THE PLAGUES AND PASSOVER



BEFORE

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Sketch board title: "The Lord is the True God" Text: Exodus 5,6,7,11,12

Introduction: Kids, if God wanted to get your attention, in what ways do you think God could do that (wait for a response)?

The last time we met, we found out about how God had appeared to Moses and told him to go to back to Egypt to free the Israelites.

How would you feel if God called you to go to largest and greatest nation of the world at that time to face the king of Egypt and demand that the Israel slaves be let go? I don't know about you, but I would be very scared. Moses was scared as well, but with the power of God and his brother Aaron next to him, they went back to Egypt.

LEFT SIDE

How were they going to get the Israel slaves free? They would have to go to the King of Egypt himself, the Pharoah

1. Draw in the name "Pharaoh" in the box.

The Pharaoh was not a man who loved and worshiped God.

The Egyptians were a people who had nothing to do with the true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. In fact the...

- 2. Draw in "Egyptians had"
- 3. Draw in "gods"

...of their own. Instead of worshiping God, the Creator they had many gods, plural. Notice that the g is not capital, but a small g. Any god that is not the Creator is a small g. The God who created all things begins His name with a capital G because there is only one God, who is the true God of all earth. Any other gods that man makes up cannot stand up to the one True God, the Lord.

The gods the Egyptians worshipped were the sun, the moon, stars, planets, animals, water etc.

Should we pray to the sun or the moon? Why?

Because we worship and pray to the One who made the sun and moon, not the moon themselves. This again is why they had gods, small g. We have the Creator God, capital G.

Since the Egyptians didn't have the True God in their life, but worshipped the creation rather than the Creator, did they have true gods, or false gods?

They had of course...

4. Draw in the word "false"

...gods

Because the Egyptians had false gods, who do you think was working in the minds of the Egyptians

to worship other things rather than God? The Bible says other religions, gods, and Idols is the work of Satan or the Devil trying to get the attention off God, and on to demons and Satan (2 Corinthians 11)

Therefore, when Moses came into the courtroom of Pharaoh, we wasn't just messing with a man who had a lot of power. He was messing with a man and a nation who was influenced very strongly by demons. This was no match for Moses. God had told Moses it would be His power that would perform miracles to convince the Pharaoh to let the Israelites go (Exodus 7:1-6)

Share briefly the story of Moses meeting Pharaoh the staff becoming a snake (Exodus 7:8-13).

The Pharaoh's heart was unyielding to this miracle and he would not let the Israelite people go (Exodus 7:14).

What do you think God should do to get the attention of Pharaoh?

Does God have the right to judge the Egyptians and Pharaoh? Yes, he does. Why? Because God is the Creator and we are His creation. The Creator has the right to tell the creation what to do. Especially when the creation has rebelled against the Creator, God has the right to judge.

To get the attention God is going to use HIS creation to get the attention of the Pharaoh and the Egyptians.

Share the story of the plagues:

For each plague that you discuss, cover over the word on the sketchboard with black paint highlighting the word. Briefly talk about each one. Each plague should only take a minute or two explain. Act out with emotions and enthusiasm what it would be like if you were an Egyptian, and plagues happened to you (Like finding frogs in your bed and gnats in your hair and flies covering your food)!

As the plagues happened, the evil magicians of the pharaoh admitted, "This is the finger of God!" Capital G. (Exodus 8:19).

Despite the devastation of Egypt, Pharaoh's heart became very...

5. Draw in the word "Hard" in the heart

Instead of realizing that the God of Moses was the True God and listening to God, Pharaoh still challenged God and his heart was hard. (Exodus 8:20). Meaning, he was not going to change. And, if you went up to a large concert wall, it would be very hard to push over. Why? Because the wall is hard. Likewise, Pharaoh's heart was hardened with sin and did not want to change.

Application: Kids, do you have a heart like Pharaoh? We can't come to God the way we are, we need to change and realize we have sin in our hearts that keep us away from God. Pharaoh didn't want to deal with his sin.

How do we as people not end up like Pharaoh?

First, what was God trying to teach Pharaoh and us in the Plagues?
6. Draw in the title: "The Lord is the True God"

There is only one God who is the Master of all things and right in every situation. How Did God show this?

That God was Lord over...

- Life
- Animals
- Weather
- The Sun
- Insects

Really, over all creation (Psalm 24:1). The Egyptians had a god for all these things: The sun god The water god etc. So, when The Lord God controlled all these things and judged the Egyptians, He was showing that the God of Moses was the True God.

To come to know God, we must first start by realizing that we are not the truth, and we do not set the rules. We must submit to God and realize we are creations of God and are at His mercy. The Pharaoh didn't want to believe this.

Because the Pharaoh wanted to stay in his rebellion, this rebellion is called sin. Does reward or judge sinners? Yes, judge. Because of hardened heart of the Pharaoh, God said there would be one more final plague that would humble Pharaoh enough to let the Israelites go (Exodus 11, 12:31-32).

7. Paint over the word "Death" next to the red check mark.

The final judgement of God would be that the firstborn son of every Egyptian would die. All the way from Pharaoh's son to every Egyptian. (Exodus 11:4-5).

RIGHT SIDE:

But the Lord gave instructions to Moses on how the Israelites could escape God's judgement. After Moses gave the Word of the Lord on what to do, all of Israel carried it out. This is what the Israelites did according to God's command.

The Israelites took lambs...

8. Draw in the lambs One on left side and one on the right

that had no defects or problems, one per each family. Also, the lambs all had to be male.

Once they had the male innocent lamb, someone in the house would take a knife...

9. Draw in on the right side the Israelite holding a knife

and kill the lamb and catch the blood in a bowl

10. Draw blood on both of the lambs

An Israelite then would take a branch, and with its leaves put the branch into the bowl...

11. Draw the Israelite holding the branch by the doorpost

and wipe some the blood on the top of door posts, and some on both sides of the door

12. Draw in the blood on the door posts on both doors

Then when God would come in the night and see the blood on the door posts, He would...

13. Draw in the word "Passover"

the house of the Israelite family

14. Draw in the arrow pointing down on the Israelite house

Can you imagine what the Egyptians might of thought as they walked by or saw the Israelites putting blood on the doorposts?

15. Draw in the Egyptian family between the houses

Without faith in the God of Israel, the blood of lamb, the Egyptian families would not be spared, but that boy in that family would experience...

- 16. Draw in the word "Death"
- 17. Draw in the arrow pointing down to the Egyptian house

Kids, God is not willing that any should perish (2 Peter 3:19), but if people reject God and live in sin, there is only the option of God's punishment, not mercy. This is why I come to speak to you today. Because we are either like Israelites who have faith in the True God and God will pass over us and not judge us. Or, you are like the Egyptians and don't have the true God in your life and have not been forgiven of you sins.

All the Egyptians first born died, just like God said. Even Pharoah's son

Pharaoh told Moses they could leave. He had enough

So, let me ask you a question. Do you know how to be saved? Do you know how to be passed over so God won't judge you? How do you become forgiven of your sins? How does someone go to heaven. These questions are very serious. If someone doesn't know or care, only judgement awaits like the end of this true story.

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Goals of the Lesson

- God's Sovereignty
- God's Faithfulness
- The Penalty for sin is Death
- A Substitute must be made for sin

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