

## THE STORY SO FAR

As a group, recap the story of Exodus so far. Read **Exodus 6:28-7:7**.

Read **Exodus 7:8-13**.

Here we are introduced to some of the major themes of what God is doing in the next few chapters (eg: Moses & Aaron go to the king, contest between God and the king's magicians, the response of the king).

## PLAGUES!

In pairs or small groups, divide up the 10 plagues and fill in the table on the other side (the first one is done for you).

Share your results as a group. Do you notice any patterns in the table?

Do you have any questions?

Overall, what do you think God is trying to do by sending the 10 plagues?

What do we find out about God, and his relationship to:

- Israel?
- the king?
- magicians/other gods?
- the natural world?

Is this God your God?

*Egyptians in those days worshipped many gods. They worshipped elements of the natural world as gods and goddesses – some were pictured as frogs, cows, some were associated with wind & storms, or harvest. They worshipped the god of the Nile River. The chief god of Egypt was the sun-god, Re, and the king of Egypt was seen as an embodiment of this god.*

*Egypt was a very powerful country and so the world believed that this must be because the gods of Egypt were the most powerful gods. According to this thinking, Israel must have a very weak god because they were only slaves.*

*How does this help us to understand what God is doing in the 10 plagues?*



## Exodus • Week 3

# WHO IS THE REAL GOD?

| <b>Plague</b>   | <b>God's warning or command</b>                              | <b>Trigger</b>                       | <b>What happens</b>  | <b>God's purpose</b>                     | <b>Magicians copy?</b> | <b>Israelites spared?</b> | <b>King's response</b>                                  |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|--|--|------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| <b>1. Blood</b><br>7:14-24                              | Go to the king, tell him: The LORD says: Let my people go... | Raising Aaron's stick over the water | All water sources become blood. Fish die. River smells. Water undrinkable. | "you will know that I am the LORD" (v17) | Yes                    | No                        | Stubborn, refused to listen, just as the LORD had said. |
| <b>2. Frogs</b><br>7:25-8:15                            |  |                                      |  |  |                        |                           |   |
| <b>3. Gnats</b><br>8:16-19                              |  |                                      |  |  |                        |                           |   |
| <b>4. Flies</b><br>8:20-32                              |  |                                      |  |  |                        |                           |   |
| <b>5. Farm animals</b><br>9:1-7                         |  |                                      |  |  |                        |                           |   |
| <b>6. Boils</b><br>9:8-12                               |  |                                      |  |  |                        |                           |   |
| <b>7. Hail</b><br>9:13-35                               |  |                                      |  |  |                        |                           |   |
| <b>8. Locusts</b><br>10:1-20                            |  |                                      |  |  |                        |                           |   |
| <b>9. Darkness</b><br>10:21-29                          |  |                                      |  |  |                        |                           |   |
| <b>10. Death of firstborn</b><br>(announced)<br>11:1-10 |  |                                      |  |  |                        |                           |   |