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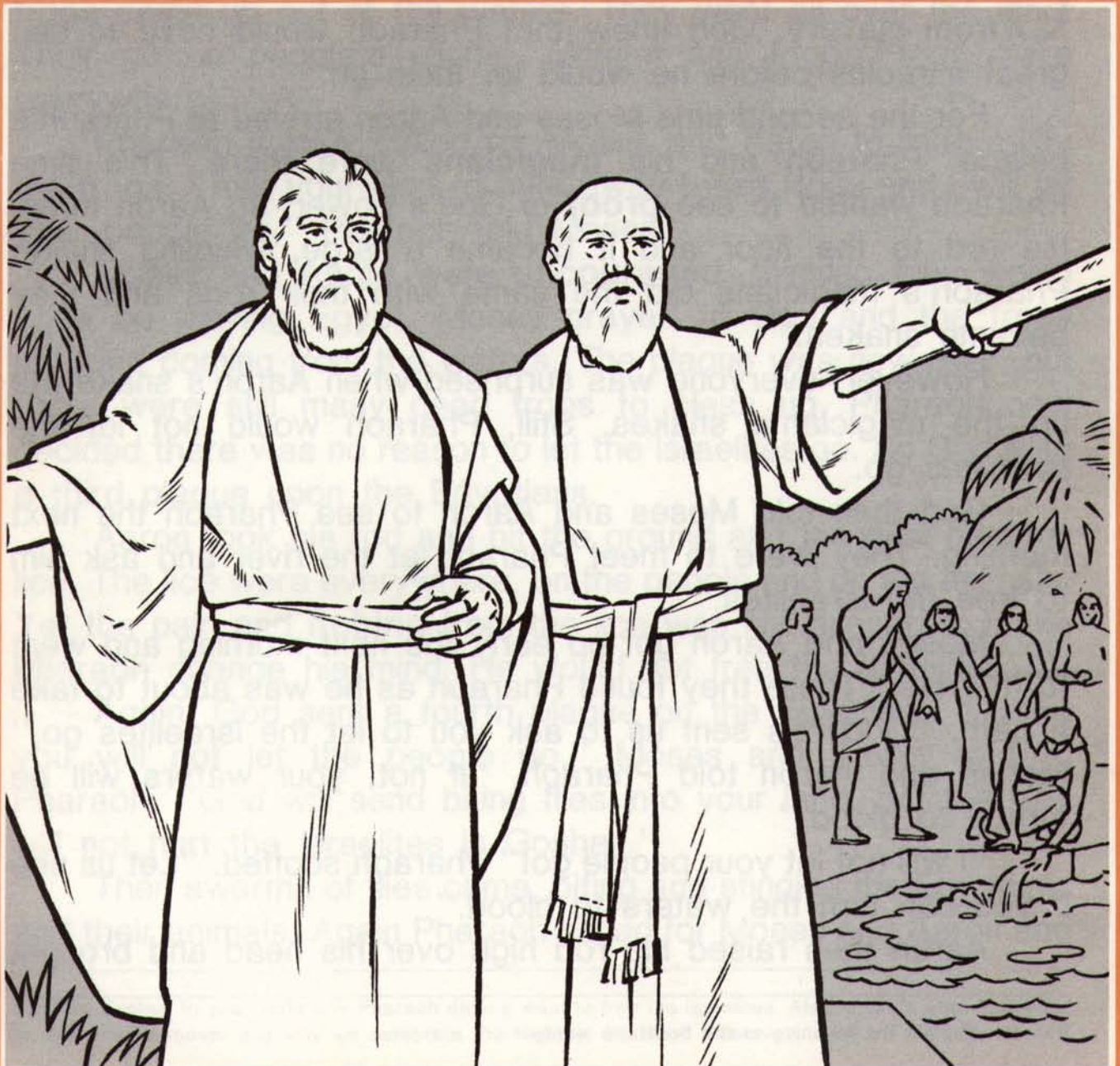
LEVEL 1

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# LESSONS



LESSON 11



The Plagues on Egypt

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# THE PLAGUES ON EGYPT

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**G**od warned Moses that Pharaoh would not free the Israelites from slavery. God knew that Pharaoh would have to see great miracles before he would let them go.

For the second time Moses and Aaron arrived at Pharaoh's palace. Pharaoh and his **magicians** were there. This time Pharaoh wanted to see **proof** of God's power, so Aaron threw his rod to the floor and it became a large, wiggling snake. Pharaoh's magicians did the same with their rods and they became snakes.

However, everyone was surprised when Aaron's snake ate up the magician's snakes. Still, Pharaoh would not let the Israelites go.

God then told Moses and Aaron to see Pharaoh the next morning. They were to meet Pharaoh at the river and ask him to free the Israelites.

Moses and Aaron got up early the next morning and went to the river. There they found Pharaoh as he was about to take a bath. "God has sent us to ask you to let the Israelites go," Moses and Aaron told Pharaoh. "If not, your waters will be turned to blood."

"I will not let your people go!" Pharaoh scoffed. "Let us see if you can turn the waters to blood."

Aaron then raised his rod high over his head and brought

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Parents: Explain the meaning of the **boldface** words.

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it quickly down into the water. Pharaoh watched with surprise as the water began to turn red. In a few moments, the river and all the ponds and streams of Egypt became blood.

After seven days, God told Moses and Aaron to again ask Pharaoh to let the Israelites go. But Pharaoh would not let them go.

God then told Moses and Aaron to hold the rod out over the rivers, streams and ponds of Egypt. When they did, **millions** of frogs came up out of the waters. They went all over the land. They got in people's rooms, clothes and food. Frogs were everywhere!

Pharaoh quickly called for Moses and Aaron to take away the frogs. "Ask your God to take away these frogs and I will let your people go," Pharaoh told Moses.

Moses and Aaron were **encouraged**, thinking they would soon be leaving Egypt. Moses prayed to God and the frogs stopped coming from the waters. The plague was now over, but there were still many dead frogs to clean up. Pharaoh now decided there was no reason to let the Israelites go. So God sent a third plague upon the Egyptians.

Aaron took his rod and hit the ground and the dust became lice. The lice were everywhere, on the people and on the animals. Yet the pain and **itching** from the lice was not enough to make Pharaoh change his mind. He would not free the Israelites.

Again, God sent a fourth plague on the Egyptians. "Since you will not let the people go," Moses and Aaron said to Pharaoh, "God will send biting flies into your land, but the flies will not hurt the Israelites in Goshen."

Then swarms of flies came, biting and stinging the Egyptians and their animals. Again Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron and

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Parents: Explain to your child why Pharaoh did not want to free the Israelites. Also, explain what happened on the first Passover and why we celebrate the Night to Be Much Observed today.

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promised to let the people go if God would stop the plague. When the plague ended, Pharaoh again changed his mind.

Now God sent a fifth plague upon the animals of the Egyptians. The next day, the Egyptian's cattle, horses, camels, sheep and other animals began to die from a **disease**. However, the plague did not **harm** the Israelites' animals. Pharaoh lost many of his cattle, but he would not free the Israelites.

God next told Moses to take handfuls of **ashes** from a **furnace** and throw them into the air in front of Pharaoh. Whenever these ashes touched the Egyptians' skin, they became **boils**. They were very painful. The Egyptians could not walk because of the boils. Even the magicians could not stand before Moses. Still Pharaoh would not listen to Moses and free the Israelites. Pharaoh was very **stubborn**.

Moses warned Pharaoh and the Egyptians that anyone who stayed in the fields with their cattle the next day would be killed. God would now send large **hailstones** and lightning.

A few of Pharaoh's servants obeyed Moses and brought their cattle and animals inside. However, many Egyptians and their animals were caught in the plague and died. But the Israelites did not have the storm in the land of Goshen.

Once again Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron. Pharaoh told them that he would not let the people go.

The eighth plague was locusts. They swarmed through the land eating plants, flowers and fruit trees. They also ate what was left of the Egyptians' **crops**. This time Pharaoh said he had sinned and would now let the people go free. So God caused a strong wind to blow the locusts into the Red Sea. When they were gone, Pharaoh changed his mind again.

Because Pharaoh would not keep his word, God caused a thick darkness to come over the land of Egypt. It was so dark that the Egyptians could not see to walk. They could not see

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each other. The thick darkness lasted for three days. But this did not make Pharaoh let the people go.

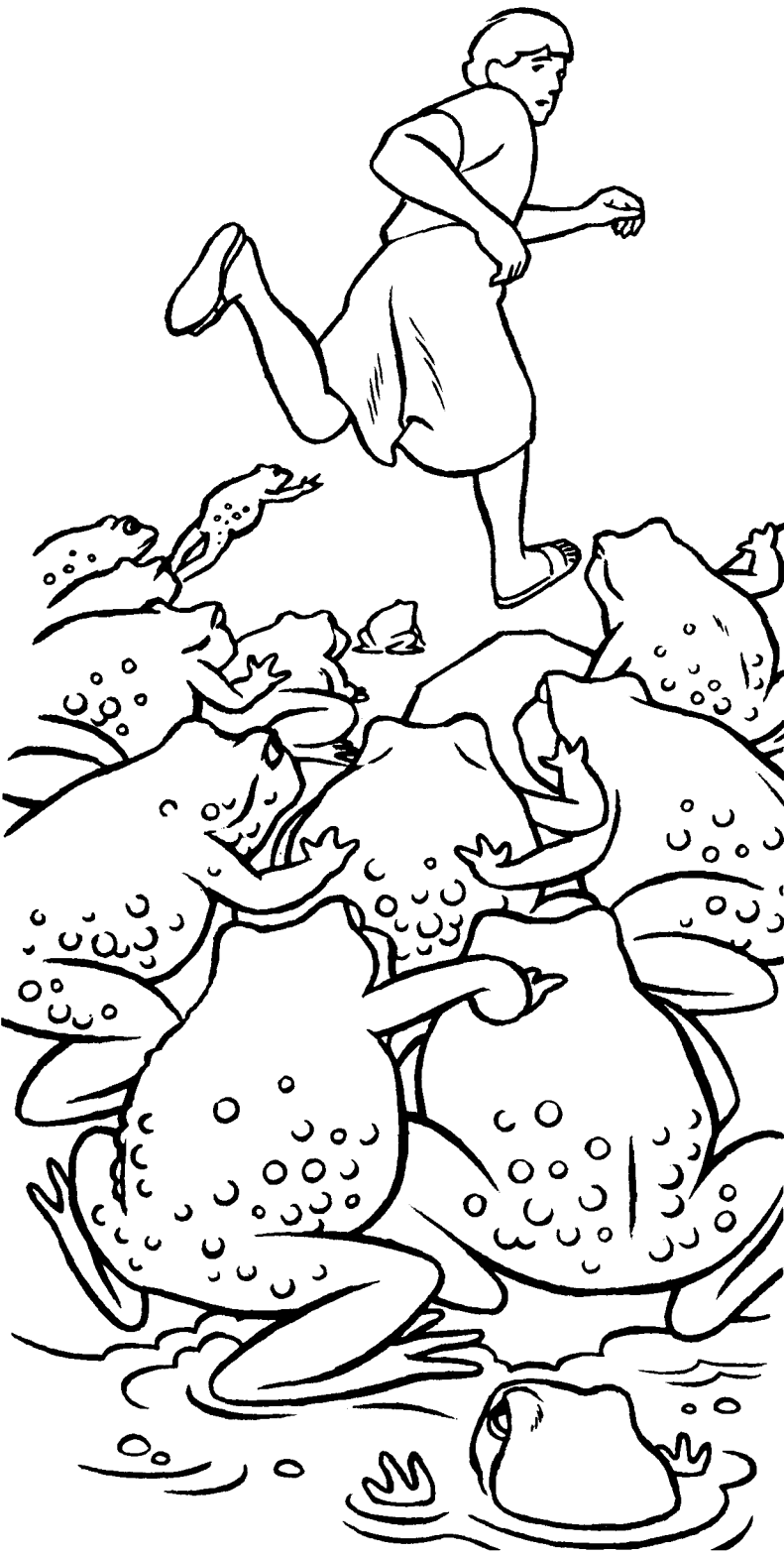
God told Moses there would be only one more plague and then Pharaoh would free the Israelites. As you learned in the Spring Feast Lesson, this 10th and final plague was what happened on the first Passover. The last plague was the death of all the firstborn of the Egyptians.

When Pharaoh saw his firstborn son dead, he called for Moses and Aaron and told them to leave the land of Egypt. The Israelites did leave and took all their families and animals with them. The night they left was called the Night to Be Much Observed, which we keep today.

In the next lesson we will learn what happened to the Israelites as they left the land of Egypt and journeyed to Mount Sinai.



**Aaron strikes the water with his rod  
and the water becomes blood.**



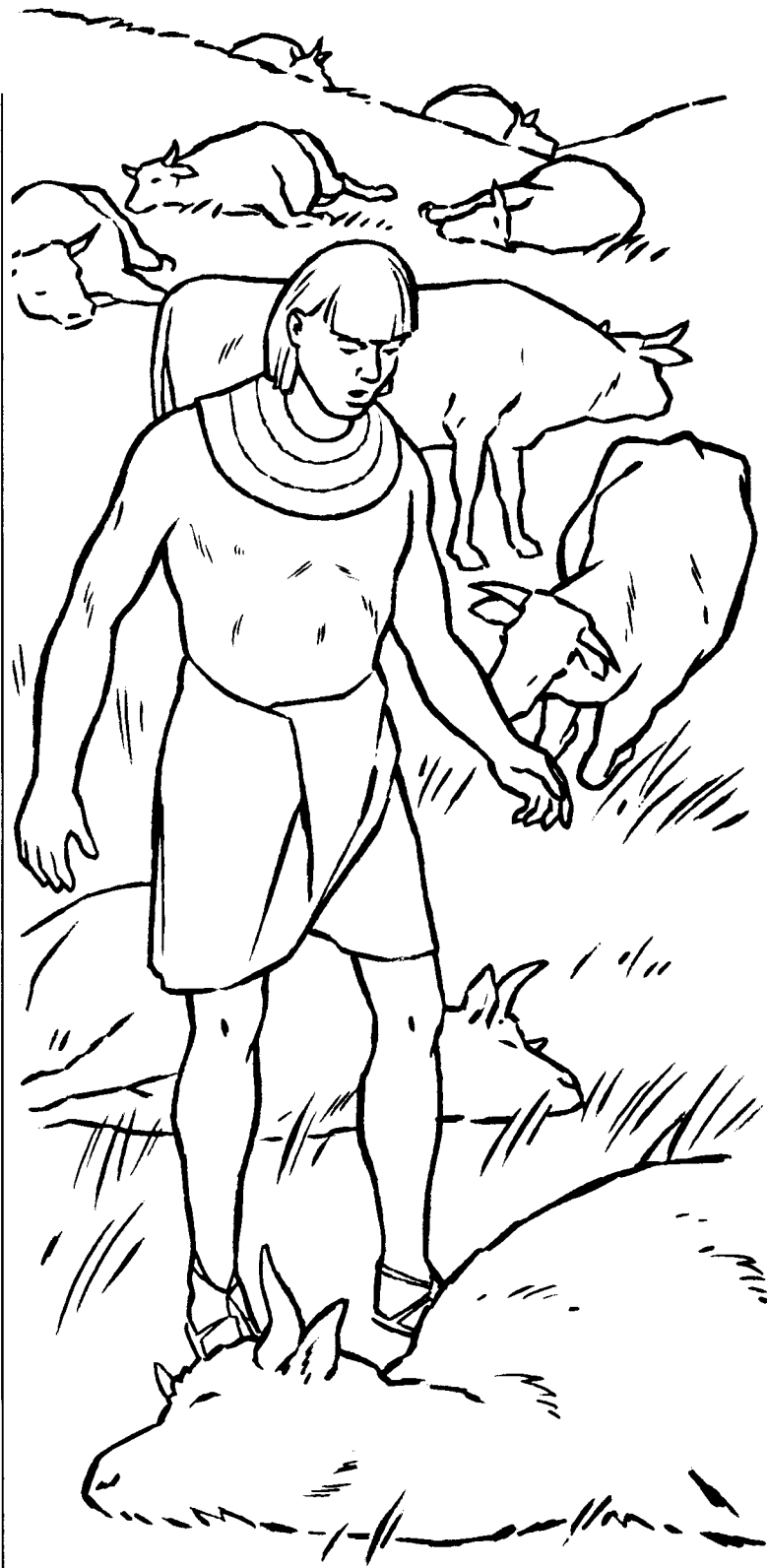
God causes frogs  
to come from  
the rivers, streams  
and ponds of Egypt.



God turns  
the dust into lice  
as Aaron's rod  
hits the ground.



**Biting and stinging flies  
swarm over  
the land of Egypt.**



**The fifth plague  
kills many of the  
Egyptians' animals.**



**Moses throws the ashes into the air,  
causing painful boils on the Egyptians.**





The hailstones and lightning struck those who did not listen to Moses' warning.



The locusts quickly eat  
all that is left of the crops.



**God brings darkness over the land of Egypt.**

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**BIBLE MEMORY**

Matthew 5:9-12

Connect the dots to see  
what God told Moses and Aaron to use  
to turn the waters into blood.

