

# ELEMENTARY (4-7)

## 10. God to the Rescue!

*The story of Moses and the 10 plagues and how that whispers Jesus' story.*

### Memory Verse

'The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"  
John 1:29 NIV

### Story Time

Read 'God to the rescue!' (pages 84-91 in the Jesus Storybook Bible) or watch the video on our website.

### Understanding the Story

Talk this through with your kids:

First let's talk about the plagues. They seem kind of random, the Nile turning to blood, bugs and darkness, but each of the plagues was making a point - the God of Israel is the one true God. The Egyptians worshipped several gods, each was god over something, such as Ra was the god of the sun. Every time a plague hit Egypt it was to show the God of Israel is real and powerful and the Egyptian gods were powerless to rescue.

Every story in the bible whispers Jesus' name, but this one shouts it. The final plague and the story of the Passover is echoing the story of Jesus.

The first Passover meal centered on a flawless lamb, who had to die for people to live. It points ahead to a greater substitute, someone who would live a sinless life and die to save everyone from the power of the terrible lie.

Ever wondered why the stories we read in the bible make a point of showing us the characters aren't perfect? Think back - every story, even the heroes do things wrong. It's to help us see that Jesus IS perfect, without fault. Jesus is like the flawless Passover lamb, who died in our place so we could live.

### Digging a little deeper:

Jewish people still celebrate the Passover, remembering how God rescued the people of Israel with the blood of a perfect lamb.

Instead of Passover, Christians celebrate communion, remembering Jesus - his perfect life and blood saving us from the sin we're trapped in. Both celebrations focus on a meal - being together.

Jesus died to break the power of the terrible lie so we could be together with God again. Communion is celebrating the gift Jesus gave us by saving us from sin and remembering the promise of one day being together (during COVID-19, and being forced apart, we can all relate to holding onto the promise of being with loved ones again!)

### Questions to get you talking:

- Are there any holidays or events you cook a special dinner for?
- What's your favourite dinner?
- What would you do if you came home and your house was full of frogs?

### Activities in your box

- **Communion** Remember Jesus' sacrifice by sharing communion together as a family. There are crackers and grape juice in your box.
- **Frog Origami** Help bring today's story to life with this frog craft. There is an instruction sheet and paper in your box. (They hop! Make several and have a frog hopper race!)
- **Colouring Sheet**

### Activities using things around the house:

- Passover was centered around a meal, bringing people together to remember God's rescue. Have a meal together with your household and talk about how you've seen God's rescue at work in your own lives.
- Communion is something that helps us remember! Play a memory game for fun. The first player says "I'm going on a trip and I'm bringing..." and lists an item, for example, coffee. The next player says "I'm going on a trip and I'm bringing coffee and..." lists another item. See how many items you can add to the list before you start to forget!