



Grades 4-5 • Lesson 53

God Displays His Power

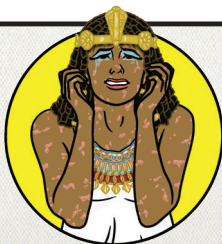
Exodus 7:2-5, 7:10-13, 7:19-23, 8:6-7, 8:16-19, 10:21-23

Find and circle the hidden words in the word search below.

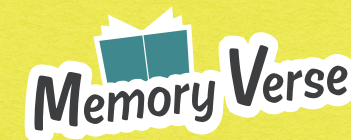


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1. Blood
2. Frogs
3. Gnats
4. Flies
5. Livestock
6. Boils
7. Hail
8. Locusts
9. Darkness



Name



Fill in the missing letters to complete the verse.

Fear n__t, for I am
w__th you; be not
d__sma__ed, for I
am your God; I will
stren__the__ you,
I will help you, I will
up__old you with
my ri__hte__us
right hand.
Isaiah 41:10

What You Heard *In the Word*

- God commanded Pharaoh to let the Israelites go from Egypt, but Pharaoh hardened his heart and refused to obey.
- God sent ten plagues on Egypt to show the people that he was more powerful than their false gods and to punish Pharaoh's disobedience.

OutWord *For Family Discussion*

Suppose your friends were talking and you heard them say that the plagues God brought on Egypt were just natural disasters—not miracles. **What could you say?**

I believe the Bible is God's Word, and every word of it is true! Some people have made up "theories" to explain how the plagues could have happened naturally. But God is powerful enough to create the whole universe, and he is able to do miraculous things with nature, as the Bible repeatedly tells us. Also, if the plagues were just natural events, I don't think stubborn Pharaoh would have let the people go!



HomeWord *For Parents*

Moses and Aaron delivered God's message to Pharaoh: "Let my people go, that they may hold a feast to me in the wilderness" (Exodus 5:1). Pharaoh responded, "Who is the LORD, that I should obey his voice and let Israel go? I do not know the LORD, and moreover, I will not let Israel go" (Exodus 5:2). And so the confrontation between Moses and Pharaoh—really, God versus false gods—began. This first encounter between Moses and Pharaoh would prove to be one of many as God continually hardened Pharaoh's heart, and Pharaoh refused to release God's people (Exodus 7:13).

To demonstrate his power, God performed miracles beginning with Aaron's staff turning into a serpent (Exodus 7:8–13) and continuing through the plagues brought upon Egypt because of Pharaoh's hardened heart (Exodus 7:14–10:29). Through all of the nine plagues, Pharaoh did not relent to release the Israelites (Exodus 10:27), and the results on Egypt were devastating. The people lost drinking water, animals, crops, servants, their health, and more because of Pharaoh's stubbornness.

Some people try to provide naturalistic explanations for the miracles in the Bible—especially those performed in Exodus. However, we know from Scripture that each of the plagues was predicted by God through Moses and Aaron before it occurred. In many cases, it takes more creativity, imagination, and faith to believe some of the theories people will contrive in order to discredit God's Word. We know, however, that human understanding cannot comprehend the nature and depth of God, for his message seems foolish to those who are perishing (1 Corinthians 1:18).