



Mad Props

Moses: The Plagues

BIG IDEA: God is all-powerful, so I can go to Him for help.

BIBLE BASIS: Exodus 7:14–10:20

KEY VERSE: “You have made the heavens and the earth. Nothing is too hard for you.” Jeremiah 32:17 (NIRV)

★ SMALL GROUP CONNECT

“MAD PROPS” COMMUNITY BUILDER

Say: Hello everyone! Are you ready for another week of “Mad Props?” We all know that God is powerful, but during today’s “Mad Props” lesson, we’re going to see just how powerful He is! Before we get to that, though, let’s play another round of our “Mad Props” game.

Directions: Hold up a plastic cup (or other random object) for the kids to see. Tell the kids to imagine all of the things that the cup could be other than a cup. To get them started, hold cup up to your mouth and tell them (in a loud voice) that it’s a megaphone. Have the kids take turns holding the cup and showing everyone what else it could be. Challenge the group to come up with as many ideas as possible. When finished, ask the kids the following question:

Question: If you had all the power in the world, what would you do with it?

ADDITIONAL TIME ACTIVITY—THUMBS UP, THUMBS DOWN

If you have additional time before Large Group begins, play “Thumbs Up, Thumbs Down.” Simply ask the kids in your group to share one good thing that happened this week (thumbs up) and one not-so-good thing (thumbs down). This is a great way for your group to share celebrations and struggles with one another.

★ LARGE GROUP LESSON



SMALL GROUP ACTIVITIES

THE BIG BIBLE STORY QUESTIONS

For Younger Kids:

1. In what ways were you able to see God's power in this story?
2. If you were Moses, how would you have felt when God sent all of those plagues? Why?

For Older Kids:

1. What do you think this story teaches us about God?
2. In the Bible, it says that it was God who hardened Pharaoh's heart so that he wouldn't let the Israelites go. Why do you think God did this? Look up Romans 9:17-18 to see the answer.

9 PLAGUE CHARADES

Say: In today's story, Pharaoh refused to let the Israelites go so they could worship and follow God. But nothing is too hard for God. God used His power to force Pharaoh into freeing His people. To do that, God sent some powerful plagues.

Question: Can anyone tell me what a plague is?

Question: Today we heard about 9 different plagues. Can you remember what they were? (*See below for a list of the nine plagues covered in today's story.*)

Directions: There are two different kinds of cards for this game: Plague Charade cards and Question cards. Mix the cards together and place them face down in the middle of the group. Choose a kid to select one card from the top of the pile. If the kid chooses a Question card, have them read the card aloud to the group and then answer the question. Afterwards, allow the rest of the group to answer the question too. If the kid chooses a Plague Charade card, have them act out the plague on the card while the rest of the group guesses which plague they are acting out. When finished, the kid who drew the card can choose someone to go next. Continue the game until all of the cards have been used.

Question Cards:

1. What's one problem you have right now that you could ask God for help with?
2. Can you think of a way that God has helped you with a past problem?
3. Of all the plagues that hit the Egyptians, which one do you think would have been the worst? Why?
4. What do you think is going to happen next in the story of Moses?

Plague Cards:

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| 1. Water turns to blood | 6. Boils (sores) all over your body |
| 2. Frogs | 7. Hail |
| 3. Gnats | 8. Locusts |
| 4. Flies | 9. Darkness |
| 5. Livestock dies | |



TOSS-A-VERSE (Bible Memorization Activity)

Directions: Place the Bible verse sign in the middle of the group and read it carefully with your kids several times so they can begin to memorize it. Practice saying it together a few times. When everyone is ready, turn the sign over so they can no longer read it. Today's Bible verse says:

"You have made the heavens and the earth. Nothing is too hard for you." Jeremiah 32:17

Tell the kids they're going to toss an imaginary object to each other. The kid who catches the object has to say the next word in the verse. Let the kids take turns deciding what the imaginary object will be. It could be something really small, like a feather; really big, like a refrigerator; or really hot, like a fireball. They'll have to adjust how they throw the object based on what's being thrown. Continue throwing the object until the whole verse has been recited. When finished, have the entire group say the whole verse together. Next, choose a different imaginary object and begin another round. Continue playing rounds until the kids have confidently memorized the verse. When finished, ask the following question:

Question: How do you think God could use His power to help you?

PRAYER HUDDLE (Group Prayer Activity)

Directions: Encourage kids in your group to share prayer requests or praises with one another. When kids are finished sharing, open the group in prayer. Allow the kids in the group to take turns praying aloud for themselves or for each other. When finished, close the group with a final prayer.

