



EXODUS For Kids



Hey kids, for our family devotion today I want you to imagine that your best friend is coming over to play tomorrow and you are getting ready for their arrival. Now here is the first question I have for you, "Would you want your best friend to a good time or a bad time with you?" (Well of course a good time!) Since you would want them to have a good time, would you give them your worst toys, average toys, or best toys to play with? (Of course you would give them your best!)

Ok, so far you have told me that if your best friend were coming over tomorrow you would want them to have a good time, so you would give them your best toys to play with, not your average or worst toys. Now I want you to imagine that God was having you over to play tomorrow. How cool would that be? Now do you think God would want you to have a good time or a bad time? (He would want you to have a good time of course). Well, just like you wanted to show your friend your very best, let's suppose God wanted to show you His very best.



Can you guess what His best thing would be? Maybe He would take you to the Painted Desert and show you all the cool sand creatures. Or maybe He would take you to the darkest jungle and show you some mysterious animal or hidden treasure! Or perhaps He would take you to the bottom of the deepest sea, or the top of the highest mountain? Or better yet, maybe He would take you out of this world at the speed of light, passing brilliant stars and far away galaxies. Or what if He took you to His heavenly throne and showed you all the angelic beings that worship Him day and night?

Now out of this list of options, you would probably agree these would be really cool to see, but the truth is that not one of these things are God's very best. In fact, all of these are below average compared to God's very best. Do you know what God's very, very best gift to you would be? It would be Him! You see, God is the greatest treasure in the whole universe. So for God to give you His best, He must give you Himself, for nothing else is as good as God. Did you know that's why the Bible says God does all things for His own glory? This means God acts and moves in ways so that all eyes would see Him, because He is the very best!

That's why God says this about the ten plagues: **"THE EGYPTIANS SHALL KNOW THAT I AM THE LORD, WHEN I STRETCH OUT MY HAND AGAINST EGYPT AND BRING OUT THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL FROM AMONG THEM."** (EXODUS 7:5). Did you hear that? God sent the ten plagues so that Egypt would see and know Him! Then later on, God's says the plagues make Him known to Israel and the whole world as well. This means that through the ten plagues, God was drawing attention to Himself because He is the very best in all the universe, and His very best gift to the world is Himself. So the next time you show off your best toy to a friend, remember that God shows Himself off to you, because He is the very best in all the world!