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BIBLE ADVENTURES SCRIPT:
A1429 ~ Frogs in Egypt.

Welcome to Bible Adventures. Help for today. Hope for tomorrow. Jesus is Lord of all.

Many of us have friends who encourage us, and help us through difficult times. They add a little joy to our lives and give us hope for the future. We feel we can keep going when someone else cares about what happens to us.

The Children of Israel had been slaves in Egypt for a long time. Their burdens were so very heavy. Their future seemed so dark. It is said the night is always darkest just before the dawn. Well, that's how it was for the Hebrews. Just when things looked hopeless, the Almighty God sent a deliverer. He sent Moses, and his brother Aaron, to give the people courage and hope. God had heard their cries. He would fight for them. He would bring them out of slavery and into freedom.

The Egyptians worshipped many false idol gods. They had gods of nature; gods of the earth and skies; the sun god; a god of the Nile River, and many others. They worshipped things created by the One True God, but refused to worship the great Creator, Himself.

Moses and Aaron asked Pharaoh, the ruler of Egypt, to let God's people go three days' journey into the desert, to worship the Almighty God. But Pharaoh refused. His wise men and sorcerers could perform miracles through their gods, just as Moses and Aaron could through the great Creator. So why should he take any notice?

When Moses and Aaron turned the waters of the Nile River, and all the ponds and streams, and buckets and jars of water into blood, and everything was stinking, Pharaoh still refused. He would not listen to the true and living God because his magicians used their secret arts to do similar things.

But God waited to see if Pharaoh would change. God wanted him to learn that his idol gods were worthless. He wanted Pharaoh and all his people to know the truth, and to be free from the evil powers that held them.

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The Bible book 2 Timothy, chapter 2, says this, "God wants everyone to be saved and understand the truth."

The Almighty God gave Pharaoh and the Egyptians many chances to see His power and His care for His people. They saw He was in control of ALL things. When Pharaoh still refused to let the people go, Aaron touched the Nile River once more, and multitudes of frogs came up over the land. They were in everything; they jumped on people, and filled their houses, and Egypt's gods could do nothing. Then Pharaoh called Moses in. If only the true God would remove the frogs, Pharaoh would let the Israelites go! But, as soon as God answered Moses' prayer, Pharaoh went back on his word. He would <u>not</u> let the people go!

When Aaron touched the soil, and lice were everywhere, Pharaoh's magicians said, "This is the finger of God" **They** saw Gods power, but **Pharaoh** closed his mind and hardened his spirit.

Sin does that to us! The more we do wrong, the less we are willing to obey the truth. We become hardened against God and His ways.

Pharaoh saw no need for God until the plagues troubled him. Then as soon as God answered, and he was comfortable again, he became proud and hard once more. Time and time again, Pharaoh made promises to God, but broke them as soon as the danger was over.

The Bible book Ecclesiastes, chapter 5, says this, "When you make a promise to God, do not put off keeping it. God takes no pleasure in fools; it is better to say nothing, than to promise something you would not do."

Next, God sent a horrible plague of flies into Egypt. Each plague showed the Egyptians **their gods were powerless,** and could not protect them. But God protected His people, the Israelites, in their area of Goshen, in Egypt.

Pharaoh refused to obey God, but tried to set his own rules. "You can sacrifice to your God, here, in Egypt", he said. But Moses said NO. Egyptians worshipped the bull and the cow. They would have stoned God's people to death when they used such animals in their sacrifices.

Again Pharaoh tried to control the Almighty God. "If your God takes away these flies, the people can go a **short distance** to worship Him," he said. God <u>did</u> remove the flies, but, once again, Pharaoh broke his word. *But the Almighty God was in control*. He was giving Pharaoh and all the Egyptians many chances to see His power, **and** His grace towards them. Yet they still would not yield; they would **not** obey Him.

- Do you try to tell God what to do in your life?
- Do you try to make God change His rules, just like Pharaoh did?
- Do you only turn to God when you have problems, and then go back to your own way?
- Or, perhaps, you do obey Him, and trust His strength to take you through your problems.

There is only ONE way to come to the One True God. You must come to Him through the sacrifice of His One and Only Son Jesus, who shed His blood on the cross to pay our debt of sin. Nothing else can bring us spiritual LIFE. **Nothing** we do can earn God's forgiveness for our wrongdoing.

Don't harden your spirit against God as Pharaoh did. The Bible book Proverbs, chapter 29, says this, "If you get more stubborn every time you are corrected, one day you will be crushed, and never recover."

Turn from your wrongdoing! Turn to Jesus. And accept His forgiveness today.

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