



“The Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord.” Exodus 7:5

## Bible Study:



. Read Exodus 7:14-25; Exodus 8. Meditate on the fact that human nature is that we are prepared to look to God as Lord in the struggles of our life, yet we want to be our own lord the rest of the time.

## The gospel in the story:



Pharaoh had many opportunities to acknowledge God as **Lord** in this story. Yet he chose to be stubborn and rebellious. This shows us **the nature of our own hearts!** The Good News is that God is Lord, AND He is a gracious Lord. Even Pharaoh received grace by being given multiple chances to obey. Followers of Jesus have received the full measure of God's grace, being given forgiveness, **that we didn't earn**, through Jesus' death on the cross. Followers of Jesus therefore submit to God as Lord, AND love him as the loving Father that He is.

## Application

### Head: What did we learn?

Q: Who was the most powerful man in the world during Moses, time? A: Pharaoh

Q: Why did God bring plagues upon the Egyptians?

A: To demonstrate that He is Lord.

Q: What was the first plague? A: Nile (and all other visible water) turned to blood.

Q: What were the next three plagues? A: Frogs, gnats and flies

Q: Could the magicians replicate all the plagues? A: No, only the blood and frogs.

Q: How did God make a distinction between His treatment of the Israelites and the Egyptians? A: God protected the Israelites so that only the Egyptians experienced the plagues.

Q: What caused each plague to end? A: Starting with the frogs, each plague ended when, at Pharaoh's request, Moses prayed to God for relief.

### Heart : Memory verse

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### Hands: How does this affect the way I live?

Without God's love and grace, we would all be slaves to our rebellious nature like Pharaoh. That is why those who have new life in Jesus should be thankful for it every day.

### Home: How does this affect my household?

Pharaoh's actions had consequences for the entire nation of Egypt. In the same way, actions and decisions individual family members make, can have major consequences for the whole family. For that reason, God has taught us that households would unite under His Lordship and follow His ways.

### Heaven: How does this help us share our Faith?

The Egyptians had to have noticed that God was treating the Israelites differently (bringing the plagues in retribution for enslaving the Israelites, and protecting the Israelites from the plague of flies). The Israelites didn't earn God's favor, but His mercy was on display through them. That is what Jesus asks of his church today.