

The Passover Story



When Moses was born, his people were slaves in Egypt. When he was a baby, his mum put him in a basket and floated him down the River Nile.

Years later, Moses was walking in the desert. He heard God speak to him from near a bush. God told Moses to set his people free.

Moses went to Egypt and asked the King to free his people. The King said no.

God was angry with the King, so he sent ten bad plagues.



The plagues were

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hail

frogs

locusts

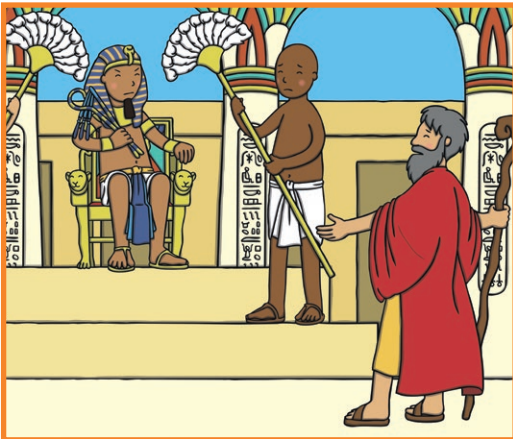
darkness

boils

flies

death of animals

lice



In one plague, the oldest son in every family died. But, God told Moses to tell his people to mark their doors with lamb's blood to be safe. This was how the angel of death would know to pass over their houses. This is why we call it Passover.

At last, the King let the people go.



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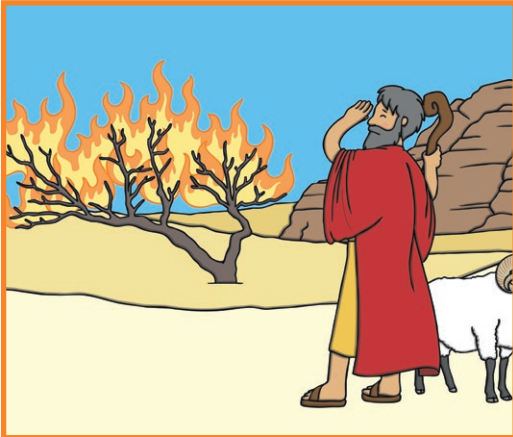
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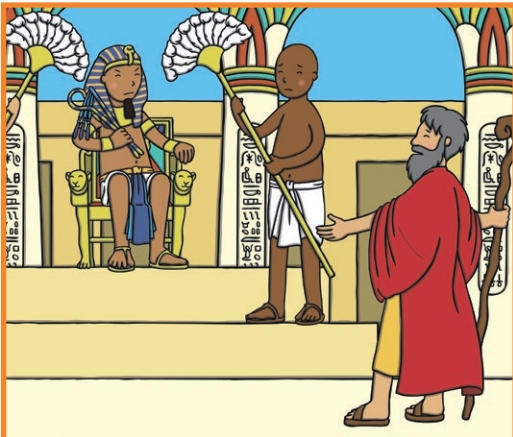
When Moses was born, the Israelites were slaves in Egypt. The King of Egypt told his soldiers to kill all the Israelite baby boys so they would not grow up and fight him.

To save Moses, his mother put him in a basket and let him float down the River Nile. Moses was found by the King's daughter. She raised him as a royal prince.



Many years later, Moses was in the desert and heard God speak to him near a burning bush. God asked Moses to lead the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt to the Promised Land.

Moses went back to Egypt and asked the King to free his people. The King said no, because he did not want to lose his slaves.



God was angry and punished Egypt with ten awful plagues, including frogs, flies, locusts and hail. After each plague, Moses went to ask the King to free his people but every time he said no.

The tenth plague was the worst. In this plague, the oldest son in every family died. Even the King's own son died. But, God told Moses to tell the Israelites to mark their doorposts with lamb's blood so that they would be safe. This was how the angel of death would know to pass over their houses and not hurt the Israelites' sons by mistake. This is why the festival is called Passover.



Finally, after this horrible plague, the king let the Israelites go.

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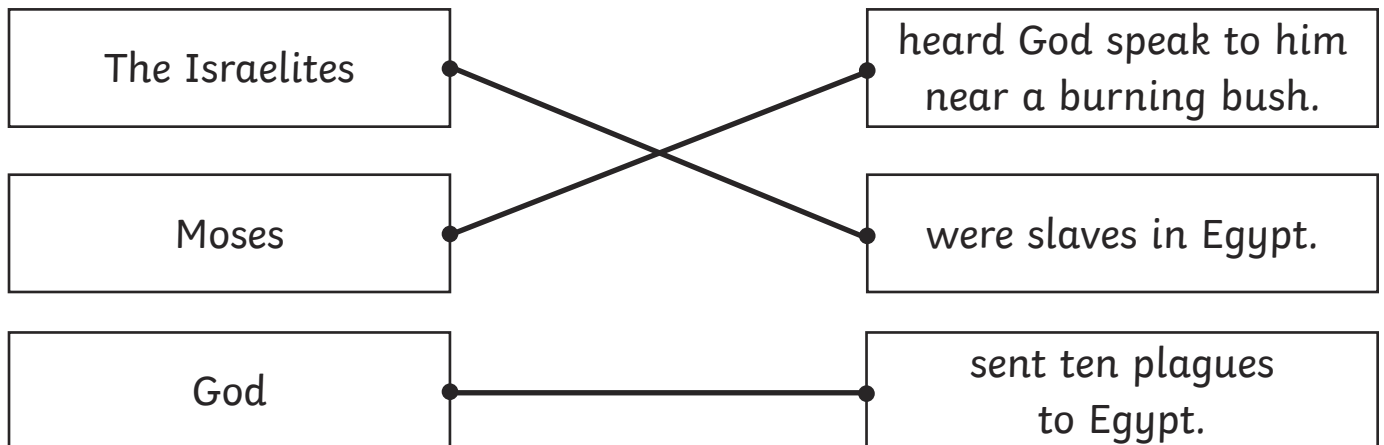
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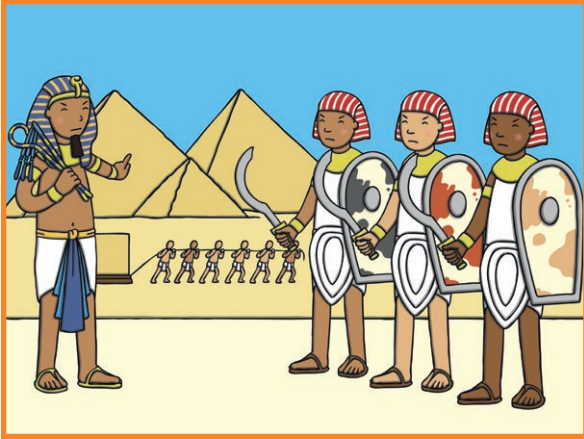
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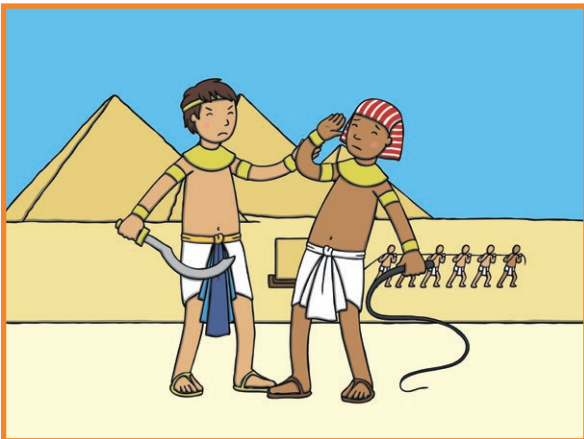
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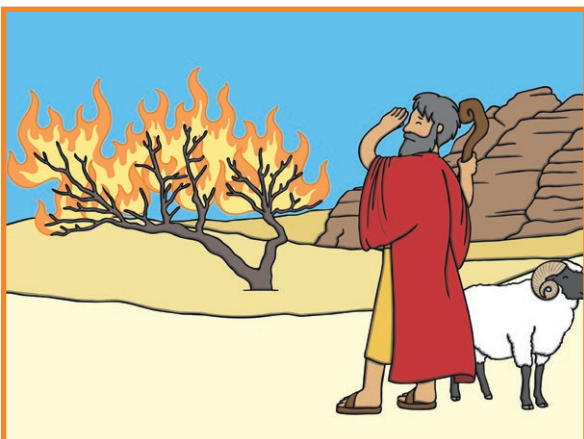
When Moses was born, the Israelites were slaves in Egypt. The Pharaoh was afraid of them because he thought they might take over his country. He ordered his soldiers to kill all the Israelite baby boys at birth so they would not grow up and fight him.



To save Moses, his mother made a plan. She put him in a basket and set him adrift on the River Nile and left his fate to God's will. Moses floated down the river where the Pharaoh's daughter found and rescued him. She brought him back to the palace and raised him as her son.



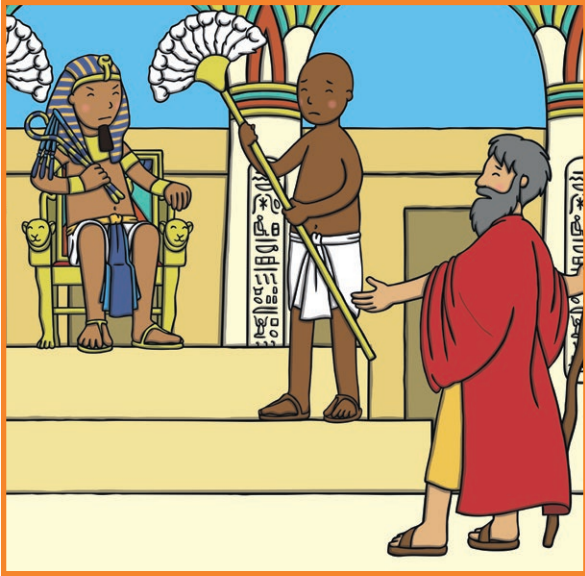
Moses grew up in the palace as a royal prince. One day he lost his temper and killed an Egyptian who had beaten an Israelite slave to death. He had to flee to another country.



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Moses returned to Egypt and asked the Pharaoh to free his people. The Pharaoh said no because he did not want to lose his slaves.

God was angry and punished the Egyptians with ten terrible plagues. God changed the water of the river to blood. Then, he sent swarms of frogs, lice, flies and locusts.



God sent hail, boils and killed the Egyptian's animals. After each plague, Moses went to ask the Pharaoh to free his people but every time he refused.

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Finally, after this plague, the Pharaoh gave in and told the Israelites to go. Afraid the Pharaoh might change his mind, they left at once. They left in such a rush that their bread did not have time to rise. This is why, during Passover, Jewish people still eat special crispy bread called Matzah.

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Accept any answer that makes reference to how God would 'pass over' the Israelites' houses.

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Child's own response. Accept any answer that references one of the plagues mentioned in the text (changing the water of the river to blood, frogs, lice, flies, locusts, hail, boils, killing the animals, darkness and killing the eldest son) and gives two reasons why they believe this was the worst.