

God is With His People! (Plagues 6-9)



Concepts Children Learn:

God is with us!
 A name of God: Jehovah Shammah.
 That means ‘The Lord is There’!

Supplies Needed for Lesson:

Bible marked with verses
 Lesson and Activity pages
 Copies of kids’ craft pages
 Plague Chart (from Week 4)
 Craft supplies
 Activity supplies

Pictures Used with Lesson:

Egyptian Child, Israelite Child (from Week 4)
 Plagues Stickers for I/E Child (from Week 4)
 Plague Chart (from Week 4)
 Moses, Aaron puppets, stickers (Week 2,3)
 Pharaoh (Week 1)

Crafts (Choose one or more):

Plague Puppets
 Plague Glider Bug Craft
 Giant Hailstones

Lesson Prep:

Prep: Review lesson, activities. Make craft samples. Make Darkness and Boil stickers: Apply restickable glue to the backs: Darkness: Cut a hole out of a sheet of black construction paper so that the Egyptian child’s eyes will show through when it’s placed over the page. Boils: Cut 6+ circles out of red or pink construction paper.

Key Verse: Psalm 91:15. **Lesson based on verses:** Exodus 8:22, 9:8 –10:1-29. **Verses used in lesson:** Exodus 8:22; Psalm 91:15. **Reference verses:** Psalm 91. **Tip:** This lesson is longer than usual (about 15 minutes with sticker activities. To save time, have an assistant pass out stickers to the children to place on the pictures before each plague.

Lesson Snapshot – Week 5 Lesson, Crafts, Activities (See Crafts and Activities for details)	
Help Me Feel Welcome Warm-up Activity	I'm Hungry Snack Time
Greet children as they arrive. Let children pick their activity: Play Dough Hailstones Activity or other activities such as coloring, games, toys, etc.	Refer to Activity page for snack ideas. There are several snack ideas to choose from.
Intro: Review of Moses Bible Story	Let me Share Talk Time
Review the Moses Bible Story and the first five plagues from Week 4.	You talk about the story and a name of God that relates to this lesson.
Compare & Contrast Sticker Activity	Let's Be Egyptians! Group Activity
Children see what happened to the Egyptians, and what didn't happen to the Israelites with the Child Pictures and Plague Stickers.	Children experience first-hand, the ten plagues of Egypt as they try to capture locusts, dodge hailstones and see through the darkness....
Let's Rhyme Story Time! - Ten Plagues	Craft Time!
Children hear the rhymes of the last five plagues as they help you stick the stickers on the pictures.	Choose between a Plagues Booklet, Plague Puppet, Giant Hailstones or Glider Locust craft.
Let Me Pray Prayer Time	Plague Puppets Activity!
Teacher or adult prays about the concepts of the lesson. Children can also take turns praying.	Children wear the puppets and put them in motion as you call out the plagues.

Review of Moses Bible Stories:

Last week we heard the true Bible story of how God did mighty acts in the land of Egypt to show everyone his great power! He showed them that he is the Lord! God loved his people, the Israelites. The Israelite people were slaves, and the Egyptians ruled over them! But, God loved his people, and he had a great plan to bring them out of Egypt. Then they wouldn't have to be slaves any more. Do you remember what slaves are? (Let children answer). Yes, slaves worked hard for just a couple pennies. And they would get beat up by their mean slave masters. Can you pretend to be a slave master and make a mean face? (Make a mean face and encourage children to join you.) R-r-r-r-! Ooh. You look scary! Very good.

(Moses and Aaron puppets, Pharaoh picture) God picked Moses, and his brother Aaron, to speak to Pharaoh, the king of Egypt. They did everything just like God told them to do. They went to Pharaoh and asked him to let the Israelite people go, so they could worship God in the desert. Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh over and over again, to tell him everything God told them to say. They said, "God said to LET MY PEOPLE GO!" But Pharaoh kept saying, "NO, I WON'T! NO!" And God kept doing mighty acts in the land of Egypt so that Pharaoh and all the people would see his great power up close!

Bible Sticker Play Activity: Review of First Five Plagues

(Plagues Chart with plagues 4-9 covered). Here are the plagues we saw last week: (Point to blood plague). First the river turned icky blood-red! The people had no water to drink. (Point to Plague 2: Frog). Then frogs came and jumped all over the Egyptians! I think a few hopped over to the land of Goshen, too, where the Israelites lived. (Point to Plague 3: Gnats). Who can tell me what this is? (Let children answer). Yes, it's a gnat. Millions of little bugs, called gnats, came and bothered the Egyptians. Maybe a couple flew over to the Israelites too. Even after all that, Pharaoh was still stubborn. He would not let the people go!

(Hold up Egyptian and Israelite Children). Let's use these pictures of children again to see what other mighty acts God did! This boy is an Egyptian. He lives in the land of Egypt, (Point to Egyptian child). This boy is an Israelite. He is one of God's people! He lives close by in the land of Goshen. (Point to Israelite child).

Do you remember what came next? (Hold up Fly sticker. Let children answer). Yes! Flies were all over the land of Egypt. (Let children place flies on Egyptian Child picture). But look at the Israelite boy. There are no flies bothering him. Do you remember why? (Let children answer). Right! God protected his people from the flies.

(Place sick animal by Egyptian Child). What's this? (Let children answer). Yep! It's a sick animal. A disease came, and all of the Egyptians' animals got sick. (Let child put happy animals on Israelite Child picture). But the Israelites' animals were fine! See how happy they look? God protected the Israelites' animals. He made sure they didn't get sick.

(Remove animal stickers. Uncover plagues 4 and 5). Let's count how many plagues were there so far. ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR, FIVE! Pharaoh was still as stubborn as ever! When will that Pharaoh guy listen...never? Next, God told Moses and Aaron to take soot from the furnace, and toss it into the air in front of Pharaoh. So that's what they did. (Pretend to throw soot into air). Woosh!

6. Boils. (Let children help you stick boils onto the Egyptian Child while you tell the rhyme).

The soot turned into a very fine dust.

The people got boils that blister and crust.

The people felt itchy, and they felt disgust!

Pharaoh, let the people go! Soon he *must!*

The Egyptian people were all itchy and miserable! (Point to Egyptian Child). (Whisper) **But the Israelite boy doesn't have any itchy disease!** (Point to Israelite Child). **He feels just fine! God protected the Israelite people again!** (Remove boil stickers. Point to pictures on chart as you count). **Let's count the plagues now. ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR, FIVE, SIX!**

Do you think Pharaoh might listen to Moses now? (Let children answer). **Nope! He was still stubborn. Once again, Moses and Aaron obeyed God: They told Pharaoh, "God said, 'Now I will send my plagues in full force!' Uh-oh. Next a really bad storm came! Do you know what hail is? It's big chunks of ice!** (Show children with hands how big an 8" ball is). **Here's what happened:**

7. Hail. (Let children stick the hail onto the Egyptian Child picture as you say the rhyme).
Moses stretched out his hand, up to the sky. (Hold your hand out in front).
Giant hail came down, from heaven on high!
There was thunder and lightening Boom, BOOM! BOOM!
Over the land of Egypt there was fear and gloom!
The hail destroyed everything that it crushed.
Flax and barley turned to mush!
Some of the hailstones were as big as balls!
(Whisper) But in the land of Goshen, there was no hail at all!

The Egyptians were very sad! All their plants and trees were ruined! (Whisper) **But look at the Israelite boy. He's doing just fine!** (Point to Israelite boy). **God protected the Israelites from the terrible hailstorm too! Then Moses prayed to God, and the hail stopped.** (Remove stickers. Point to plagues on chart as you count). **How many plagues are there now? Let's count. ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR, FIVE, SIX, SEVEN! When the hail stopped, do you think Pharaoh would let the people go now?** (Let children answer). **No! He would still not let the people go!**

Aaron and Moses went to Pharaoh again and said, "God says, LET MY PEOPLE GO!" This time, Pharaoh told Moses, "O.k." They could go worship God in the desert... but only the men could go – not the women or children! What?! No, that doesn't sound right! Moses told Pharaoh that all the people will be going, the men, the women, and the children too! So Moses stretched out his hand again. (Hold hand out in front).

8. Locusts. (Let children help you stick the locusts onto the Egyptian Child picture as you say the rhyme).
God made the wind blow all day and night.
Thousands of locusts came! Oh, what a sight!
The locusts came by God's mighty act!
They covered all of Egypt 'til it looked black!
The locusts ate the plants; the fruit trees too!
(Whisper) But no locusts were found in Goshen! Yes it's true! (Nod yes).
Then Pharaoh asked Moses, once again, to pray.
'Get rid of the locusts! Make them go away!' (Wave hand away).

So Moses prayed, and the Lord took the locusts away in the wind. (Remove locust stickers. Point to plagues on chart as you count). **Let's count the plagues again! ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR, FIVE, SIX, SEVEN, EIGHT! Now do you think Pharaoh would let the people go?** (Let children answer). **Nope. Moses obeyed God again. One more time Moses stretched out his hand toward the sky.** (Stretch out your hand).

9. Darkness. (Place black sheet of construction paper over the E Child picture. See instructions above).
This time God sent the darkness of the night!
It was completely dark – not one bit of light!
The Egyptians couldn't move or walk or play.
(Whisper) But the Israelites still had the light of day! (Let child place sunshine on Israelite picture).
For the Egyptians, it was like they were blind.
Pharaoh said, "Go! But leave the animals behind!"
But Moses told Pharaoh, "No, that won't do!
To worship God, we need animals too!"

So Pharaoh got really mad! He told Moses, **"Get outta my sight! And don't come back!"** Moses told Pharaoh, **"O.k. I will never come back again!"** Let's count the plagues now. (Remove Darkness. Point to plagues on chart). **ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR, FIVE, SIX, SEVEN, EIGHT, NINE!**

There's *one more plague* that would come on Egypt! And next week we'll see what the very last plague is. Right now let's have a snack. Then we'll talk about God! After that we have some fun crafts and activities.

Let's Learn One of God's Names: Jehovah Shammah!	
<p>In our Bible story, we saw that the first few plagues came on the Egyptians, and also on the Israelites. The river turned icky blood-red. A few gnats and frogs came on the Israelites too. But then God wanted to show the people something. He said to Moses: (Read Exodus 8:22). God wanted to show everyone that he was right there with his people, the Israelites, so he did something different with them. When Egypt was covered with flies and locusts, there was none on the Israelites! (Shake head no). While the Egyptians were itching their skin (Pretend to scratch your skin), they Israelite children were playing and having fun! They were healthy! The Egyptians had thunder and lightening, and giant hailstones! Boom! Boom! But, there was no storm in the land of Goshen, where God's people lived. (Shake head no). When the Egyptians had darkness for three whole days, the Israelites had sunshine! God was showing everyone that he was right there with his people. And he was helping them!</p>	
<p>We've been learning some of the names of God. Just like we sometimes have other names, God has other names too. One of God's names is Jehovah Shammah. Let's say that together. (Repeat Jehovah Shammah with children). It means 'The Lord is There'! God was there with his people when the plagues came. He didn't let the worst plagues come on his people.</p>	
<p>Did you know that God is with us too? Here's a great promise that God gives to all who love him: (Read Psalm 91:15). We have an awesome, loving God in heaven who cares about everything that happens to us! We don't have to be afraid. God promises to be right there with us when trouble comes. And, he loves to help us! When we pray, God hears our prayers and helps us! Let's pray to God now and thank him for being right there with us when trouble comes.</p>	

Let Me Pray Prayer Time	
<p>Prayer Sample: (This is just an example of what you could say. Listen to the Holy Spirit and say the words he gives you). Allow the children to pray afterwards if they wish to.</p>	<p>Dear God, Thank you for being our awesome God who can help us with anything! You are so mighty and strong! And you are so loving and kind! Please help us remember to call on your when trouble comes. Thank you for hearing our prayers. And thank you for being right there with us and helping us when we need your help. In Jesus' name.</p>