

Lesson
#11



MOSES and THE TEN PLAGUES

EXODUS 1-11

GOAL

To help children understand that God shows mercy to Israel, but judges Pharaoh and the Egyptians

CHARACTERS

Moses: God chose Moses to deliver his people from Egypt.

Aaron: Moses' brother accompanied Moses on his task of deliverance.

Pharaoh: He was the ruler of Egypt. He tried to keep his Israelite slaves against all odds.

Israelites: They were held in slavery for 400 years, yearning for relief.

MEMORY VERSE

Exodus 3:14: God said to Moses, "I Am Who I Am." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'I Am has sent me to you.'"

MEMORY VERSE MEANING

Exodus 3:14: As a name, "I Am Who I Am" is a bit hard to understand. God's name signifies His existence as a being that was not created by another. It also means that He is today exactly as He was before and always shall be. God has always existed and always will, and His nature is unchanging.

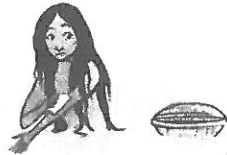
OVERVIEW

Read Exodus 1-11: Israel had been in captivity for 400 years. God chose to deliver them, and He would use Moses to accomplish this. God designed every aspect of Moses' birth, training, and career to prepare him for the task. After unleashing 10 terrible plagues on Egypt, God delivers Israel.



QUESTION & ANSWER

SLIDE 3



Q2a: Who found the basket with baby Moses inside?

A2: Pharaoh's daughter found the basket.



Q3a: Why did Moses run away from Egypt?

A3: Moses killed a man, and Pharaoh wanted to have Moses killed.

Q3b: If you saw someone bullying your best friend, what would you do?

TN: The idea of someone being mean to people we care about can make us very upset. But it is important to remember that repaying violence or anger with violence or anger makes us just as bad as the bully. When Moses saw an Egyptian beating an Israelite, he was right to be upset, but his response to his anger caused him to sin. We must be careful to not let anger get the best of us. We should pray about how to respond to anger.

SLIDE 4



Q4a: Where did Moses go when he fled Egypt?

A4: Moses went into the desert.

Q4b: Do you have family members who live in a different city or state?

TN: If we ever found ourselves in need of a place to stay, we could probably go to these out-of-town relatives. Moses didn't have that. Moses needed to leave Egypt immediately, but he had nowhere to go, so he just ran into the desert. God led him to a group of people who would help him and care for him in his time of need.



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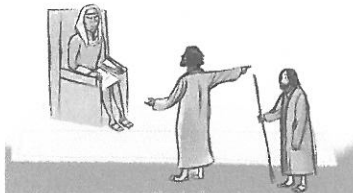
Q5a: What did Moses see while he was caring for his flock?

A5: Moses saw a bush engulfed in flame, but the bush did not burn.

Q5b: Why did it take God so long to answer the prayers of the Israelites who were enslaved in Israel?

TN: There is always a purpose to everything God does. In Genesis 15:13, God told Abraham that this would happen to his descendants. God didn't leave them in this horrible situation for 400 years just to make His prediction come true, but because it was always part of the plan. It took 400 years for human history to play out to just the right moment for God to judge the Egyptians and bring the Israelites into the Promised Land. God heard all of their prayers and answered them when the time was right.

SLIDE 6



Q6a: How did Pharaoh respond to Moses' request to free the Israelites?

A6: Pharaoh refused to free the Israelites.

Q6b: If a police officer tells you to do something and you don't do it, what will happen?

TN: We'd get in trouble. Police officers are authority figures who work to keep us safe. When they ask us to do something, we should recognize their authority and do as we are told. When Moses and Aaron come before Pharaoh, they tell him that they are there on behalf of God. Pharaoh tells them that he does not know God, does not recognize His authority over him, and rejects their request. Before long, Pharaoh would know who God is, he would recognize his authority over him and all things, and would accept their request to lead the Israelites out of Egypt.



QUESTION & ANSWER

SLIDE 7



Q7a: What happened to the Nile River when Aaron touched it with his staff?

A7: The Nile River turned to blood.

Q7b: What would you do if there was no running water in your house?

TN: We rarely think about the basic conveniences of life and what our lives would be like without them. Without running water, our lives would be much harder. Now consider what we would do without running water in our homes or any clean water nearby. What would we do? Every source of water in Egypt—the Nile, lakes, rivers, streams, ponds, pools, and even filled pitchers—was turned to blood. Water wasn't just necessary for the people to survive, but for all of their livestock, too. This plague lasted for seven whole days. This truly was a desperate situation!

SLIDE 8



Q8a: What did God send when Pharaoh again refused to let Israelites go?

A8: God sent a plague of frogs.

Q8b: At lunch, you decide to trade your pudding for an apple, but your classmate decides to keep both. What do you do?

TN: Well, that wasn't the deal! This classmate should give back the pudding or hand over the apple! That's only fair; that was the agreement. God sent a plague of frogs to Egypt, and they were everywhere Pharaoh spoke to Moses and asked him to pray to God to stop the plague, and in return, he would let the Israelites go. Moses prayed, and God stopped the plague. Relieved to be rid of the frog nuisance, Pharaoh decided to go back on his promise to let the Israelites go. Pharaoh was not a man of his word.



QUESTION & ANSWER

SLIDE 9



Q9a: What plague did God send next?

A9: God covered all of Egypt with gnats.

Q9b: Gnats? Why was a plague of gnats considered a horrible plague?

TN: Exodus 8:17 says, "All the dust of the earth became gnats in all the land of Egypt." Being in the desert, Egypt had quite a lot of dust. Turning all of the dust into gnats made this plague pretty awful. There would have been so many, it would have been impossible not to breathe them in!

SLIDE 10



Q10a: The plague of flies covered all of Egypt except what area?

A10: The plague of flies did not affect the area where the Israelites lived.

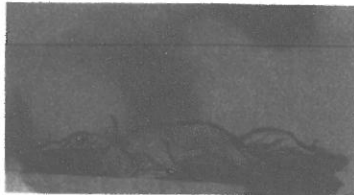
Q10b: The classmate who tried to take your pudding and keep her apple wants to trade again at lunch. Do you give her another chance?

TN: This is tricky. We've already been burned on a deal with her before, so this is a tough call. After God sent the plague of flies, Pharaoh bargained with Moses again to send the flies away in exchange for the Israelites' freedom. Just like the first time, once the plague was over, Pharaoh changed his mind and wouldn't let the Israelites leave Egypt. Pharaoh couldn't be trusted.



QUESTION & ANSWER

SLIDE 11



Q11a: How did God punish Egypt next?

A11: God killed the Egyptians' livestock.

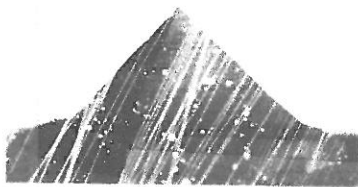


Q12a: Did the plague of painful sores change Pharaoh's heart?

A12: No, Pharaoh still refused to let the Israelites go.

Q12b: Have you ever had a sunburn?

TN: It is unknown what kind of painful sores the Egyptians received in this plague, but it was certainly unpleasant to endure. Like having a really bad sunburn, it was probably painful to do anything but lie still, with as little touching the skin as possible.



Q13a: What did Moses warn the people to do before the next plague struck?

A13: Moses warned people to take cover.



Q14a: What did the swarm of locusts do?

A14: They ate all of the crops and trees.



QUESTION & ANSWER

SLIDE 15



Q15a: Why were the Israelites supposed to paint their doorposts with lamb's blood?

A15: Lamb's blood on the doorposts was a way to indicate that the angel of the Lord should spare their household from the coming plague.

Q15b: What does it mean to have a hard heart?

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BIG IDEA

- ▶ God's power is absolute, and He wields it in favor of those who love and obey Him.

CLOSING PRAYER

- ▶ God, we love You. Thank You for delivering the Israelites from slavery. Thank You for protecting us and delivering us from sin. Help us to keep our minds and hearts focused on You. We ask these things in Jesus' name, Amen.

THE TEN PLAGUES

CROSSWORD PUZZLE ANSWER KEY

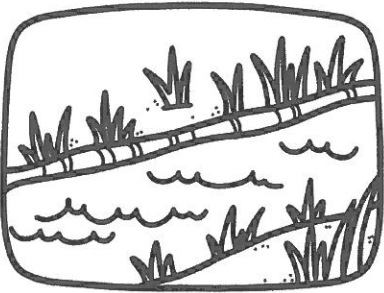
Across

2. Pharaoh finally set the Israelite's free with the last plague, only when his son had **(Died)**.
5. What did Moses turn the Nile river into? **(Blood)**
8. God spoke to Moses from a what? **(Burning Bush)**
9. What did Moses's family put him in to keep him safe on the river? **(Basket)**
10. God sent a plague of flies, gnats, locusts and what other animal to cover all of Egypt? **(Frogs)**

Down

1. Moses grew up in Pharaoh's **(Palace)**.
3. The Israelite's were spared from God's final plague by painting what part of their house with the blood of a lamb? **(Doorpost)**
4. Moses told Pharaoh to: Let my people **(Go)**.
6. Pharaoh's **(Daughter)** found Moses in the river.
7. Moses ran away because he **(Killed)** an Egyptian.

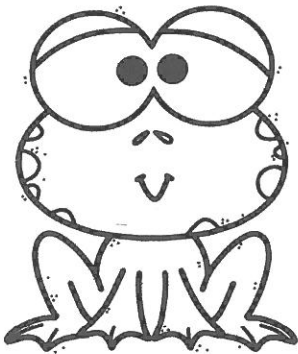
THE 10 PLAGUES



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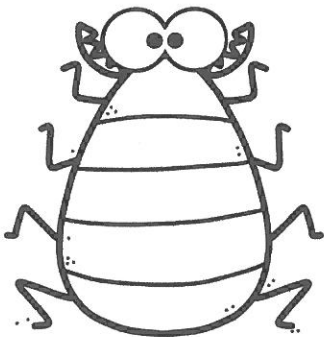
6 – The people were covered in boils.



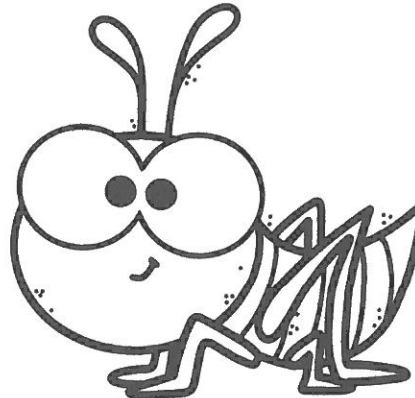
2 – Frogs were everywhere.



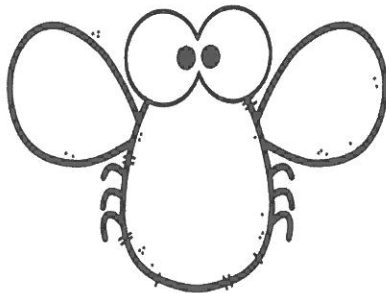
7 – A hail storm rained down on Egypt.



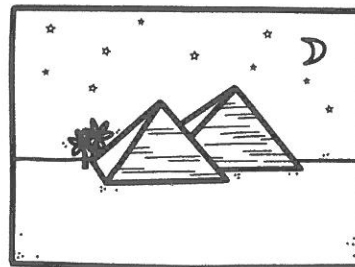
3 – All of the dust became lice.



8 – Locusts ate all of the trees and plants.



4 – Flies filled the land and houses.



9 – Darkness covered the land for 3 days.



5 – All of the livestock died.

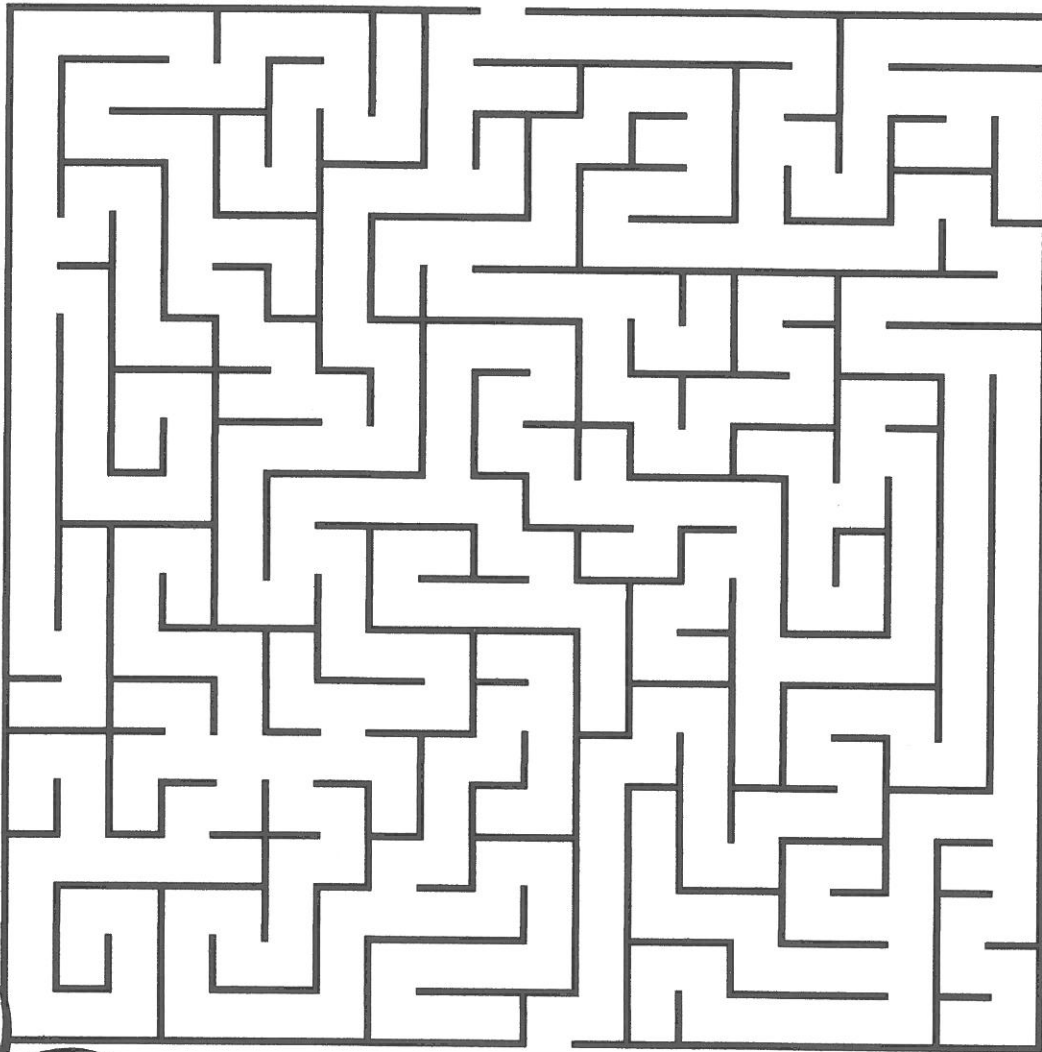


10 – All firstborn sons in Egypt died.

THE TEN PLAGUES

Help baby Moses float down the river.

FINISH



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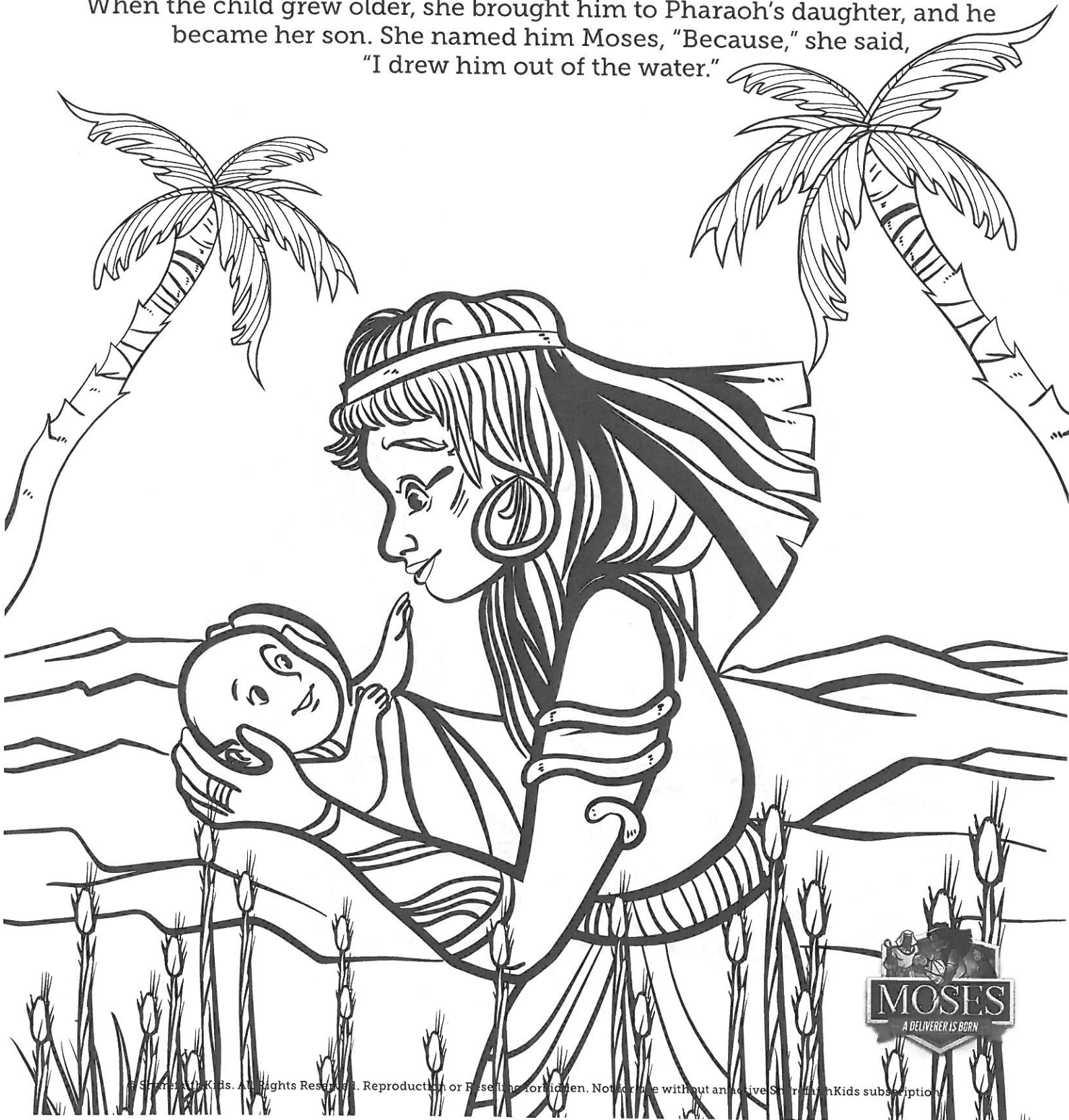


MOSES

A DELIVERER IS BORN

Exodus 2:10

When the child grew older, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. She named him Moses, "Because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."



THE TEN PLAGUES

Exodus 8:2

If you refuse to let them go,
I will send a plague of frogs on your whole country.



THE TEN PLAGUES

Spot 8 differences between the two pictures.



THE TEN PLAGUES

Discover the hidden words.

P	S	W	X	B	A	S	K	E	T	S	E	I	J	M
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Word Bank

PHARAOH

MOSES

SONS

BASKET

FROGS

BUSH

LOCUSTS

DOORPOST

KILLED

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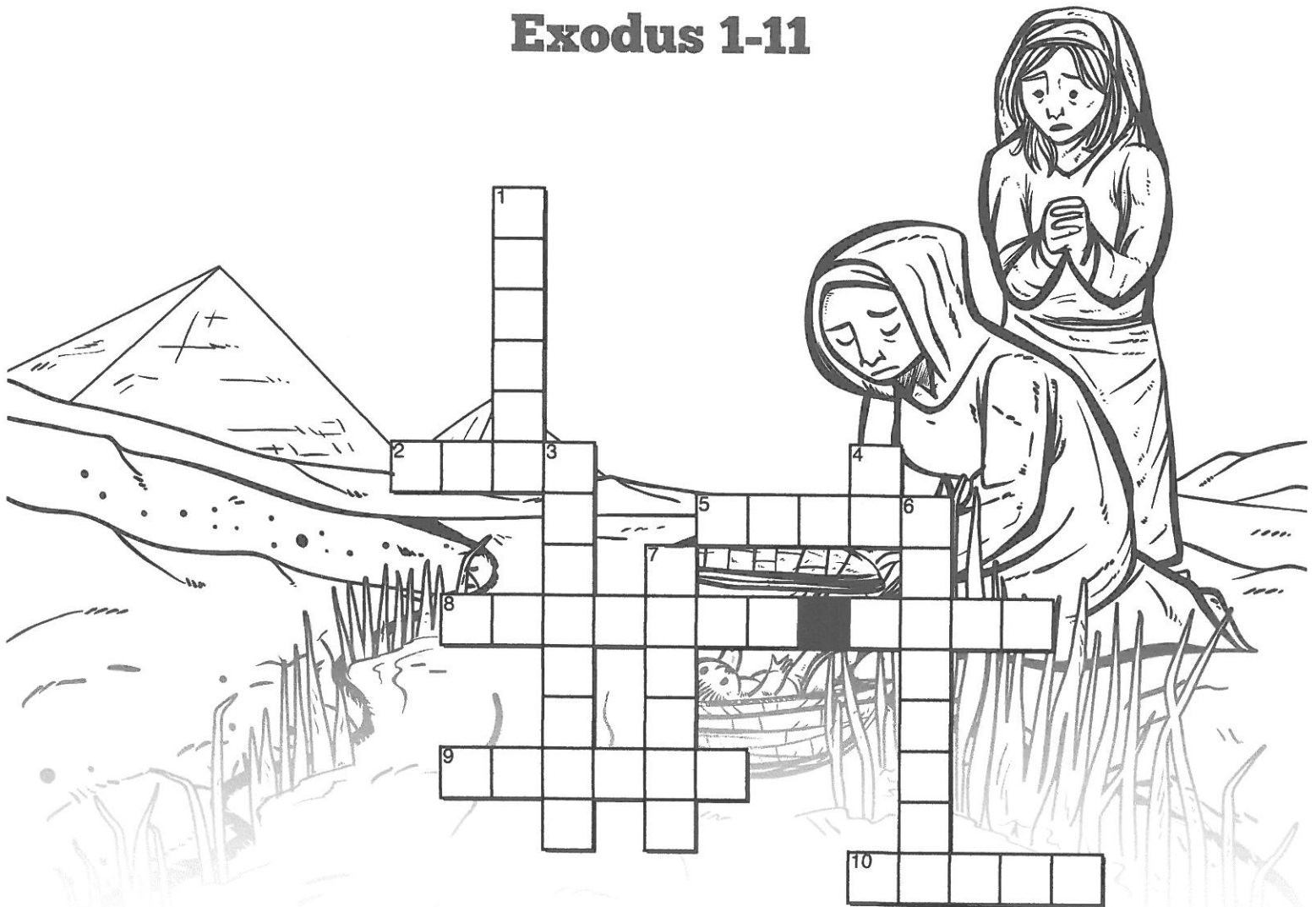
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DAUGHTER



THE TEN PLAGUES

Exodus 1-11



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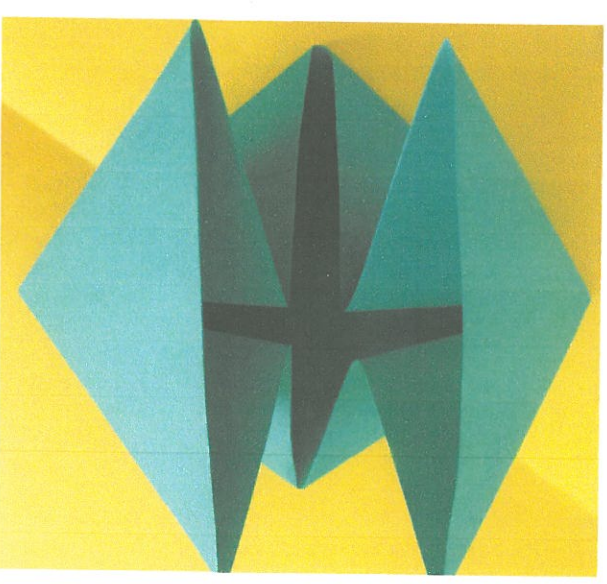
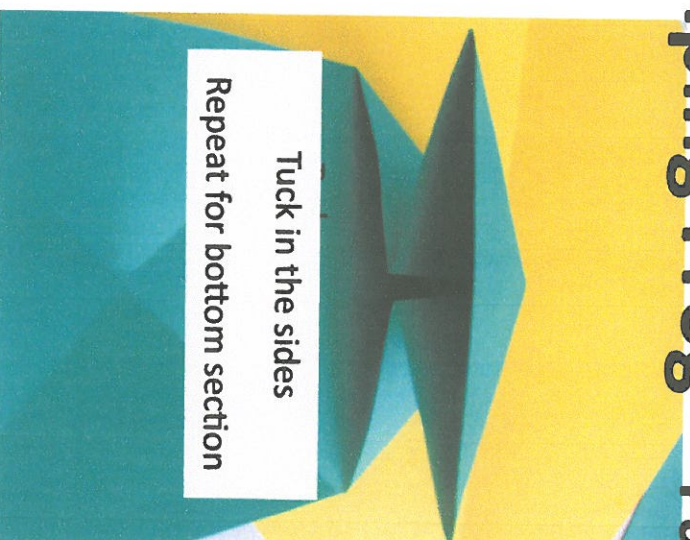
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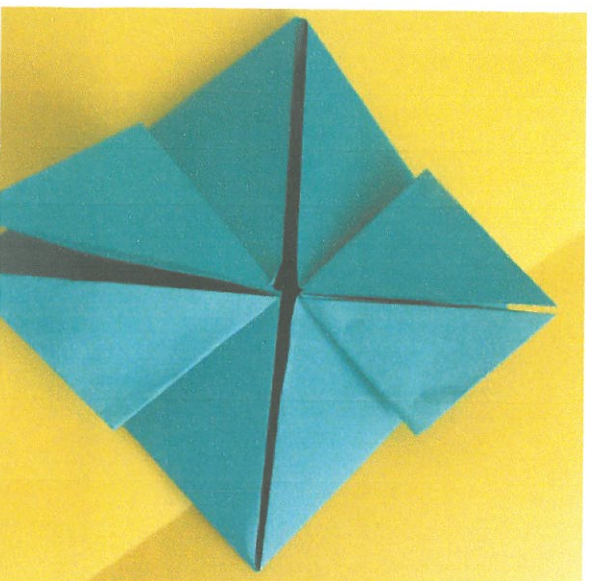
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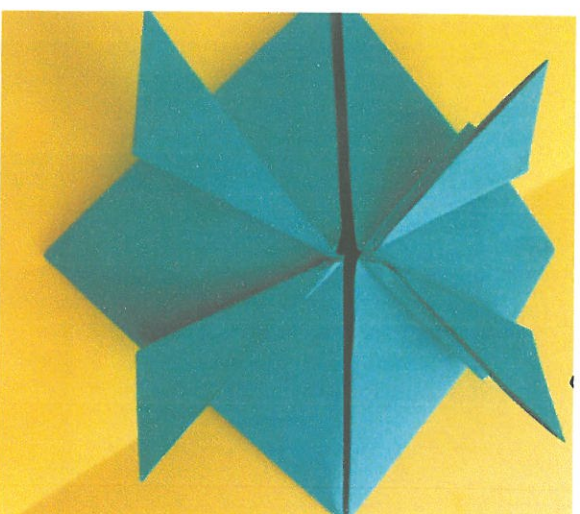
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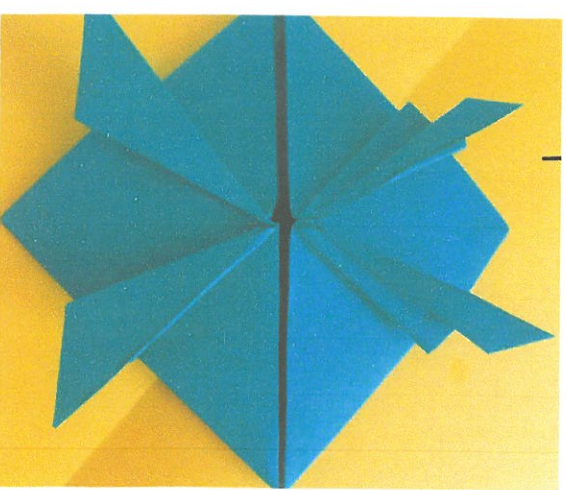
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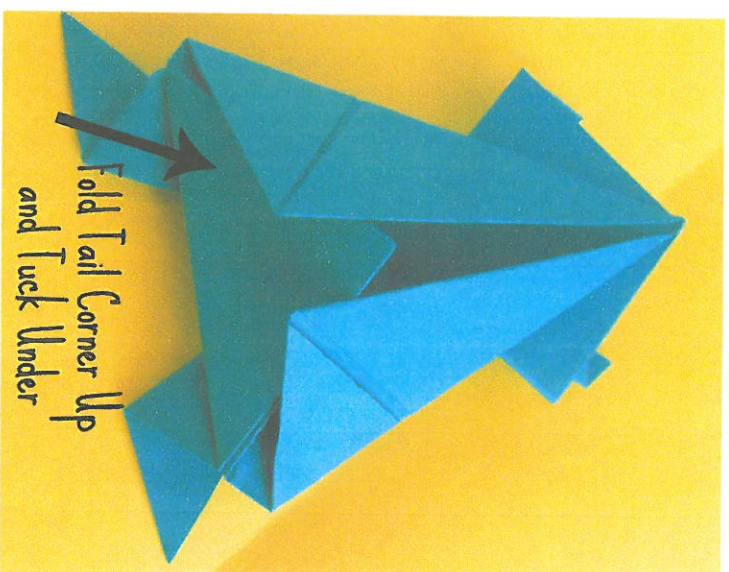
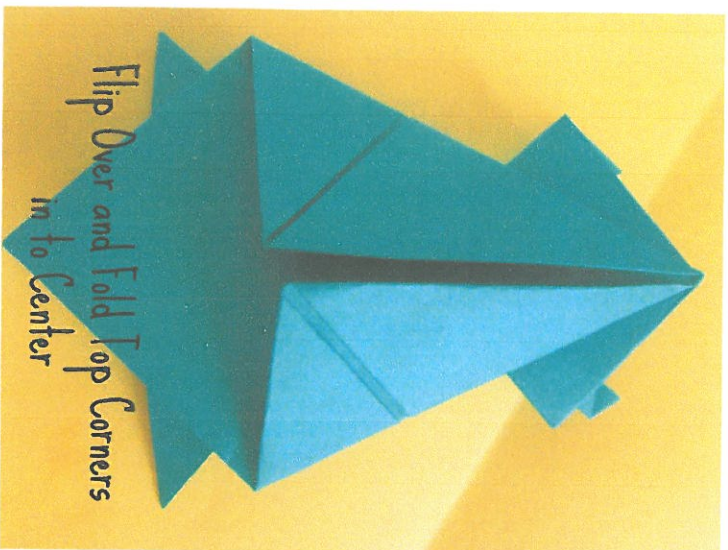
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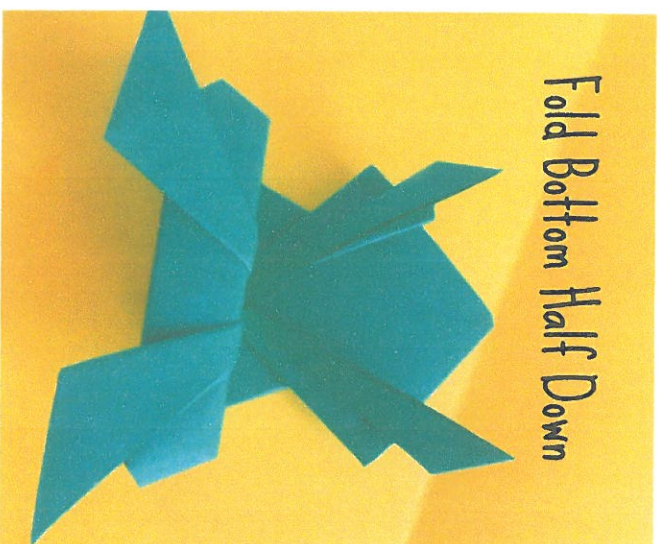
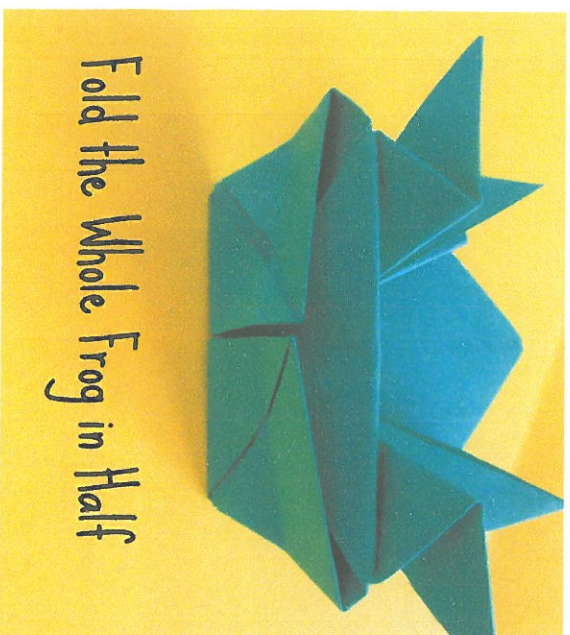
Fold those pieces in half
again to make the feet



Fold top ones again
for front feet



Flip the frog over.



Flip it over & you're done!

Origami Jumping Frog

