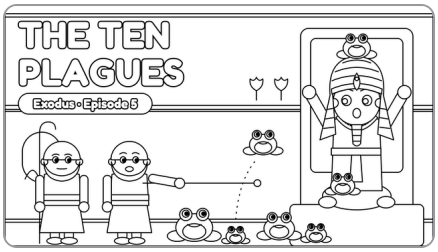
The Bible Under the Baobab · Discussion sheet for season 2, episode 5

The Ten Plagues

Exodus 7 to 10 · For ages 3 to 10 · Video: 7 min 00



The story in brief

Pharaoh has said no. God sends nine plagues upon Egypt, from the water of the Nile, red as blood, to three days of night. In the land of Goshen, where the Hebrews live, there is light. Pharaoh promises, then takes back his word. The tenth plague is told in the next episode.

> **Note for parents.** This episode tells the first nine plagues; the tenth, the most serious, is kept for the next episode. Nothing frightening is shown. The Bible says that the water of the Nile was turned to blood: the episode says "red as blood," and the picture shows a red river, with no fish. For the herds, the Bible speaks of dead animals; here they are sick and lying down. The boils are called "big bumps." The hail breaks the plants and the trees, and animals are seen being brought to shelter. God is never shown. The story sets God against Pharaoh. Some of Pharaoh's servants believe the word of God, and his magicians recognize it.

Let's talk about it

1. How many plagues did you count in this episode? Can you name three?
2. What does Moses keep saying to Pharaoh, in God's name?
3. What do Pharaoh's magicians say when they can no longer do the same?
4. What happens in the land of Goshen, where the Hebrews live, during the plagues?
5. What does Pharaoh do when a plague stops?
6. Kofi promised to teach Nia the rhythm, and he kept saying "tomorrow." What about you, have you promised something that you have not done yet?

> **Notes for the grown-up.** Nine: the water of the Nile turned red, the frogs, the gnats, the flies, the sickness of the herds, the bumps on the skin, the hail, the locusts, three days of night. The tenth is told in the next episode. Moses keeps saying: "Let my people go!" The magicians say: "This is the finger of God!" In Goshen there are no flies and no hail, the herds are not touched, and there is light during the three days of night. When a plague stops, Pharaoh takes back his word: he does not let the people go.

To remember

Let my people go, hear the Lord God say.
He keeps his promise, by night and by day.

The song: Let my people go

Let my people go, hear the Lord God say!
He keeps his promise, by night and by day!

To do

This week, keep a promise you have made, without putting it off until tomorrow: tidy up, lend something, help, teach someone something. And count the nine plagues of the episode on your fingers: how many can you remember?

Watch the episode and hear the song: labiblesouslebaobab.com/en/episodes/the-ten-plagues/
From the book of Exodus, chapters 7 to 10. Free for home, Sunday school and children's ministry.