God's Plan – Moses & The Ten Plagues "Trust God's Power & Obey God's Commands"

OPENING:

- We face a lot of uncertainty and challenges in our lives. We may feel overwhelmed by the pressures of school and relationships or worry about the future. In times like these, losing sight of God's power and sovereignty can be easy.
- But Exodus 9:16 reminds us of the truth even in opposition; **God is in control**. <u>"But I have raised you up for this very purpose, that I might show you my power</u> <u>and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth.</u>".

Today we are going to learn 3 important things about God:

- TRUST IN GOD'S POWER AND SOVEREIGNTY.
- BE OBEDIENT TO GOD'S COMMANDS
- GUARD OUR HEARTS FROM BECOMING HARD
- Remember last time we learned about God calling upon Moses to do something he did not feel equipped to do and the importance of answering God's call.

The Israelites had become Pharoah's slaves.

- What is a slave? A slave is a person who is owned by another person.
- The Israelites were slaves and very unhappy.
- Moses had been called by God to free the Israelites.

After God called Moses to deliver the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, he and his brother Aaron approached Pharaoh to request their release. However, Pharaoh refused and instead increased their burden.

God then sent a series of plagues upon Egypt to demonstrate His power and compel Pharaoh to let the Israelites go.

Read: "The Plagues" and "The Final Plague" from The Action Bible

Discuss and Review Key Points:

GOD'S POWER AND SOVEREIGNTY

As we read this passage, we can see that God controlled every aspect of the plagues.

- He caused the waters of the Nile to turn to blood.
- He sent swarms of frogs and gnats to cover their land and homes.
- He brought hail and locusts upon the land to destroy their crops.
- Even in Pharaoh's stubbornness and resistance, God's sovereignty was evident.

Trusting in God's power and sovereignty means recognizing He controls everything, even when we don't understand or agree with what's happening.

It means surrendering our plans and desires to Him, knowing His ways are higher than ours.

It means trusting that God has a purpose for everything, even the difficult and painful things we may experience.

In the Plagues of Egypt, we see that God had a purpose for each of the ten plagues. He wanted to demonstrate His power and sovereignty to Pharaoh, to free the Israelites from slavery, and to reveal His glory to all nations.

He also used the plagues to reveal His character as holy, just, and compassionate.

Let us trust in God's power and sovereignty. Let us surrender our plans to Him and seek His guidance. Let us have confidence in His love and provision for us. And let us proclaim His name in all the earth, knowing that He is worthy of all our trust and praise.

OBEDIENCE TO GOD'S COMMANDS –

The Bible is clear that obedience to God's commands is essential to our spiritual growth and relationship with Him.

- In Exodus 8:1, God commands Pharaoh to "let my people go, that they may serve me."
- In Exodus 12:28-32, we see the importance of obedience as the Israelites prepare to leave Egypt. God commanded them to sacrifice a lamb and put its blood on the doorposts of their homes so that the angel of death would pass over them. The Israelites obeyed this command, and as a result, their firstborn sons were spared from death.

Obedience to God's commands requires us to trust in His wisdom and guidance.

- It means choosing to follow His ways, even when they may differ from our plans or desires.
- It means acknowledging that God knows what's best for us and that His commands are for our good and His glory.

Obedience to God's commands also requires us to take action. We cannot simply hear God's commands and ignore them.

We must actively seek to follow His guidance, live according to His will, and obey His commands with joy and humility.

Do Not Let Our Hearts Harden

Pharaoh's heart became hardened as he repeatedly refused to let the Israelites go.

He had witnessed the power and sovereignty of God through the plagues, but instead of repenting and turning to God, his hard heart made him resist God's commands.

We, too, can be susceptible to the hardness of our hearts.

- We may become prideful and resistant to God's leading, thinking we know what's best for ourselves.
- We may hold onto bitterness or grudges, unwilling to forgive those who have wronged us.
- Or we may become complacent in our faith, neglecting our relationship with God and failing to live out His commands.

Avoiding hardness of heart requires us to cultivate a spirit of humility and openness to God's leading.

It means recognizing that we are not perfect and need God's grace and guidance in our lives.

It means being willing to repent, turn away from sin, and seek forgiveness and reconciliation with others when we fall short.

What can we learn from Pharoah's responses to the Plagues?

We need to remember how much God loves us. Jesus died on the cross for our sins and we must never forget the loving Father in Heaven who will forgive us if we repent and ask for forgiveness. No matter how many times we mess up!

The Plagues of Egypt are a powerful reminder of God's power, justice, and compassion. They teach us to:

- **TRUST** God's sovereignty
- **OBEY** His commands
- **GUARD** our hearts against hardness
- **SEEK** forgiveness and healing through Jesus Christ.

Prayer:

Dear God,

We want to always trust and obey you. Help us to remember what You have done for us in the past and to trust you in times of trouble.

Memory Verse:

But you must honor the Lord. You must always serve him with all your heart. Remember the wonderful things he did for you! 1 Samuel 12:24

Watch Video Stories:

- <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aH9_U035hpY</u>
 - 10 Plagues of Egypt by sharefaithkids.com

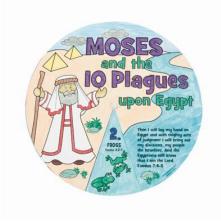
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Crafts: 10 Plagues Wheel

Frog/Fly catcher

Craft kit to assemble included

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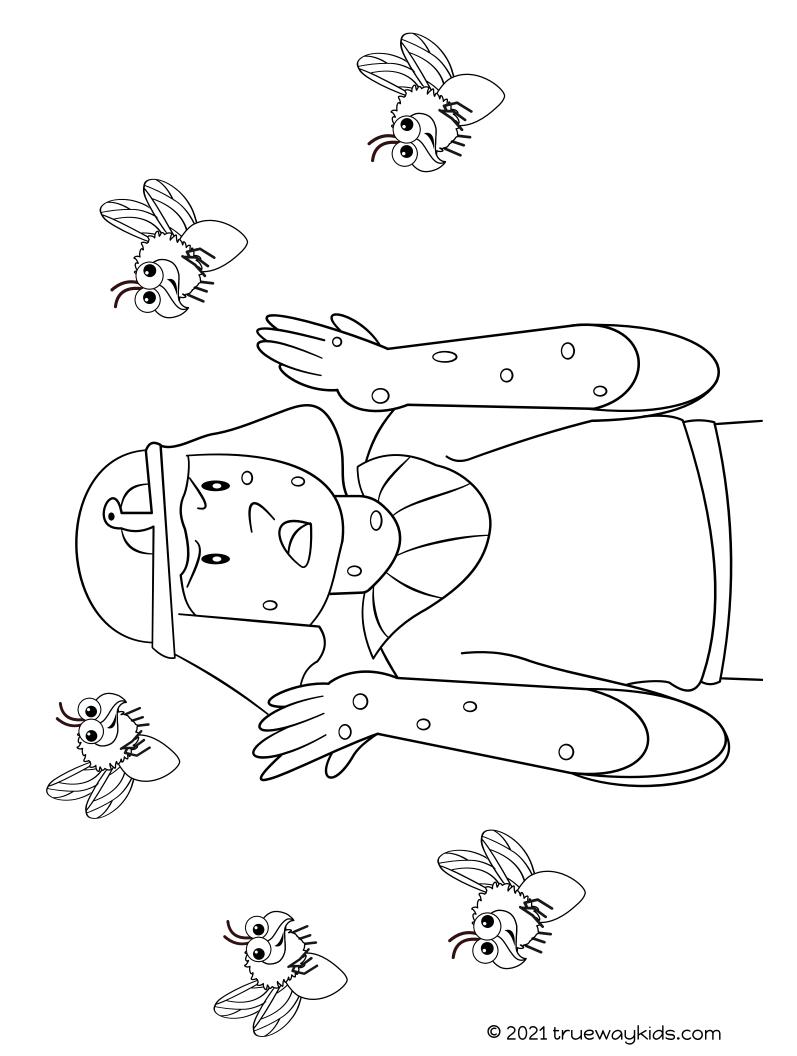




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~ Teacher Chrissy

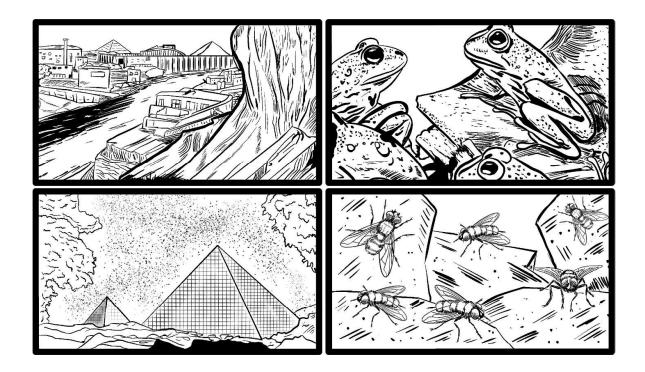
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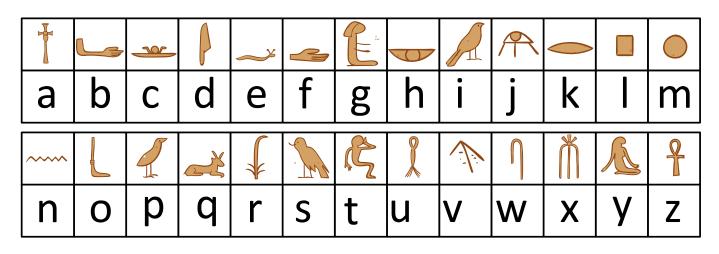
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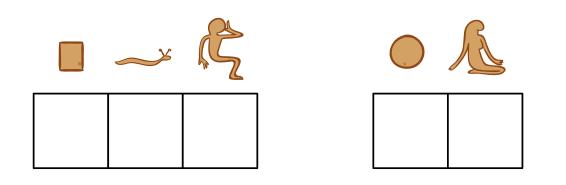
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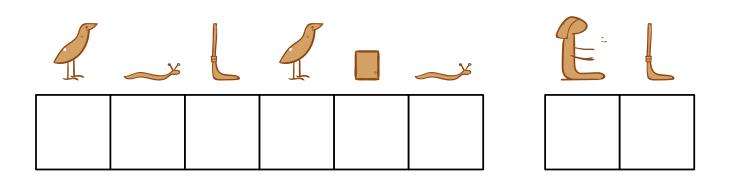
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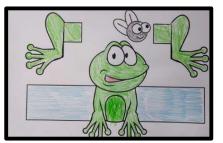
Exodus 9:1

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Frog and Fly Game Craft

What you need

- Template
- White card
- Scissor
- Glue
- Colour pencils
- wool
- Tape



Colour in the picture

What to do



Cut out the template





Cut a small plastic bottle in half, just below the label.

Tape some wool inside the bottle top and tie onto screw section of bottle



Glue frog onto bottle. Glue legs onto back

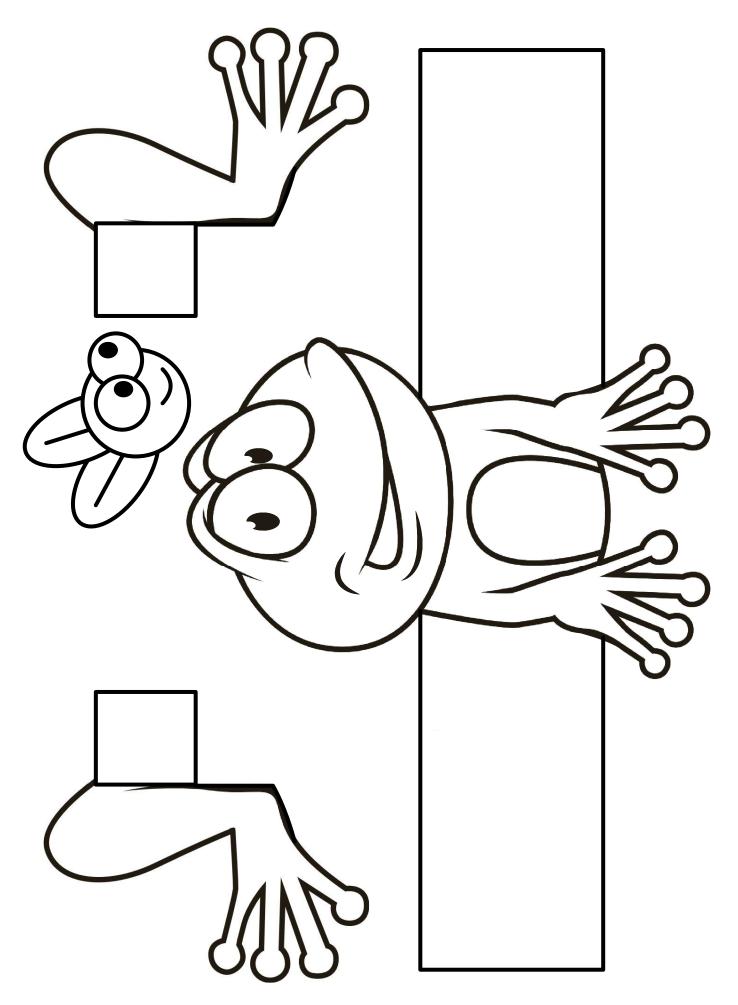
Glue fly onto bottle top.

HOW TO PLAY

This game is a twist on the cup and ball game.

Try to catch the fly inside the frog.

Remind children of plagues. Flies and frogs.



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