In the Beginning...Jesus

Lesson 15
The Plagues and the Passover

Themes:
- God is almighty—no one can oppose Him and succeed.
- God is right to judge sinners.
- God was merciful to His people Israel.
- God is sovereign over all things—even the hearts of men.
- God instituted the Passover to point His people to the future Passover Lamb.

Scripture:
Portions of Exodus 3-12

Memory Verse:
Isaiah 53:10b (and review verses 3-10a)

Today's Clue:
THE PASSOVER SACRIFICE

Home and Heart:
Sometimes when people read the events from Exodus 3-12, they focus on people, such as Moses and Pharaoh, or the amazing events, like the plagues. Is this the MAIN point of the story? WHO was at work bringing about these events? God, the LORD! All the people and events served His great plan. WHY did God want to deliver His people? WHY did He use 10 plagues and not just one? Was Pharaoh that strong? Read and discuss Exodus 6:6-8 and 9:13-16. How does what God did show His faithfulness? Why should this matter to you? What does Exodus 9:16 say about why God did what He did and the way He chose to do it?

Explain that sometimes people will watch their team win something, like a football game, and they will boast by saying, *"We won! We're the best!"* After God had sent the 10th plague on Egypt, could Israel boast by saying, *"We won! We're the best! We're mightier than Pharaoh"?* Read and discuss Jeremiah 9:23-24. How can these verses apply to you? Do you boast about God or yourself? When you read about the events in Exodus, do you want to boast about God and praise Him? How could you do this today and the rest of the week?

Read Exodus 12:1-28 with your child. Why did God have the Israelites kill a lamb and shed its blood before He sent the 10th plague on Egypt? In past Bible stories, why did God have His people kill a lamb? By killing a Passover lamb, what God was reminding His people about? Did the Israelites also deserve God's judgment? Why? What is the only way they could be saved from God's judgment? By trusting in God—depending on and trusting in His mercy, and then obeying His command on the Passover. What do you think today's clue was pointing toward in the future?



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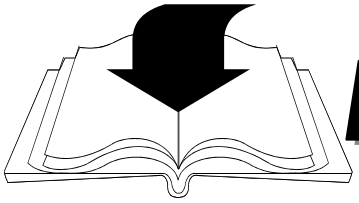

EXODUS

This week, carefully read portions of Exodus 4-12. These chapters tell about the almighty power of the LORD as He dealt with Pharaoh and demonstrated His faithfulness to His people Israel. Use the chart below as a guide for your daily reading and check off each box after you have finished.

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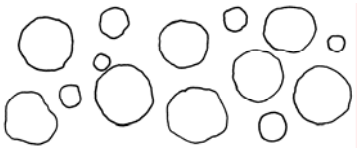
Exodus 4









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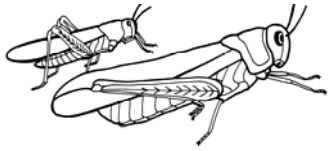
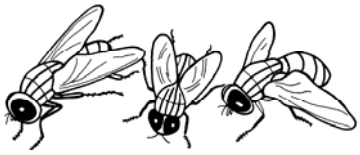
Exodus 8:20-9:35

Tues ☐

Exodus 5-6:13







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Exodus 10-11

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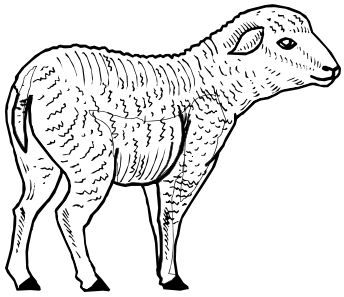
Exodus 7-8:19







Sat ☐

Exodus 12:1-32