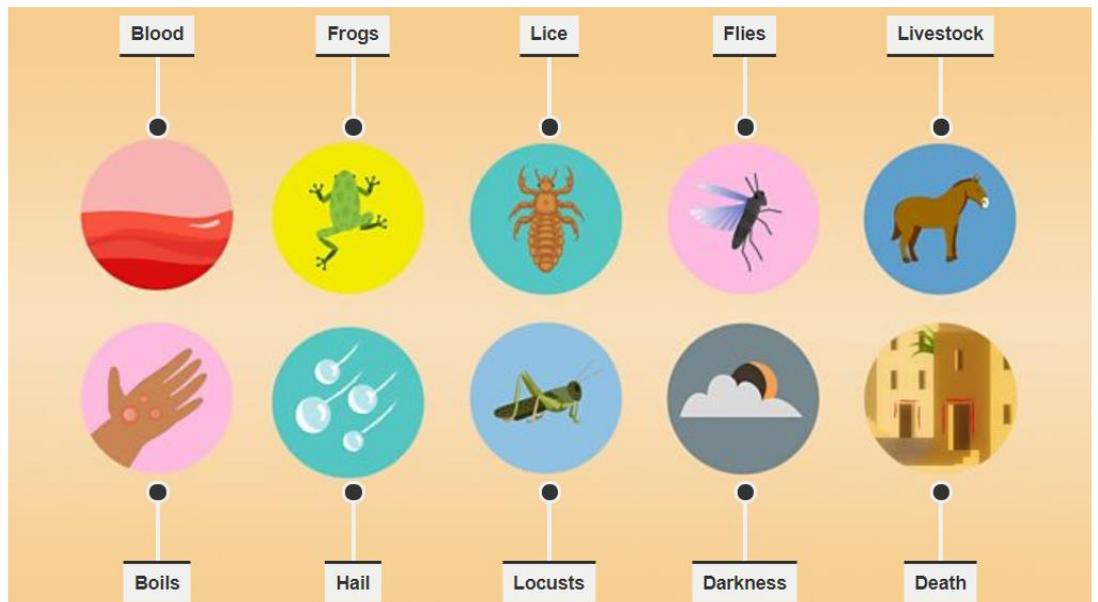


MOSES and the 10 PLAGUES



The Israelites were slaves in Egypt when God appeared to Moses in the burning bush and told him to go and ask the pharaoh to set the Israelites free, but the pharaoh refused.

Moses warned the pharaoh that God would send terrible plagues if he did not let his people go. But the pharaoh still said no, so God sent ten plagues to Egypt. The final plague was the death of the first born son.



God told Moses that the Israelites should mark their doorposts with lamb's blood so that the angel of death could 'pass over' their houses and spare them from this plague. The Israelites were told to always remember this day and to celebrate it with a special feast; the Passover.



After this, the pharaoh gave in and told Moses and his people to go at once.

THE 10 PLAGUES



The plague of blood

God turned the water of the river Nile into blood, so that the Egyptians could not drink it and all the fish died



The plague of frogs

Egypt was overrun with frogs - there were frogs in the beds, frogs in the ovens and frogs jumping on the people.



The plague of lice

Dust was turned into lice, (or gnats in some Bibles), which crawled on people and animals.



The plague of flies

Swarms of flies arrived in Egypt and poured into Pharaoh's palace and all over the land.



The plague on livestock

All animals belonging to the Egyptians became diseased and died. The livestock belonging to the Israelites were not affected.



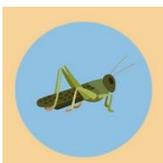
The plague of boils

Terrible boils that could not be healed broke out on the skin of Egyptian people and their livestock



The plague of hail

The Bible says that Egypt was struck by the most violent hailstorm, which damaged crops and fields. It even killed people and animals.



The plague of locusts

A swarm of locusts settled in Egypt and devoured anything left growing after the hail. The swarm was so big that it cast a shadow on Egypt.



The plague of darkness

Egypt became totally dark for three days. However the worst plague of them all was yet to come...



Death of the firstborn

All the firstborn sons in Egypt died - from the pharaoh's firstborn child to the firstborn calf. However, the Israelites' families were safe and the angel of death passed over their houses.