I will let the people go, that they may sacrifice to the Lord."

Moses politely answered Pharaoh, "Be pleased to command me. When shall I ask the Lord for you and your people that the frogs be removed from your houses, so that they will be in the rivers only?"

Pharaoh's silly answer was, "Tomorrow." Why do you suppose that he did not want the frogs removed immediately?

Moses told Pharaoh that the frogs would be gone the next day as he had asked. Moses also said, "This is so that you will know that there is no god like our God."

Moses and Aaron left the Pharaoh's presence, and Moses prayed to the Lord to remove the frogs, which he had brought against Pharaoh. The Lord did according to the petition of Moses and the frogs all over the land died, but they did not disappear. The frogs died in the houses, and in the villages, and in the fields. Everywhere there were dead frogs. The Egyptians gathered them into huge heaps, and all the land stank because of the dead frogs.

But even after seeing all this, Pharaoh hardened his heart. He did not let the children of Israel go as he had promised Moses. It was just as the Lord had said.

Again the Lord spoke to Moses. He said, "Tell Aaron to stretch out his rod, and strike the dust of the land, so that it will become lice through all the land of Egypt."

Aaron did as the Lord commanded, and the dust of the earth became lice. The lice attached themselves to every man, and every beast throughout all the land of Egypt. It is hard to imagine how miserable it must have been, because there is more dust than we can understand, certainly enough to cover each individual completely. So every animal and person must have been coated with itchy, crawly lice. Awful!

As usual, the Egyptian magicians tried to make matters worse by bringing forth lice also, but this time the Lord did not allow Satan to give them power. I'm sure the

Egyptians must have been glad, for they wouldn't want any more lice. They were miserable enough already. When the magicians were not able to bring forth the lice, they said to Pharaoh, "This is the finger of God." But Pharaoh's heart was hard and he would not listen to them.

Again the Lord said to Moses, "Get up early and meet Pharaoh when he comes down to the river. Say to him, 'This is what the Lord says, 'Let my people go, that they may serve me. If you refuse to let them go, I will send swarms of flies upon you, and all your land, but I will protect the land of Goshen, where my people live. Then you will know that I am the Lord of the earth.'"

Then the Lord did as he had said. He sent swarms of flies into all the land of Egypt, but he kept the children of Israel and the land of Goshen free of flies. The flies were grievous. There were swarms everywhere, and they polluted everything in Egypt with their filthy, dirty ways, so that there was nothing clean or healthy in all the land of Egypt.

Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron. He said, "Go, sacrifice to your God." But Moses replied, "We can not just sacrifice here. We need to go three days into the desert to sacrifice, or our sacrifices will cause the Egyptians to riot and kill us."

Pharaoh said, "I will let you go, but don't go too far. Ask the Lord for me."

Moses said, "Now I will pray to the Lord for you that the swarms of flies will be removed, but don't treat us deceitfully again, and change your mind about letting us go."

Moses prayed to the Lord, and the Lord removed the swarms of flies, so that there was not one single fly left. There had probably never been a time before when all the land of Egypt was completely free of flies. But once again Pharaoh hardened his heart, and refused to let the people go.

In these three plagues we see the power of God to control the creatures of the earth. We see that he is able to change dust into lice, and to make swarms of flies by only saying the word. He makes frogs to arise in multitudes from the waters. The Lord showed the Egyptians again by these plagues that the gods that they worshipped were false. Their were no gods, but only the foolish imaginations of man's heart. The Egyptians worshipped the frog goddess Hekt, but she could not protect the Egyptians from an invasion of frogs, nor remove them. God alone has power over the frogs. The Egyptians worshipped Seb the earth god, but he had no control over the earth, for when God brought lice out of the dust, all the prayers of the Egyptians to their earth god, could not remove the lice. It was only when God had showed Egypt his power, that he himself removed the lice.

The Egyptians also worshipped the goddess Hatkok, the wife of Osiris. She too was powerless to help the Egyptians, when her domain was challenged by the Almighty God. The swarms of flies were in the land showing her falsehood, until the Lord was sure that all Egypt knew, that He alone controlled the flies.

How good the Lord was to show the Egyptians in such a powerful way, that they were worshipping false gods, and that He, Jehovah alone was true and able to save them.

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I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, that unto me every ~~tongue~~ knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.

Isaiah 45:22,23



I put all the
plagues on half
sheets of construction
paper to make a
booklet of the 10 plagues.





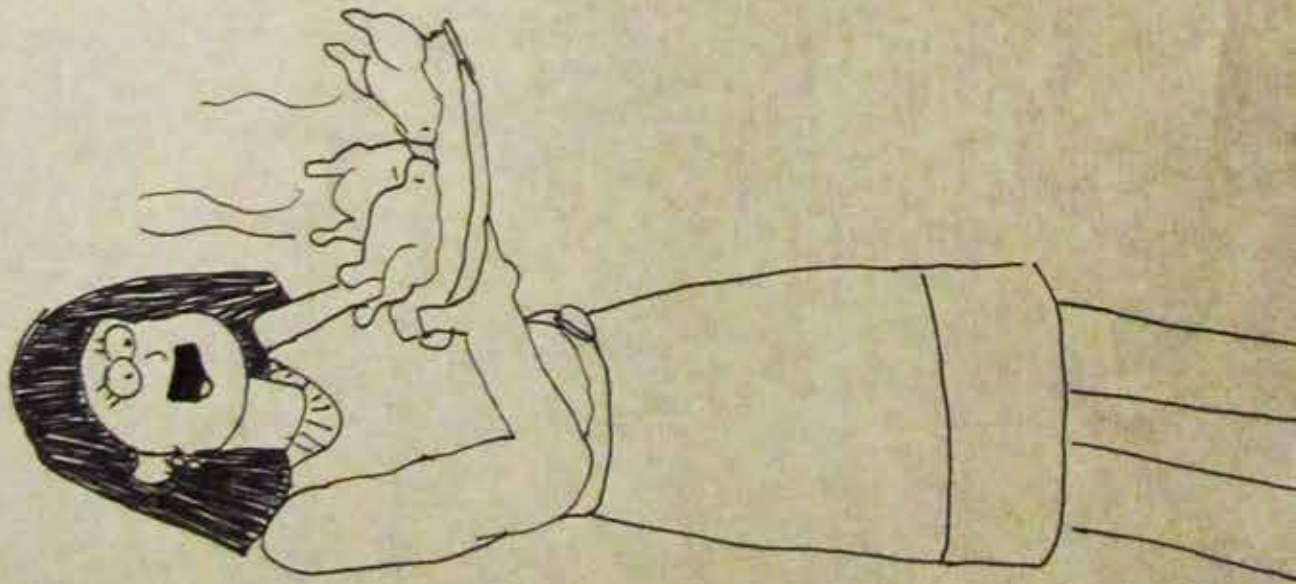


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1. Color each of the three signs.
2. Cut the sheet out and paste on construction.
3. Color frog, cut out, and add to long picture.
4. Draw many, many specks on the picture to create
Non and beast.
5. Draw flies all over the food and in the picture.
Make some flies with string.



6. Punch two holes in top of each picture.



7. Tie pictures together with string bows.

