

God Continues His Marvels

Exodus 9:13-13:16

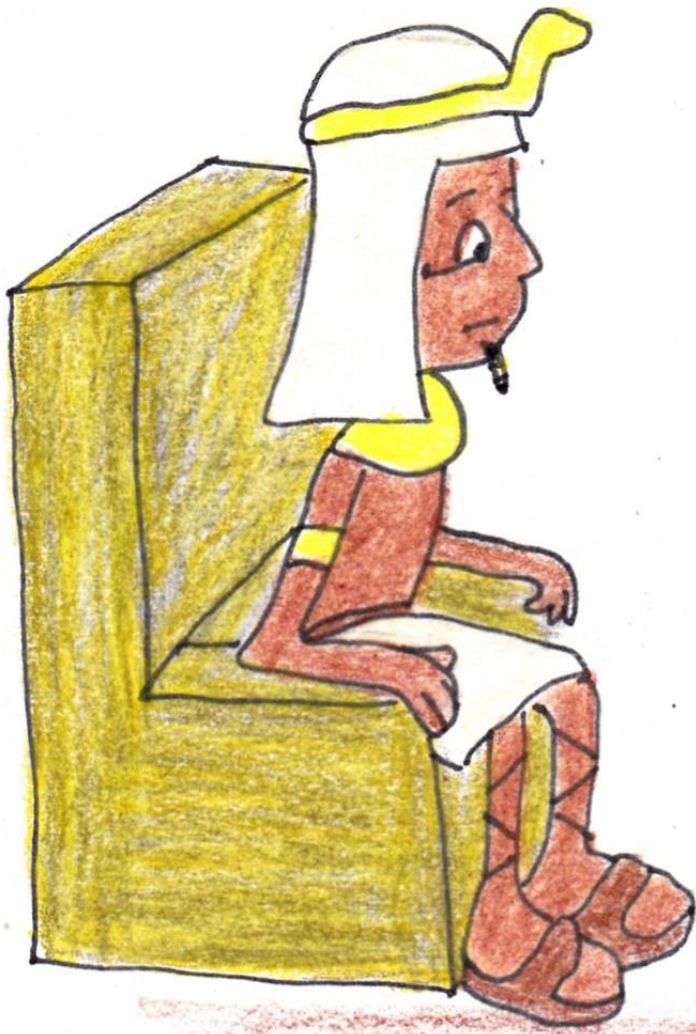




Moses went and confronted Pharaoh just as God said, “Pharaoh, let my people go or God will send worse plagues. Tomorrow God will send the worst hailstorm in history. Take shelter in houses or you will die.”

Some of Pharaoh’s officials believed Moses and hurried to put their animals in their barns. Many did not believe and left everything out for the storms. God said to Moses, “Put your hand up in the sky and hail will fall.” Moses did just as God said.

Lightning flashed, hail fell, and the storms destroyed many things. Only Goshen, where the Israelites lived was untouched.



Pharaoh summoned Moses, “I have sinned against God and Israel. God is right and I and my people are wrong. Pray to your God, and ask Him to forgive us. You may go.”

Moses looked at Pharaoh and slowly shook his head, “I will go and pray so you know the earth is the Lord’s and He alone has power. However, I know you don’t fear God, and have not repented.”

Moses left Pharaoh and prayed, and the storm stopped.

When the storm stopped most of their crops were destroyed. Just as Moses predicted Pharaoh sinned again. Pharaoh and his officials hardened their hearts and did not let Israel go.



Again Moses and Aaron went to confront Pharaoh, “God says, ‘How long will you refuse to humble yourself? Let my people go to worship me, if not I will send locusts to cover all the ground. They will fill the house of the Egyptians and nowhere you go will be safe from locusts.’”

Pharaoh knew this could destroy Egypt and called Moses to him, “Who will go to worship your God?”

Moses answered, “Our young and our old, sons and daughters. We will go with our flocks and our herds.”

Pharaoh stood up in astonishment, “So much? I will not let you go with your women and children and your flocks. You would not come back. Only your men may go.” Pharaoh waved his scepter and his guards stepped forward. Then Pharaoh’s guards chased Moses and Aaron from the palace.



God said to Moses, “Stretch your staff out over Egypt and the locusts will swarm over Egypt.” Moses did as God said and a great wind blew up from the East.

The wind blew all day and all night, and in the morning locusts had covered the land. Egyptians discovered them in their houses, in their jars of food, in their beds, and in their shoes. The land was black with locusts.

But in the land of Goshen, where the Israelites lived there were not locusts. Their crops grew and their food was safe.

Pharaoh called Moses and Aaron back to him again, “I have sinned against God and man. Forgive my sin again and pray to God to take away the locusts.

Moses left and prayed to God. God changed the wind and a great wind rose up and carried away the locusts to the Red Sea.



God looked down on Pharaoh and hardened his heart and Pharaoh did not let the Israelites go as he had promised.

God spoke to Moses, “Put your hand into the sky and darkness will come down from your staff in all of Egypt. A darkness so complete that it can be felt.”

Moses did and darkness fell over the land. The Egyptians stumbled about in the darkness, and no one but the Israelites could see.

Pharaoh summoned Moses to his throne room, “You may go with all of your people, but you must leave your flocks here.”

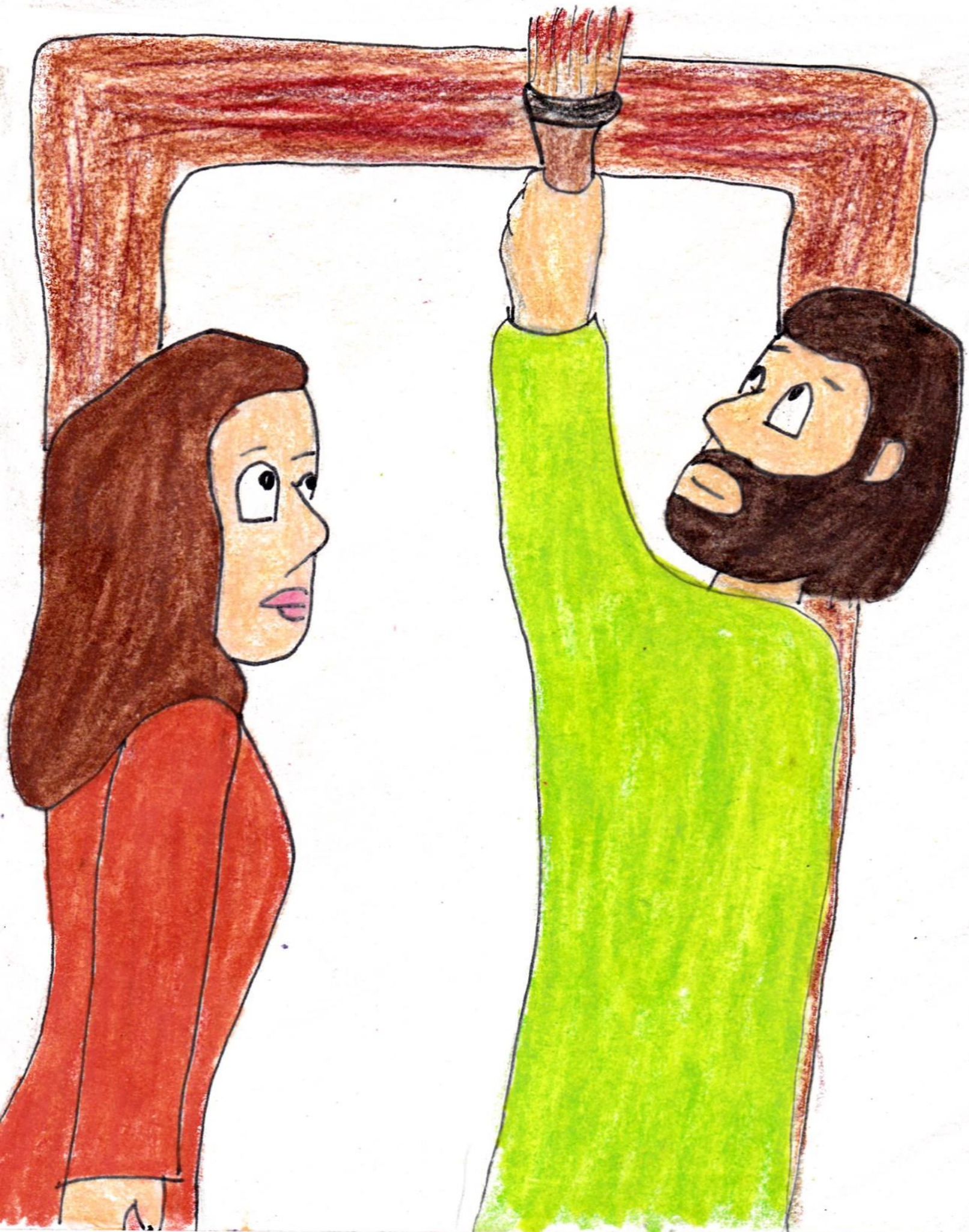
Moses pounded his staff into the floor in frustration, “That will not do. We need our flocks to make our burnt offerings. We won’t know until we get there which ones will please God.”



God hardened Pharaoh's heart again and Pharaoh would not let them go. Pharaoh looked down at Moses in anger, "Go away! The next time I see you, you will die!"

Moses shook his head and turned to leave, but God whispered in his ear. "There will be one last plague and then you will release us. About midnight an angel will go through out the land and kill all of the first born sons from the son of Pharaoh on the throne to the poorest maid in the street. But there will be no crying in Goshen for God will remember his people and there will be no death."

Pharaoh sat back not believing a word of what Moses said. Finally Moses shook the dust off his feet and his coat and left the palace.



Then Moses went to the Israelites and gave them God's instructions. You are to take a lamb without blemish and kill it. Take some branches and dip them in the blood and paint your door frame with it. God will see the blood as a sign and pass over your house. He will not let the Destroyer come into your house."

Moses continued his instructions, "Now go and clear any yeast out of your house. You will eat bread with no yeast for the next seven days so you can leave at a moment's notice. Roast the lamb over a fire and eat with your shoes on and your staff at hand."

He gave one final word of warning, "No matter what you see or hear do not leave your house." The Israelites heard and obeyed God's will.



That night all of the Israelites ate with their shoes on and ready to leave. They ate crackers and lamb, and huddled in their houses safe.

Meanwhile God passed his judgment on Egypt. He went to every house that was not protected and killed the firstborn son from the lowest menial maid to Pharaoh. No house escaped the death. And just as God had predicted there was a great wailing and crying in Egypt as mothers discovered their dead sons.



That night Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron to his palace, ‘Leave my people! You and all your people, take it all! Just pray a blessing upon me before you go.’ He sank into his throne a broken and dejected man.

The Egyptians did all they could to hurry the Israelites out of the country, “If you do not leave now we’ll all be dead.” The Egyptians showered them with presents, giving them gold and silver, all of their riches.

Moses and all of the Israelites left Egypt just as God had said. They traveled with all of their women and children and all of their flocks, 600,000 people. They left in such a hurry they did not have time to cook their bread, so they carried their dough rolled up in towels.

It was 430 years after Israel had first come to Egypt.

Questions

Younger Kids

1. After the hail storm Pharaoh says he has done wrong. Did he really mean it? What did he do after God stopped the hail?
2. What plagues happened in this story? Which one would be the hardest for you to go through?
3. What animal were the Israelites to sacrifice and eat?
4. Who did God keep safe? Did Pharaoh's son die?
5. How long did Israel live in Egypt?

Middle Kids and Older Guys

1. Read Exodus 9:27 and 10:16. Was Pharaoh genuinely repentant?
2. Read Exodus 9:29. What other examples can you think of where God shows His glory and that He is in charge?
3. Read Exodus 10:2. God commands Moses and Aaron to tell their children and their

grandchildren what they have seen. Who can you tell about what God has done?

4. Read Exodus 12:11. Why do you think God told them to eat their food this way?

Older Guys

1. Read Revelation 16:10 and Exodus 10:21-23. What similarities do you see? What differences?
2. Read Exodus 9:27 and 10:16. Then read Matthew 13:1-23. Which of those seeds do you think Pharaoh is?
3. Read Exodus 10:7-11. What reasons are Pharaoh's advisors giving to let the slaves go? Do we sometimes couch fear of God's power in practical reasons?
4. What compromises does Pharaoh attempt to come up with? Read Exodus 8:25, 28, 10:11, and 24. Why are these not acceptable?
5. Read Exodus 12:1-6. Why do you think God told the Israelites to house the animal for 14 days?

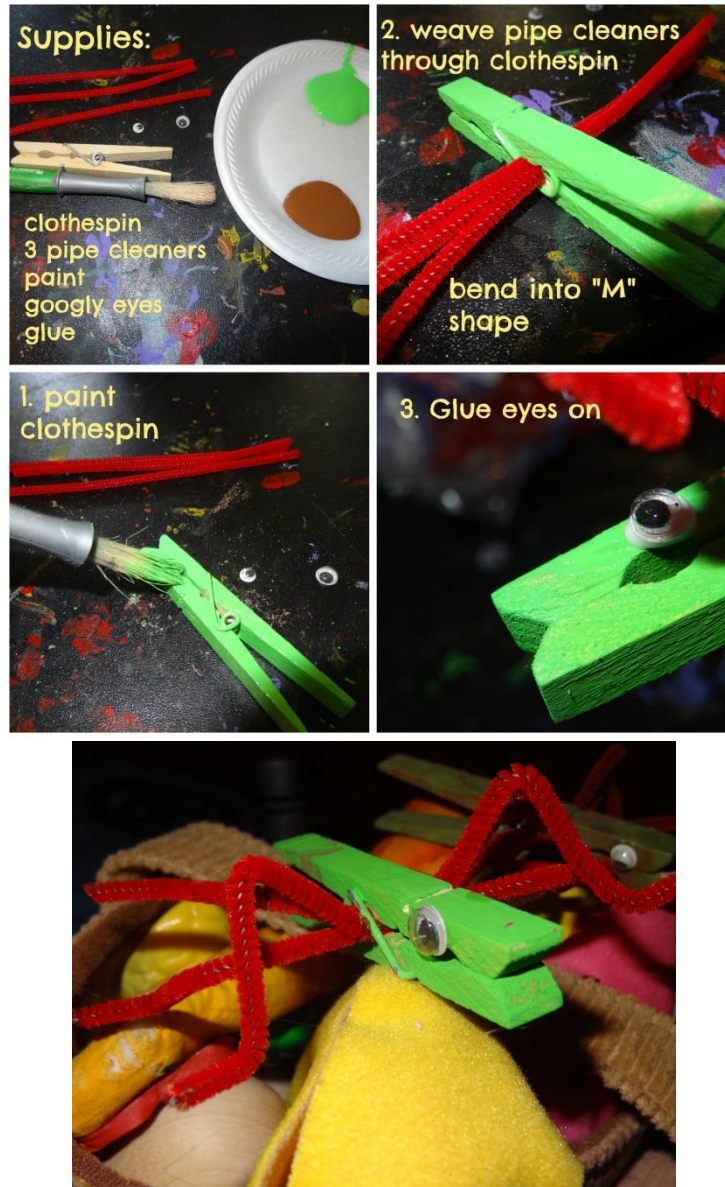
6. Read Exodus 13:1-10. What did God tell the Israelites to do to remember what He had done? What can you do to remember what God has done?

Activities

1. Imagine how the Egyptians felt being in the dark for 3 days. Try walking around your house blindfolded or doing an obstacle course while blindfolded. Another variation is playing a “Blind Man’s Bluff” game.
2. As a family read these verses: Exodus 12:46; Psalms 34:20; and John 19:33. How does this point to Jesus?
3. Make bread. There are recipes you can try here (<http://allrecipes.com/Recipes/bread/yeast-bread/Main.aspx>). How long does it take? Why do you think God said not to put in yeast?
4. Gather some toilet paper rolls (these are going to be your wheat) and then gather some socks and roll them into a ball, or bean bags if you have them. Stack the rolls on the end and try throwing the socks/bean bags at them. Notice

how quickly the toilet paper rolls fell down.
This is a lot like what happened to the wheat
and crops of the Egyptians when the hail
struck.

5. Make a locust out of a clothespin:



Online

1. Moses and the 10 Plagues craft-

<http://biblestoryhour.blogspot.com/2009/04/unit-1-lesson-7c-moses-and-10-plagues.html>

2. Prince of Egypt plagues song-

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3oX-Kcx2BAc>

3. Mose and the Big Exit plagues-

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=roA-bTp2UcQ&playnext=1&list=PLA84B9B59D13C9E18>

4. Grasshopper legs snack-

<http://www.dltk-kids.com/recipesdb/view.asp?rid=319>

5. 10 Plagues craft-

<http://lessonplans.craftgossip.com/the-ten-plagues-passover-kids-craft/2011/04/10>