

THE YEAR OF THE BIBLE



## The Silhouette of Redemption

**Icebreaker:** Would you rather be the funniest person in the room or the smartest?

**Read Together:** Exodus 7:3-5 (ESV), Exodus 10:23 (ESV), Colossians 2:15 (NIV)

**Discuss:**

- God was directly confronting the ‘gods’ of Egypt by sending plagues that they should have protected Egypt from experiencing. Take a moment as a group to see which gods were affected by the plagues.
- God hardened Pharaoh’s heart. That statement may seem unfair until you consider that the same sun hardens clay and also softens butter. What do you think Pharaoh’s heart was like before God hardened it?

Plagues	‘gods’ of Egypt
	• Khuum: the guardian of the Nile.
1. Nile turned to blood	•Heqt: a frog-like god of resurrection.
2. Frogs	•Hapi: the spirit of the Nile.
3. Gnats	•Osiris: the Nile was believed to be the bloodstream of Osiris
4. Flies	•Seth: the protector of crops
5. Death of livestock	•Imhotep: the god of medicine
6. Boils	•Nut: the sky goddess
7. Hail	•Hathor: a mother goddess who was a cow.
8. Locus	•Apis: a bull of the god Ptah, a symbol of fertility.
9. Darkness	•Re, Aten, Atum, and Horus: all sun gods
10. Death of Firstborn	•Minevis: also a bull, the sacred bull of Heliopolis
	•Pharaoh was also said to be divine.

**Read Together:** Exodus 11:1 (ESV), Exodus 11:4-6 (ESV), Exodus 11:9-10 (ESV), Hebrews 3:15 (CSB)

**Discuss:**

- God hardened the heart of Pharaoh. The content of Pharaoh's heart was not soft toward God but rebellious and defiant. What is the content of your heart?
- Paul encourages us to soften our hearts toward God and not harden them. How can you maintain the softness of your heart?

**Read Together:** Exodus 12:1-2 (ESV), Exodus 12:21-24 (ESV)

**Discuss:**

- Take some time to go through the list below. Note how Jesus is like the Passover Lamb. Eventually, Jesus took the place of the Passover lamb in His death and resurrection. The Passover lamb was a foreshadowing of what Jesus would do for us.
1. **Lamb:** "without defect" vs. 5  
**Jesus:** "Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect." 1 Peter 1:19
  2. **Lamb:** "slaughter at twilight" vs. 6  
**Jesus:** "as evening approached" Christ died. Mark 15:42
  3. **Lamb:** "blood was to be shed" vs. 7  
**Jesus:** "a sudden flow of blood" John 19:34
  4. **Lamb:** "Blood to be applied" to save you vs. 22  
**Jesus:** "atonement (Salvation), through faith in his blood" Romans 3:25
  5. **Lamb:** "No bones of the lamb were to be broken" vs. 46  
**Jesus:** "Not one of his bones will be broken." John 19:36
  6. **Lamb:** "Those redeemed by the blood were God's possession" Exodus 13:2  
**Jesus:** "You are not your own; you were bought with a price" 1 Corinthians 6:19,20
  7. **Lamb:** "Eat it with your traveling clothes on" vs. 11  
**Jesus:** "if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" 2 Corinthians 5:17

- Imagine how the oldest child and parents in all the homes in Goshen must have felt on the night of the final plague! How would you have handled that circumstance? What do you think you would have done as you waited for the morning?

**Pray together:**

Take time to repent for any gods you may put in front of Jesus.

Thank God for the ways He provided for His people before He sent Jesus.

Thank God for Jesus and the sacrifice made to make us CLEAN!