

God Saves His People and Warns Pharaoh
Exodus 7:14-10:29

Dear Parents,

Today, as we studied the nine plagues, we learned that God's power is greater than any other power. We saw how He warns people so that they will see His greatness and worship him. We had fun counting to nine and discovering a different plague that went with each number. We even turned water to "blood" with a tiny bit of Kool-Aid added to each water cup. We reenforced the story by singing our "Moses Song", "Pharaoh, Pharaoh", and "My God Is So Big".

In preparing to teach this lesson, I thought about how little children often stomp their foot and say, "No" just like willful, hard-hearted Pharaoh. I was reminded of the importance of parental discipline as a means of turning the hearts of our precious ones from selfish acts (hard hearts) to lives of self-control and submission to our Mighty, Loving Heavenly Father (soft hearts). In their devotional book, *God's Wisdom for Navigating Life*, Tim and Kathy Keller say this about the importance of discipline:

"There is a design in the world, and to go against it brings natural consequences. If parents do not bring carefully controlled, unpleasant consequences into the children's lives, they will go out into the world and bring far more painful and harmful results to themselves later. Inflicting minor sadness now avoids great despair later. If you do this when they are young there is hope that the child will internalize your training and learn self-control. If you don't, you are a willing party to their death (Proverbs 19:18). Strong words, but fair. God's parenting is perfect, and he disciplines us for our good. He knows that we hate the consequences he brings into our lives now, but later they will bear enormous fruit. (Hebrews 12:9-11). What families have you seen do this well? What can you learn from them?" [Page 274].

May the Lord give each of you the grace to do this well.

Again, we are so grateful for the opportunity to scatter seeds of grace and truth into the lives of your little ones. What a blessing it is to come along side you as you raise your children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

To God Alone Be the Glory,

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