

Can you retell the story of the Passover?

I can explain why the Passover is important to Jews

I can explain what 'Passover' means

I can name some of the Plagues of Egypt.

Starter – Look at these pictures.

Using your inference skills, write down what you think is happening on these pictures.

You will find out the significance of these pictures later in the lesson.

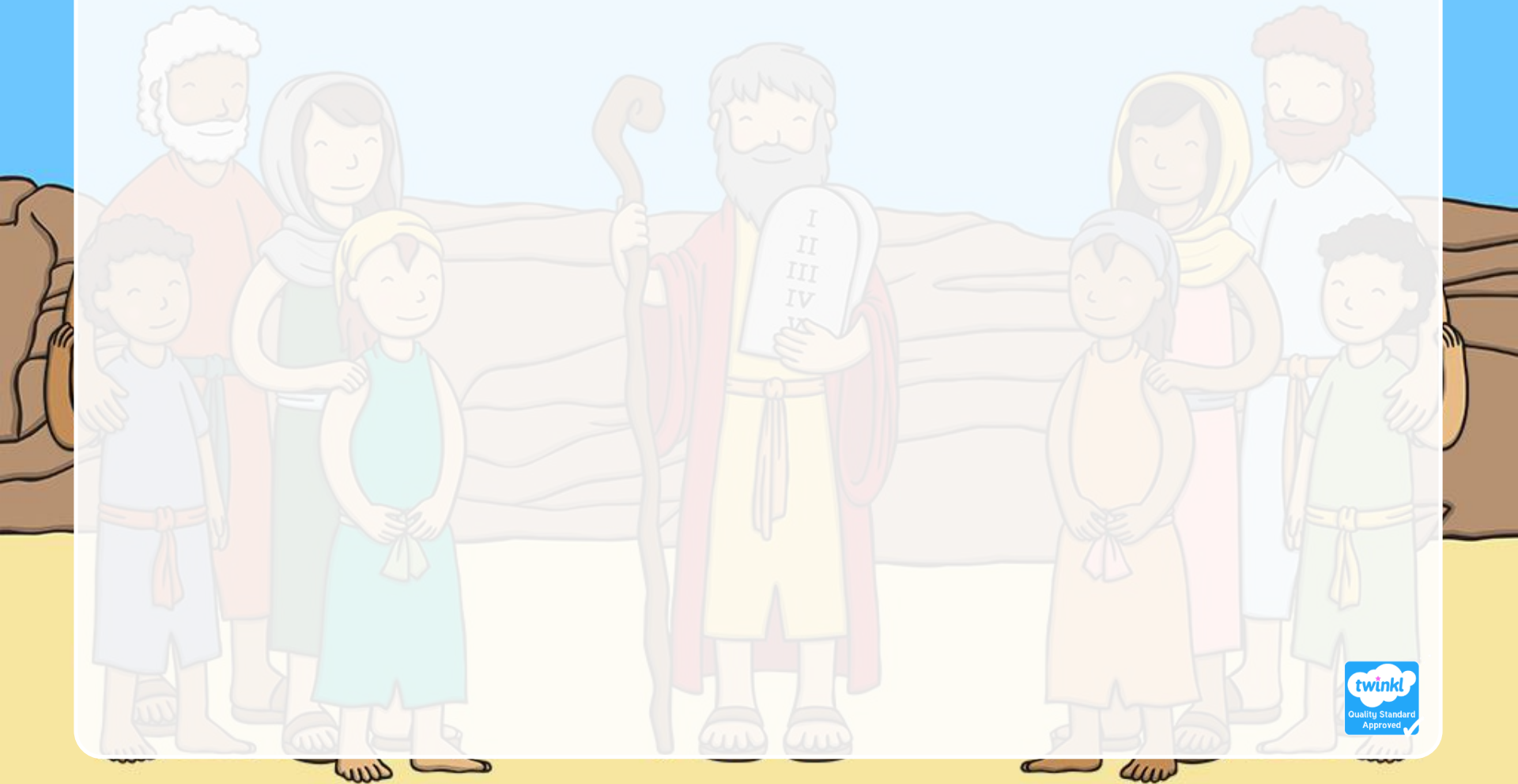


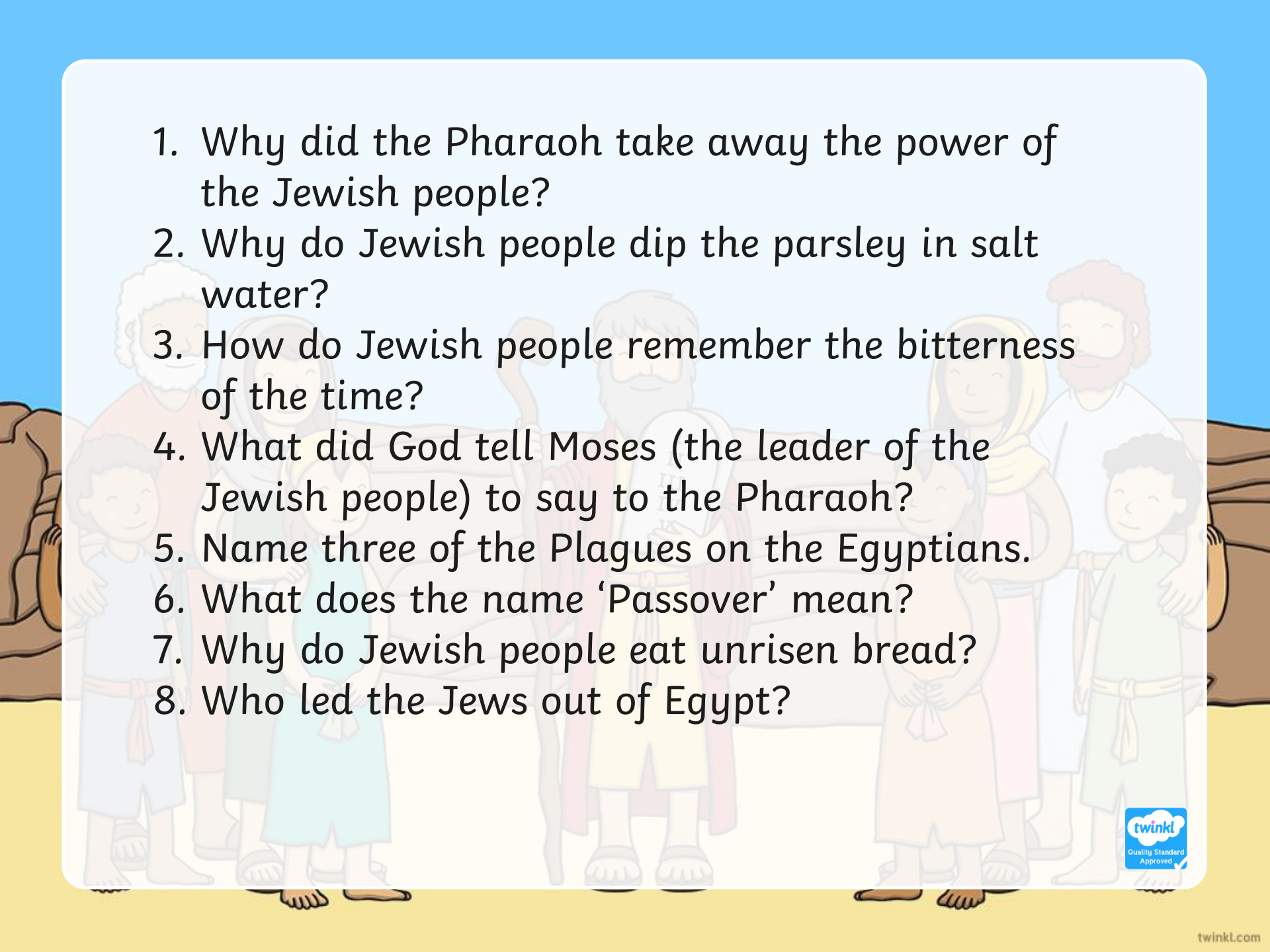




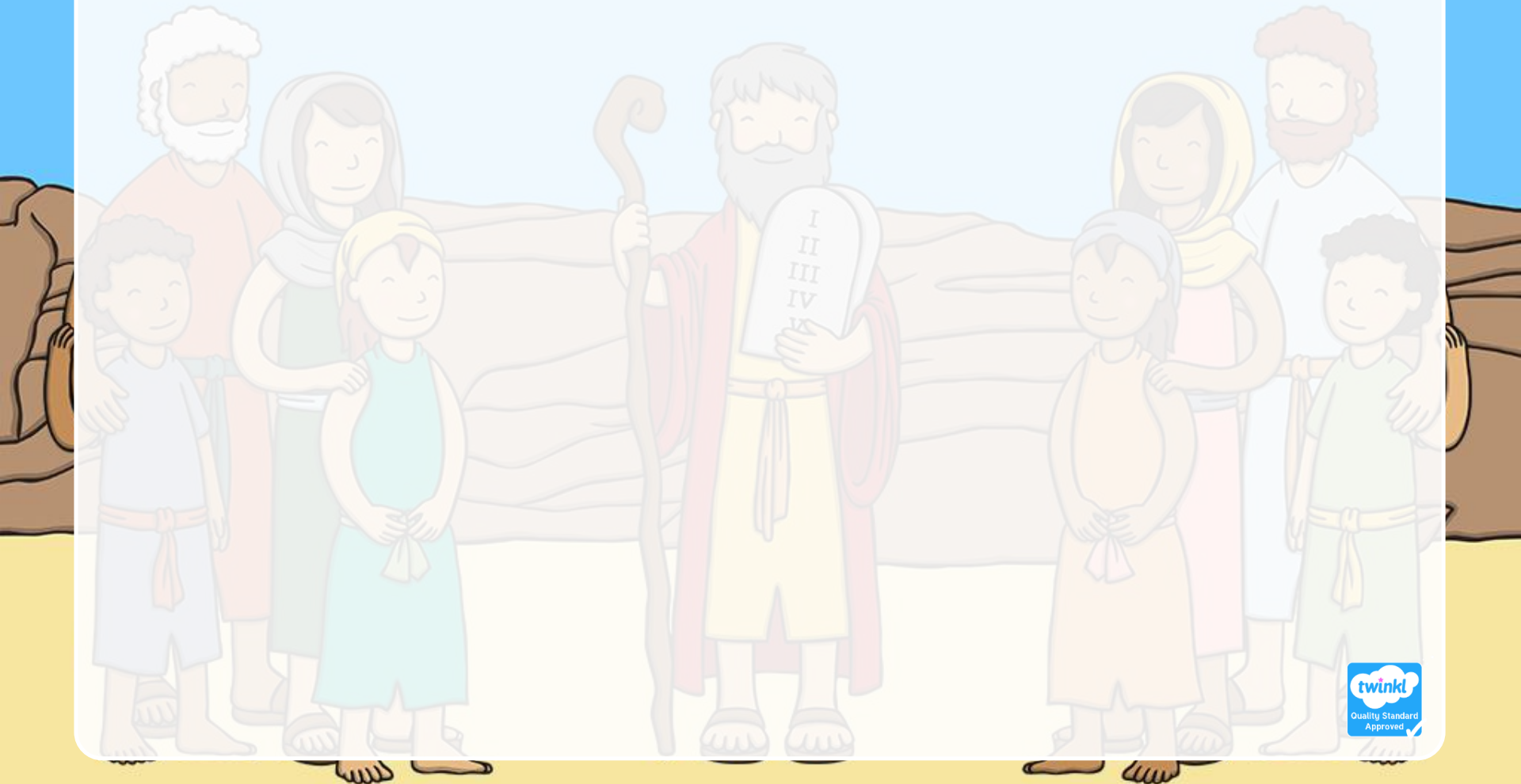
Watch this video telling the story of the Passover. As you are watching, make notes as there will be questions at the end.

[The story of the Passover - KS2 Religious Education - BBC Bitesize](#)



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1. Why did the Pharaoh take away the power of the Jewish people?
 2. Why do Jewish people dip the parsley in salt water?
 3. How do Jewish people remember the bitterness of the time?
 4. What did God tell Moses (the leader of the Jewish people) to say to the Pharaoh?
 5. Name three of the Plagues on the Egyptians.
 6. What does the name 'Passover' mean?
 7. Why do Jewish people eat unrisen bread?
 8. Who led the Jews out of Egypt?

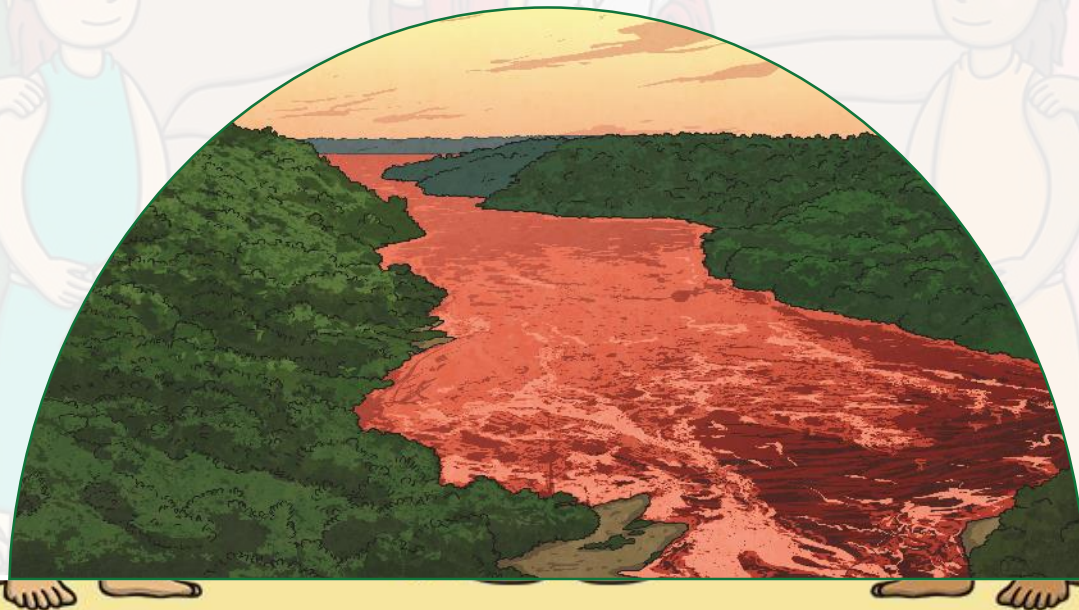
Let's look in more detail at the Plagues!
You are going to write a diary imagining you are a
Jewish person experiencing these Plagues.



The Plague of Blood

Moses returned to the Pharaoh. "To show you how powerful God is, Aaron will strike the river Nile with his stick. Then, God will turn the river to blood. There will be no fish to eat and no water to drink."

Aaron struck the river with his stick and all the water instantly turned to blood. The plague lasted for seven days yet the Pharaoh refused to free the Israelites.



The Plague of Frogs

God told Moses to return to the Pharaoh and again request that the Israelites be allowed to worship in the desert. "Tell the Pharaoh," said God, "if you won't let my people go, I will send a plague of frogs across all of Egypt. The Nile river will swarm with frogs. They will come up out of the river and into your palace, even into your bedroom and on to your bed! They will enter all the houses, jumping on the furniture, food and people."

The frogs appeared just as God had said.

The Pharaoh begged for Moses to make the frogs disappear, promising he would release the Israelites in return. However, once the frogs had gone, the Pharaoh went back on his word.



The Plagues of Gnats and Flies

Twice more Moses visited the Pharaoh with warnings of plagues that would descend on Egypt if the Israelites were not freed. The third plague to arrive was one of gnats that covered every living thing. The fourth was a plague of flies that filled the air. During each one, the Pharaoh promised to free the Israelites. However, once each plague was removed, the Pharaoh refused to let the enslaved people go free.



The Plagues of Livestock and Boils

The next plague was against Egyptian animals. None of the animals belonging to the Israelites were harmed but still the Pharaoh refused to let the Israelites go.

Then, God told Moses to take a handful of soot and throw it in the air in front of the Pharaoh. Moses did as God commanded. As the soot flew through the air, painful boils appeared on the skin of all the Egyptians.

As before, each time the plague ended, the Pharaoh wouldn't let the Israelites go.



The Plague of Hail

God told Moses, "I am going to send Egypt the worst hailstorm there has ever been. Tell your people to get themselves and their animals safely indoors." The Israelites did as Moses commanded them. Starting with a tremendous thunderstorm, the hailstorm left all of Egypt in ruins. Still the Israelites remained enslaved.



The Plagues of Locusts and Darkness

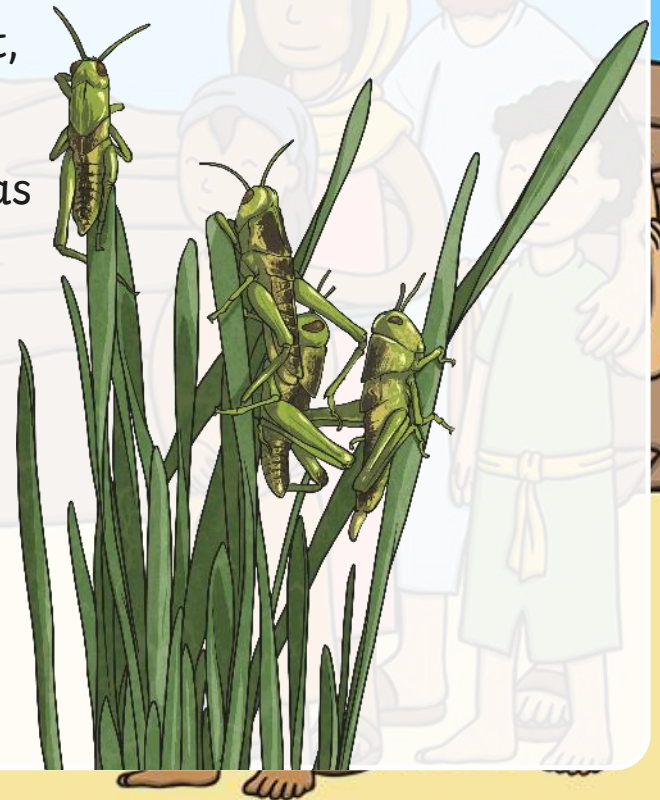
Then, came two more plagues. An east wind blew a plague of locusts into Egypt. They ate every plant in the land until there wasn't even a single leaf remaining.

The ninth plague was complete darkness which covered Egypt. For three days, there was no light, except for in the area where the Israelites lived.

"You may go" the Pharaoh told Moses, "as long as you leave your animals here." Moses refused, saying the Israelites would take all their belongings with them.

"Get out of here!" the Pharaoh shouted at Moses. "I'm warning you. Never come back to see me again!"

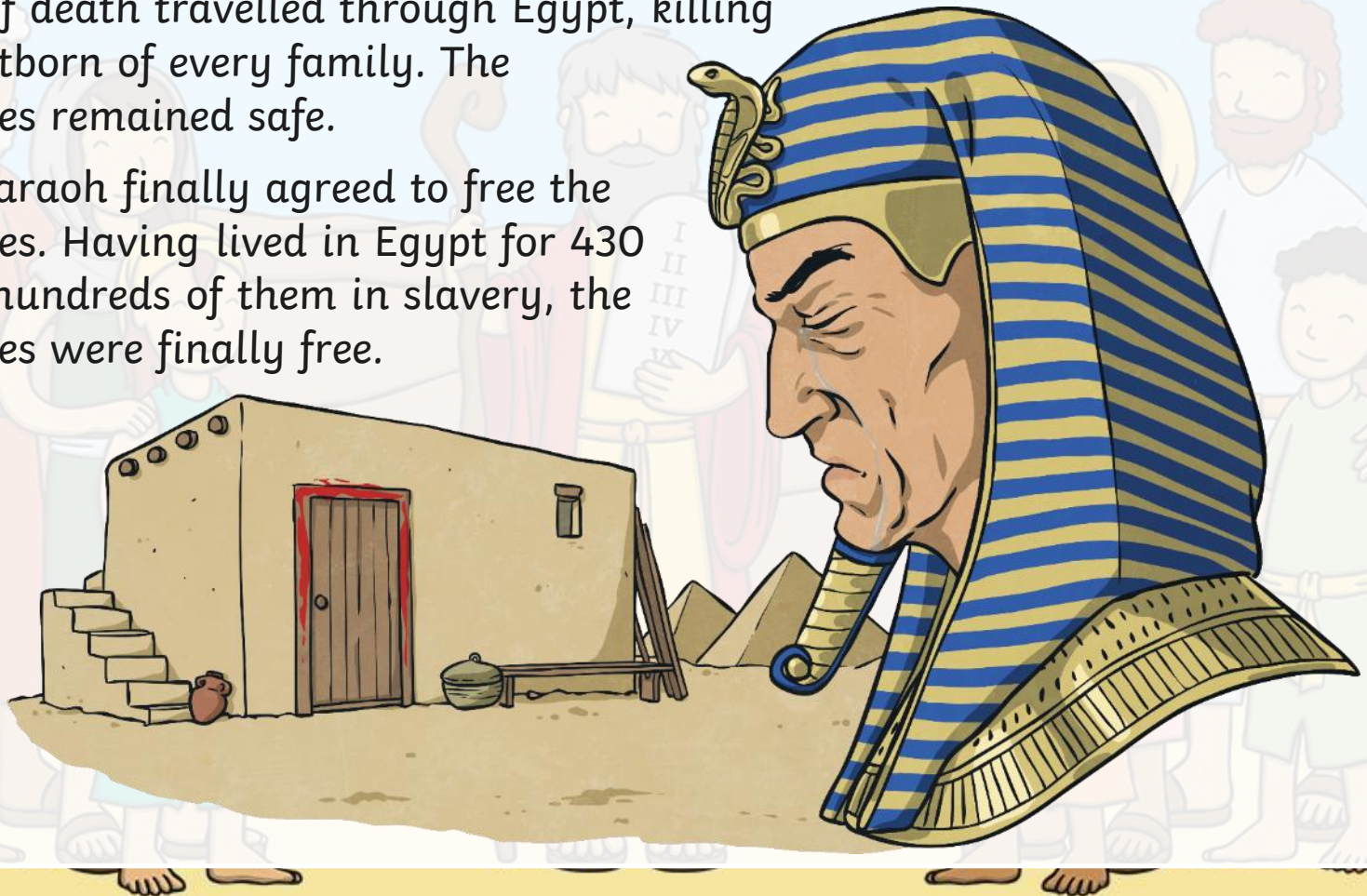
"Alright," Moses replied. "You will never see me again."



The Plague of the Firstborn

Moses told the Israelites to put blood above their doorposts. That night, the angel of death travelled through Egypt, killing the firstborn of every family. The Israelites remained safe.

The Pharaoh finally agreed to free the Israelites. Having lived in Egypt for 430 years, hundreds of them in slavery, the Israelites were finally free.





10 PLAGUES OF EGYPT



Dear Diary

You will never believe what has happened this week in Egypt. I'm so lucky to still be alive!

On Monday, when I was walking by the river, I noticed that it had turned red. I inspected it and saw it was thick blood. Yuk! On my way back home to tell Mother what had happened, I saw so many frogs hopping around.

It was so strange...

So what was happening in the pictures...?

Go back to the slides at the beginning of the lesson and decide what was happening.

