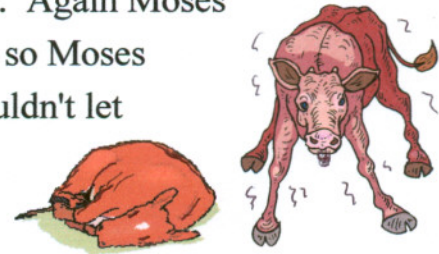


The land of Egypt was ruled by a wicked king called Pharaoh. This king made the Israelite people work as slaves. They couldn't quit work when it got hot or when they got thirsty or tired. Sometimes mean taskmasters would whip the Israelite slaves and they would cry to God for help. God heard their cry and he sent Moses to help the children of Israel. Through Moses God made many miracles happen. The Nile river turned to blood and frogs came into all the peoples houses (even Pharaoh's palace). Huge amounts of bugs bit and stung and made sores on the Egyptian people...but still the stubborn Pharaoh wouldn't let the children of Israel leave Egypt, not even to go worship God. So God sent more plagues on the Egyptians so Pharaoh would let the poor slaves go.

Next the cows and sheep and camels all got sick and many died. Again Moses asked Pharaoh to let the Israelite people go, but still he refused, so Moses told Pharaoh that God would send even worse plagues if he wouldn't let the people go.



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It made Moses and Aaron very sad that Pharaoh wouldn't listen to God. Some of the Egyptian people also wanted their king to listen to God. They believed God would do what he said, but Pharaoh wouldn't even listen to his own people. He really was a stubborn man, wasn't he? Next the people got terrible sores all over their hands and arms and bodies and after this Moses warned the people to all go inside, for a terrible hail storm was going to come over the land. Many people believed Moses and put their animals in barns and they shut themselves in their houses. However, many others kept on working outside. Then the sky turned dark and there was loud rumbling from the dark sky. Lightning flashed and boomed and crackled and huge, white, hailstones fell on all the people, animals and plants that were outside. The corn and wheat was all beaten down by the hail and those who stayed outside were hurt very badly by the huge hailstorm.



Do you think Pharaoh would let the people leave now?

Pharaoh called Moses and Aaron into the palace. "Make the hail stop, he cried. I'll let the children of Israel go as soon as the hail stops!" Do you think he was telling the truth?

Moses prayed to God and right away the hail stopped, the clouds turned white and fluffy and the sun began to shine. God is very powerful, isn't he? When Pharaoh looked out his window and saw the sun shining, he changed his mind and told Moses and Aaron to leave the palace and tell the Israelite people were to go back to their work...they couldn't leave!

Is it right to tell a lie? It's the wrong thing to do, isn't it? Pharaoh told a lie and now God would bring more plagues on Egypt! The sky began to turn dark again ... was it another storm? No, it was a thick cloud of grasshoppers! They were called "locust" and they covered the land and sky like thick dark clouds of moving insects! The locust ate the leaves on the trees, they ate the grain that the hail had left and they ate all the garden plants like peas and beans and carrots. They ruined every plant they could see



Pharaoh called Moses and pleaded with him to stop the locust before all their food was gone. "The Israelites may go to worship their God," Pharaoh said, "just get rid of these locust!" Once again Moses prayed and a strong wind came along blowing the locust out to the sea. Moses hoped that Pharaoh would keep his word, but guess what?

Pharaoh called Moses and said, "Only the men can go worship your God, the women and children must stay here and keep working." Pharaoh lied once again, didn't he? God wanted all his people to be free and leave Egypt.

Then God told Moses to stretch out his hand and thick darkness would cover the land. It was daytime but no one could see anything!

Close your eyes very tight ... can you see anything? Put your hands over your eyes...it's even darker, isn't it? This darkness in Egypt was very frightening! The lamps wouldn't stay lit and people could hear noises but didn't know what they were! For three long days the people had to stay in their beds or try and feel around the house to find some water or food!

Can you see the boy and the girl and the dog and the loaf of bread in this dark house? Neither could the Egyptians.

The Israelites had light in their homes, for God gave the Israelites light!



Now the very worse plague of all was coming. God warned the children of Israel that they must do something special. They were to take some lambs blood and paint the door frames of their houses. That was a funny thing to do, wasn't it? God said this lamb would be a sacrifice, called a "Passover lamb." That night an angel of God would "pass over" the houses with the red on the door frames. The Egyptian people who didn't have lambs blood on their doors would have an awful thing happen. Some in their families would die. If they listened to God and joined the Israelites the angel would pass over their homes and they would be safe.

That night the Israelites dressed in their outdoor clothes, put on their walking shoes and ate their dinner standing up, ready to travel. When his awful plague came, Pharaoh and the Egyptians begged the Israelites to leave. They even gave them gold and jewels if they would leave. That night the Israelite men and women, boys and girls and sheep and cattle left Egypt in a big group. They carried their clothes on their backs or on carts and wagons and each of them had some gold and jewels that the Egyptians gave them! No one in the Israelite homes died, for the houses were covered by the lambs blood. This makes us think of Jesus, who was called a lamb of God, he saves us.



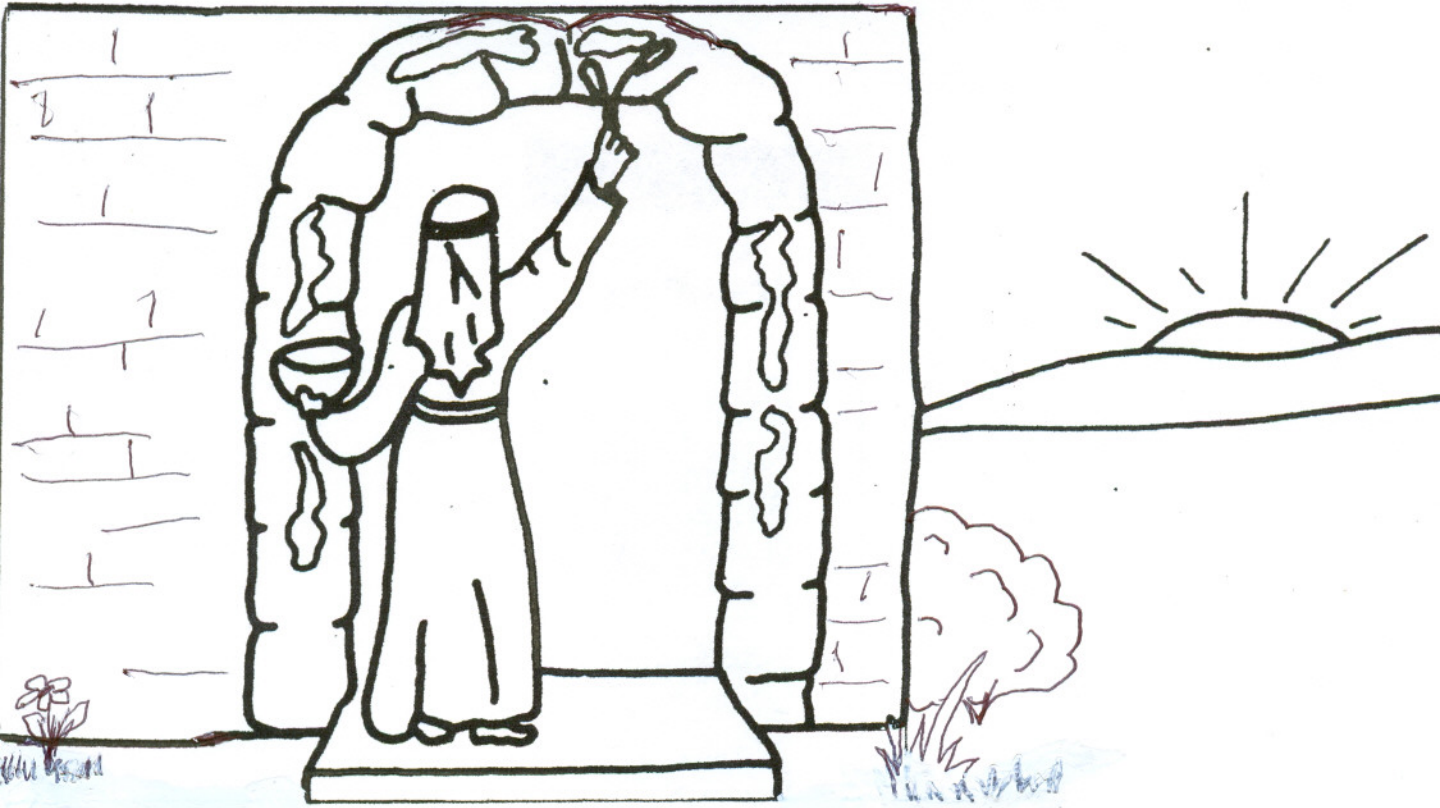
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1. Were the children of Israel rich rulers or poor slaves?
2. Did God send Moses and Aaron to help save the Israelites?
3. What happened when a terrible hail storm fell on the plants and animals?
4. Were "Locust" grasshoppers, frogs, or ants?
5. What kind of food do locust like to eat? (bread and jam or leaves and plants)?
6. Tell what it would be like if everything inside and out was very, very, dark
Would you like to be in a plague of darkness?
7. Who "passed over" the Israelite houses and saved those inside? (an angel or Pharaoh)?
8. What did the Israelites do with the lambs blood?
9. Is Jesus called the "lamb of God"?
10. What kind of clothes did the Israelites wear on the night of the Passover?
11. What did the Egyptian people give the Israelites when they left Egypt?
(bread and milk, cars to drive in, gold and jewels)?

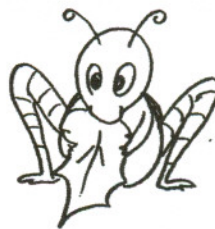
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This man is painting the door frames of his house. What is he using for paint? Can you color the man and house and use bright red crayon for the paint?



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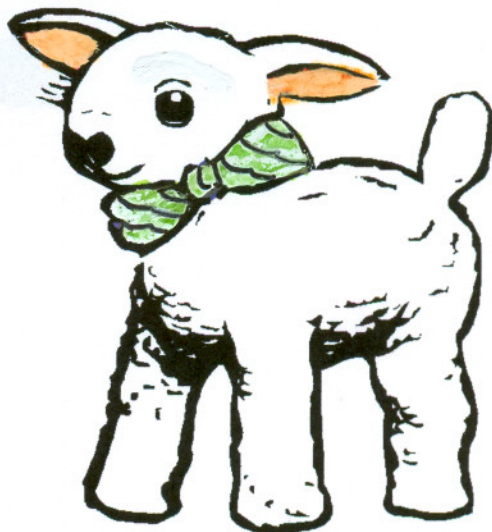
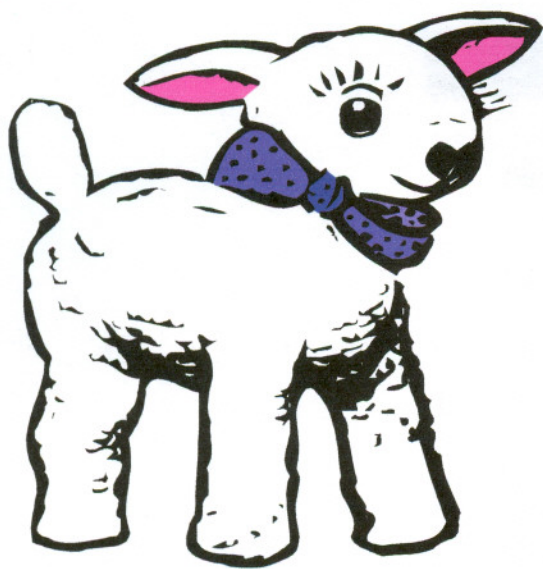
Clouds of Locust ate all the plants in Egypt. Some locust are one side of the line and some on the other. Color them and draw a line between the ones that look alike.



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Jesus was called the Lamb of God; he sacrificed his own life to save us.

Below are two lambs who are sad because they don't have any nice, fuzzy, wool. Have mom or dad help you put some wool on the lambs. Take some cotton balls, tear them apart and use paste or two way scotch tape to paste the cotton on the lamb. Can you draw some grass and flowers for them to eat?



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The children of Israel listened to God and they are safe in the house when the bad hail storm comes. Draw some dark clouds, some yellow lightning and some big hailstones falling all around the house.

