

First, He turned the water into blood so that it could not be drunk. And out of the water there came up an army of frogs into their houses and destroyed their food. And after the frogs there came a plague of stinging insects, and after them came swarms of flies and a sore sickness upon the sheep and cattle and horses. And the Lord made boils to break out upon man and beast, and a great storm beat down the crops; after which a cloud of locusts devoured every green thing that was left. And, worse than all, for three days there was such great darkness that no man could see another, or stir from his place.

But from all these things the children of Israel were safe—there was no plague or darkness in the land of Goshen.

After each plague Pharaoh would promise, if it were stopped, to let the people go, and each time he broke his word.

Then God said unto Moses, "I will send one more plague upon him to humble him, and then he will surely let you go. So tell My people to gather together their goods and be ready at any time to start on the journey."

Now when the Egyptians saw the people preparing to go they helped them and gave them presents of silver and gold; for they

were weary to be rid of them because of the plagues.

And the Lord said, "This night, at midnight, I will go out and visit every home of the Egyptians and the eldest child in each family shall die. I will destroy also even the first-born among their beasts, and the land of Egypt shall be filled with weeping and mourning. But among My people shall there be joy and gladness, that all may see and know that the Lord doth put a difference between Israel and the Egyptians.

#### Questions on the Lesson

1. What message did Moses give Pharaoh from God? 2. How did Pharaoh answer him? 3. How were the slaves treated after Moses had spoken? 4. What did Moses say unto the Lord? 5. Why did God send plagues upon the Egyptians? 6. What were some of them? 7. What promise did Pharaoh make as each of the plagues came upon him? 8. How did he keep his word? 9. Were there any plagues among the children of Israel? 10. What was the last punishment God threatened to bring upon the Egyptians? 11. For what did He warn the people of Israel to prepare? 12. What did the Egyptians give them? 13. What is the Golden Text?



I HAVE LEARNED  
TO-DAY THAT

Those who hurt God's people will be punished



**Primary Catechism—61.** How may we please the Holy Spirit? We may please the Holy Spirit by doing what He puts into our hearts.

**Shorter Catechism—105.** What do we pray for in the fifth petition?

A. In the fifth petition (which is, *And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors*) we pray, That God, for Christ's sake, would freely pardon all our sins; which we are the rather encouraged to ask, because by His grace we are enabled from the heart to forgive others.

#### Lesson Hymn

Praise Him for His grace and favor

To our fathers in distress;

Praise Him, still the same forever,

Slow to chide and swift to bless:

Praise Him! Praise Him!

Glorious in His faithfulness.

Amen.

—Hymn 25, Book of Praise