

THE PLAGUES OF EGYPT



Passages to Study: : Exodus chapters 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10.

Read with the class: Exodus 5:1-19, 10:24-29.

Texts for memorization:

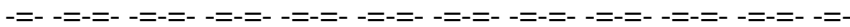
Younger: Job 33:14

Older Prov. 29:1.



OBJECTIVES: To Show

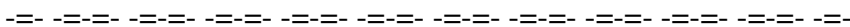
- 1. That a believer may have to suffer while God carries out His work in the world.
- 2. That the servant of God may suffer from the misunderstanding even of his brothers in Christ.
- 3. That God uses the ordinary, common-place things of life to show His power.
- 4. That God wants to bring about repentance., by exercising His patience and goodness,



SCENE No. 1. In the country.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE LESSON:

- When he was younger, Moses got ahead of God in his attempt to free Israel.
- Forty years later, it was difficult to convince him that it was time to begin this great work. However, at last he departed for Egypt.
- Apl.** When one is young, it is hard to wait, but as the years go by, one learns to doubt oneself. Now Moses has to learn to have faith in God and in His word.
- In Ex. 4:27, Aaron receives instructions from God to go out into the wilderness to meet Moses.
- Sug.** Imagine with the students what these two brothers would feel upon meeting after so many years of separation.
- It is not known if they had been able to keep in touch during the time that Moses was living in Pharaoh's palace.
- Although it would seem almost impossible to Aaron, Moses brings good news about the liberation of the Israelites from Egypt and their departure for the promised land..
- Cns.** Aaron had to have faith in the word of God spoken by his brother.
- Once they arrived in Egypt, Aaron introduced Moses to the elders of the Israelites, who gathered to hear about God's plans.
- Ex. 4:30. The signs that Moses and Aaron demonstrated led the people to believe the words they spoke.
- The people's faith in the word that was brought to them convinces them that they must cooperate and obey.
- Israel was going to be affected by the plagues that were coming.
- Apl.** The believer finds himself involved with what God is doing while He carries out His work in this world.
- Pharaoh is a figure of the devil, a cruel taskmaster who does not willingly give up his control over the human race.
- Cns.** Probably some of the elders would remember the words spoken to Abraham long before, about the years his descendants would spend in Egypt and how they would later be freed from slavery.
- Apl.** Not only did they have the word of Moses which they had just heard, but also the verification of God's word given earlier to Abraham Gen. 15:12-16.



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SCENE No. 2. Pharaoh’s palace.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE LESSON:

- The first time that Moses and Aaron present themselves before Pharaoh, he rejects their request for freedom.
- One can imagine the dramatic scene and the tension that would reign in the palace when Moses presents God’s Order: “The Lord God of Israel says, ‘Let My people go ... ‘ “ Ex. 5:1.
- FIG.** (For flannelgraph, we suggest writing these words out, and those of Pharaoh, to add to the scene.)
- Pharaoh refuses to recognize the Lord and despises Him with the words, “Who is the Lord, that I should obey His voice? I know not the Lord, neither will I let Israel go.”
- He will learn by bitter experience the answer to his defiant question.
- Another part of his reply is made when he increases the work of the enslaved Israelites.
- On a second appearance before Pharaoh, they perform the first miracle, something that was immediately copied by the magicians.
- These two brothers had outstanding courage, but it would have been useless without God’s power working in them.
- Moses’ rod is called the rod of God in Ex. 4:20.
- Apl.** God uses common things to achieve something uncommon. He wants it to be clear that true power comes from Himself.
- Ex. 5:19-23. The Israelites do not understand how much commitment will be required of them before they are finally set free. When they find themselves more heavily loaded with work and are threatened with greater punishment for not fulfilling the demands of their masters, they change their minds and criticize Moses
- Apl.** Those who serve God are often misunderstood by the very people they are serving.
- Sug.** Take advantage of this moment to warn the students of the foolishness of criticizing others when they don’t understand why certain things happen, although there is a purpose unknown to them for what is happening.

