

## Nothing Matches Gods Power

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*(Read the following story from Exodus 11-12 to your child. Stop as indicated to let your child(ren) participate and respond. Show your child where this story is found in your Bible.)*

### God Sends Plagues on Egypt

Moses went to see mean King Pharaoh ten times. Ten times Moses said to King Pharaoh, "Let my people go!!" But, King Pharaoh always said, "No, no, no!" King Pharaoh did not understand that **NOTHING MATCHES GOD'S POWER.**

Moses told Pharaoh, "Tonight in Egypt the son who was born first in every family will die." Then, Moses told God's people, the Israelites to "get ready," because soon Pharaoh was finally going to let them go free. Moses told the Israelites to find a perfect lamb and cook it over the fire to eat for dinner. Then, the Israelites were to take some of the blood from the lamb and paint it on the sides and top of the doorframes of their house. Then, everyone in the family was to eat dinner in a big hurry with all their things packed, with their shoes on, standing up, ready to leave with their walking stick in their hand. The Israelite's did everything just like Moses told them to do. *(Discuss with your child how different the Passover meal for the Israelites was from the way you eat dinner now. Explain that this dinner was new and different for the Israelites too.)*

When God came through Egypt that night, He saw the lamb's blood on the Israelite's doorframes and He passed over those houses and the first born sons that lived there did not die. In the middle of the night, though, there was loud crying and much sadness because most of the Egyptians had not put blood on the doorframes of their houses. So, their first born sons had not lived. "Go, go, go," Pharaoh yelled. Finally, the Israelites were free to leave Egypt!!! And, that is exactly what they did.

When Jesus came to earth, He was called the Passover lamb. Jesus was perfect like the Passover lamb. Jesus never did anything wrong. But still, Jesus died on a cross to take God's punishment for all the wrong things you and I do. Jesus didn't have to die on a cross. Jesus wanted to take God's punishment for our sins for us because He loves us so much. Jesus didn't stay dead. Jesus came back to life again and now He lives in Heaven with His Father, God. Now, our sins can be forgiven and we can someday live forever in heaven with God and Jesus. *(Ask your child if they believe that Jesus died for their sins. Use this as an opportunity to invite your child to ask Jesus to be their Savior.)*

These commandments that I give to you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

— Deuteronomy 6:6-8

### Let's Talk About It!

1. How many times did Moses talk to Pharaoh?
2. What did the Israelites do to get ready to leave Egypt?
3. What happened when God saw blood on the doorpost?
4. Who is called the Passover lamb?
5. What can match God's power?

ANSWERS:  
(1) 10 (2) cook lamb, put blood on doorpost, eat quickly,  
pack (3) He passed over, first born lived.  
(4) Jesus (5) Nothing

## At Home And On The Road

*At a meal or in the car,  
discuss the following  
with your child.*

What a wonderful story about God's grace! God was willing to let the first born sons of the Israelites live because of the blood of the lamb on the doorposts of the houses. God is also willing to let us live because of the blood of Jesus shed on the cross.

**Discussion:** Discuss with your child that the punishment for sin is death, but Jesus came to die in our place. He represents the lamb who died in place of the first born children of Israel. Only God's great power could provide a substitute such as Jesus to die for our sins, and NOTHING MATCHES GOD'S POWER.

"Every word of God proves true."  
Proverbs 30:5

Read Proverbs 30:5 to your child and show them where it is found in the Bible. Encourage them to say it with you in a variety of ways. For example, have them say it fast then slow, quiet then loud, etc.

## Hands and Forehead

*Enjoy the following  
scripture verse with  
your child.*

## Doorframes And Gates

*Enjoy this project that  
reinforces the lesson to  
your child.*

(Have fun with this project that reinforces the lesson to your child.)

**Nothing Matches God's Power.** Have a Passover remembrance with your child. Serve them grape juice and bread or crackers. Explain that we sometimes have remembrance meals, called communion, in church that is just like the one they're eating. Tell them that we do this in church to remember that just as the lamb died for the Israelites at Passover, Jesus died on the cross for us, so that we may be forgiven for all the bad things we do.

