

MOSES AND PHARAOH

Bible Text: Exodus 2:23-24; 5:1-9; 6:1-9; 7:14—12:32; 12:33-42; 14:21-31

Lesson Focus: God delivers the people from suffering.

Big Question: Why doesn't God fix all the injustice in the world?

Key Words: PLAGUE, PASSOVER, DELIVERANCE

BIBLE CONNECTION

-] Moses serves as God's mediator and the Hebrew people's "flesh-and-blood" liberator and leader.
-] Moses and Aaron begin by asking Pharaoh if they can have a three-day celebration, but Pharaoh refuses.
-] Pharaoh escalates the situation by decreeing that the Hebrews will get no more straw for bricks.
-] Ten plagues are visited upon Egypt.
-] The fantastic plague narrative shows that the God of the Israelites is sovereign not only over the Hebrew people, but over the Egyptians (i.e., the world) as well.
-] Yahweh is a God who rescues, makes relationships, and establishes covenants.
-] Yahweh is powerful, and divine power is shown not in domination as exercised by Pharaoh, but through deliverance.
-] God's purposes continue to be achieved through people—reluctant ones, even!
-] God is involved in *this* world in the sociopolitical realm in profound ways.
-] The story of the Exodus undergirds everything that comes after it in scripture. From now on, God is known as the creating, redeeming, and sustaining God.

CARTOON CONNECTION

-] Which plague sounds like the grossest to you? Explain.
-] How does God work in the world today to overcome injustice?
-] Tell about a place in the world today where God is acting to free people from some kind of burden or bondage.



STUDENT BOOK CONNECTION

Here We Stand Student Book page 43: The Five Grossest Bible Stories

-] Which one of the stories do you consider to be the grossest?
-] How do these stories compare to the plagues?
-] What are some gross plagues that could happen today?

Here We Stand Student Book page 195: How to Work for Peace and Justice on Behalf of People Who Are Poor and Oppressed

-] What could you do today to help the poor and oppressed?
-] Who could you talk to in your congregation to find out what your church is doing to work for peace and justice?

LIFE CONNECTION

Find out what your congregation is doing to work for peace and justice locally or internationally, or find a justice organization in your city. Pick an organization that interests you and find out how you can help. Make a pledge to your chosen organization, explaining how you will help out in the next month, two months, and beyond.

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Word Scramble

Read the clues provided to help you unscramble the words.

1. AELEIRST
2. RPHHAAO
3. SSEOM
4. GLUEASP
5. NNIRUGB
6. MIA
7. NAORA
8. EPELPO

1. Another name for one of God's people.
2. Ruler in Egypt.
3. God chose him to free the slaves.
4. Ten terrible signs of God's power.
5. God appeared to Moses in this kind of bush.
6. God's name in Exodus 3:14.
7. Moses' brother.
8. Let my _____ go!

Answers: 1. Israelite 2. Pharaoh 3. Moses 4. plagues 5. burning 6. I Am 7. Aaron 8. people