

Lesson 8

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Kids

How did God rescue the family of Israel from exile and slavery?

God sent 10 plagues on Egypt and humbled them until they let his people go.

Read aloud: Exodus 9:13-16

Recommended Illustration

Nobody likes a bully. Have you ever been threatened by a bully? Worse yet, have you ever BEEN the bully? Whenever a bully is on the scene, there's only one solution. We need someone bigger, stronger, or at least braver than the bully to step in and let him know who is boss. Tell your kids a story about a bully you've known or heard about. If nothing personal comes to mind, google "sitcom bullies" and you'll get a few good examples, maybe even a video clip!

Although we will often run up against obstacles or opponents that outmatch us, nothing could outmatch our God.

Helpful Insights

God will not allow anyone to call His one-of-a-kind-ness into question. He is the Creator of all things and He alone is God. His rescue of Israel from the midst of Egypt is a demonstration of that one-of-a-kind-ness.

The focus here, rather than being on the plagues themselves, is actually on God's one-of-a-kind-ness. For a tiny nation surrounded by nations bigger, stronger, older, and more populous than they to make a claim like "there is none like our God" is absurd.

Every nation thought their god was the greatest. Israel alone, though, made the claim that their God was the *only* God. Deuteronomy 4:32-35 provides a brilliant commentary on God's work of claiming His nation out of the midst of another. With His mighty hand (to choke the antagonists of His people) and outstretched arm (sleeves presumably rolled up with biceps bulging), God demonstrates that the "other gods" are nothing and that He is the only Almighty.

The Point

Because of God's one-of-a-kind-ness, He alone is worth worshiping. Because of God's power to protect us, we can feel secure when we are in His family. Because of God's promise to protect us, we can feel safe even when the world seems like a dangerous place to be.

