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Lesson #38---THE FINGER OF GOD
Scripture: Exodus 6:9-8:19

TO HELP US STUDY:

1. After Pharaoh took away the straw from the brickmaking Israelites, how did Moses feel about going back to see him? _____
2. What did God intend to do to show Pharaoh his greatness (7:4)? _____
3. How old was Moses when he went to see Pharaoh? _____
4. What miracle did Moses work for Pharaoh? _____
Who else worked it too? _____
5. The next morning what plague did Moses bring? _____
6. Could the magicians do this too? _____ How? _____
7. Seven days later what plague did Moses bring? _____
8. Could the magicians do this? _____ Who removed the frogs? _____
9. How did Moses produce the gnats? _____
10. When the magicians saw this plague, what did they say? _____

TO CHALLENGE TEEN THOUGHT: What does it mean to "harden" a heart? Why did God keep hardening Pharaoh's heart? Does God harden hearts today? Be sure to tell why you answer as you do.

TO HELP US REMEMBER: Young ones - Genesis 18:14 "Is anything too hard for the Lord?"
Older ones - I Chronicles 16:23-25

TIPS TO TEACHING PARENTS: Children like to be awed. Fairies, giants, dragons-- these are the things which thrill children. Perhaps this is why they like God and God likes them. They do not mind God's being bigger than they are. They like it.

Our story this week, like so many in the Bible, is charged with the mystery and might of the Almighty God. We do not tell it well or teach its truth if we fail to communicate to our children this sense of awe at God's power on Egypt. For Egypt saw more than blood and frogs and gnats. They saw the power of God. And that is why we tell the story at all--so that our children may see the Almighty, too.

Our children will be amazed at God's incredible deeds. But what about us? Will we? Is the story of a river of blood full of dead, stinking fish merely a dead, dry tale of the ancient past? Are we unmoved by the phenomenon of frogs that filled the houses of Egypt and then died in foul heaps? Do we, like Pharaoh's magicians, see in this the finger of God? Or have we ceased to see God in anything--ancient or new?

How shall we teach our children about God unless we know and feel his power?

FOR ADULT STUDY: Dt 10:14; Ps 104:5; Ps 150:2; I Chr 29:12; Job 26:14; Ps 89:8; Col 1:11; Rev 19:6; Mt 19:26; Eph 1:19; Eph 6:10.