

# The Connection

**Weekly Bible Verse:** Romans 8:39b – Nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord!

## Let My People Go!

### This week's Bible Story:

**Moses and the Plagues**  
**Exodus 4:27-10:29**

God called a man named Abraham to be the father of His nation. Abraham obeyed even though it meant packing up his family, leaving his home and going to a strange land. Because Abraham was obedient to God's calling, God made a covenant (promises) with Abraham. God told Abram that:

- He would lead Abram to a **land**
- And make of him a great **nation**
- Abram would have a great **name**
- And **all families** of the earth will be **blessed**.

Abraham passed the four part covenant on to Isaac, who passed it to Jacob. Jacob's name was changed to Israel. Jacob was the father of 12 sons - one being Joseph. Through a series of events, Joseph ended up in Egypt. Joseph found favor with Pharaoh and at the time of the famine reconciled with his family in Egypt when they came for food. Joseph had his 70ish member family live in the beautiful land of Goshen, which was THE prized land of Egypt. However, pharaohs come and go, and soon there were leaders who did not know Joseph.

For four hundred years God's people had been slaves in Egypt. God's people, the Israelites, did not follow the gods of the Egyptians. They followed the one and only true God. The leader in Egypt, called

a Pharaoh, was a harsh leader. He had a very hard heart and he was mean to the Israelites. Pharaoh and the rest of the Egyptian people believed in the many "gods" of Egypt. They made statues to these "gods". Pharaoh thought these "gods" could keep Egypt safe but he was wrong. God had a plan for his people. He wanted them to live in their own country where they could worship him.



He did not want them to be slaves! So God chose Moses to lead them out of Egypt. God told Moses that he had a message for Pharaoh. The

message was "Pharaoh, let my people go!"

Moses did not feel like he would be a good leader so God told him that Aaron, his brother would be his helper. They would go to Pharaoh together. What a shock Pharaoh must have had when Moses told him to let the Israelites leave Egypt and worship their own God. Pharaoh said, "No! the Israelites cannot leave Egypt!". He was so angry about it that he made the Israelites work even harder. He told them they had to make bricks but he didn't give them enough straw to make them with.

When this happened the Israel-

ites began to wonder if leaving Egypt was a good idea after all. Maybe they should just stay and keep being slaves. So Moses prayed to God. Was God sure about this? God's answer was YES! He told Moses not to worry. He would perform mighty "wonders" and soon everyone would know that He was more powerful than Pharaoh and any of Egypt's "gods". So Moses and Aaron went back to Pharaoh again. Pharaoh wanted to see a miracle. Moses and Aaron knew exactly what to do next (because had already prepared them). Aaron threw down his staff (the long stick that he carried) and it turned into a snake. Everyone was amazed!

But then Pharaoh called his sorcerers and magicians in and they were able to do the same thing using their tricks and "secret arts". The sorcerers and magicians thought they were really clever until Aaron's snake swallowed their snake up. But, even though God's power was evident, Pharaoh's heart remained hard and he would not let the people go.

He also told Moses that He was going to bring judgements upon Egypt in order to bring out His people of Israel. Those judgments are known as the 10 Plagues. (See list on the right.)



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**Together**

Train up a child in the way he should go;  
Even when he is old he will not depart from it.  
Proverbs 22:6

### Resources:

Moses and the Plagues - Beginners Bible on YouTube

Pharaoh and the Plagues - PursueGOD Kids on YouTube

Coloring Page: Plagues—Frogs Everywhere

Activity Page—All About the 10 Plagues



### "I Wonder" questions . . .

I wonder what you would do if you found frogs in your oven?

I wonder how you would convince Pharaoh to let your people go?

I wonder what God's people were thinking as they watched the plagues?



Plague 1– All water turned to blood

The Egyptians went 7 days searching for clean water to drink. .

Plague 2 - Frogs - came out of the Nile and went everywhere.

Plague 3 - Gnats everywhere—on people and beasts.

Plague 4 - Flies—swarms destroyed plants and crops

Plague 5 - Disease in Livestock - horses, camels, donkey, sheep, cattle of Egyptians died.

Plague 6 - Boils and sores broke out on man and whatever beasts were left.

Plague 7 - Hail - plants, people plants were destroyed.

Plague 8 - Locusts covered the face of the earth

Plague 9 - Darkness - for three days no one could see one another or move around

Plague 10 - Death of Firstborn

## Lessons Learned from the Plagues

God knows your heart. He knows your thoughts. He knows you mess up. He knows your emotions. God loves you even when you sin. He also knows when you truly forgive someone. He knows if you truly love Him.



God knows your heart. And because He knows that you are a

sinner. He sent Jesus to die for you.



knows if you really belong to Him.

God is all-powerful. He loves us and wants us to **choose Him**.

You must believe Jesus died on the cross, rose live from the grave, and that He will return. God weighs your heart and



*Mother's Day*

*GOD MADE MOMS GENEROUS,  
STRONG AND CARING -  
SHINING THROUGH THEM,  
AND BLESSING THEIR FAMILIES  
WITH HIS AMAZING LOVE.*

