

## The Ten Plagues

First came the **Plague of Blood**. The River Nile was essential for Egyptian life, so when God turned the water of the River Nile, and all the water of Egypt, into blood, the fish and crops died and the Egyptian people suffered terribly.

Second came the **Plague of Frogs**: Can you imagine if everything was covered in frogs? It sounds funny but I expect it wasn't very nice! W

After the frogs, came the the third plague, the **Plague of Lice**. Everything and everyone was covered in creepy crawly itchy lice.

Fourth came the **Plague of Flies**. Flies swarmed into Egypt in huge numbers and got everywhere!

After the flies came the fifth plague, the **Plague on Livestock**. All of Egypt's animals - horses, donkeys, camels, cows, sheep and goats - died. Egyptians began to be very hungry.

Next God sent a **Plague of Boils**. Boils are very painful infected spots, and the people of Egypt and all their livestock were covered with them.

Can you imagine things getting worse? After the boils came the seventh plague, the **Plague of Hail**, with a huge hailstorm which flattened down any surviving crops. The hail stones were so big that they killed people and animals!

Eighth came the **Plague of Locusts**. Locusts swarmed into Egypt and munched up any crops which were still standing, leaving nothing behind them.

After that, for the ninth plague, the people of Egypt were terrified by the **Plague of Darkness**. The sun disappeared and for three full days Egypt went dark.

The Tenth Plague - the **Plague on the First-born**. God told Moses that one of his angels would go from house to house and kill every Egyptian first-born son! To save Israelite children from the same fate, Moses should tell his people to follow some very specific instructions: to kill a lamb and use its blood to make a mark on their doors, then to roast and eat the lamb with bitter herbs and unleavened (flat) bread, while dressed for a journey.