

## **February 16**

### Exodus 9:13-35

This passage tells of the next plague – the plague of hail.

#### *Question to Consider:*

Pharaoh told Moses he would let the people go, but then he went back on his word. Have you ever gone back on your word after promising to do something for someone? When?

#### *Prayer:*

Gracious God, help me to always be a person of my word and to always honor the commitments that I make. I pray in the name of Jesus, Amen.

## **February 17**

### Exodus 10:1-20

Hang on, the plagues are about over, but these verses describe yet one more – the plague of locusts.

#### *Question to Consider:*

Pharaoh's officials started to plead with him to let the Israelites go. Have you ever pleaded with someone to do what you knew was right, but the person still refused? What happened?

#### *Prayer:*

Merciful God, help me to be persistent with another person when being persistent is the right thing to do. Help me to not give up. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

## **February 18**

### Exodus 10:21-29

This is the next to last plague – the plague of darkness.

#### *Question to Consider:*

This story is hard for us to understand. It is hard to explain the fact that there was light where the Israelites were and darkness everywhere else, but sometimes our faith forces us to do that – accept something that we don't completely understand. Are you willing to believe something found in the Bible, even if it is hard to explain??

#### *Prayer:*

All powerful God, your ways are much greater than my ways. When I encounter a Bible story that seems hard to understand, help me to say with Jesus' disciples, "Increase my faith." I pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

## **February 19**

### Exodus 11:1-10

The final plague was the plague on the firstborn, and it is announced in this passage.

#### *Question to Consider:*

Moses went before Pharaoh one last time and announced that something especially horrible was about happen. Have you ever had to deliver bad news to someone? What was it?

#### *Prayer:*

Loving God, the day may come when I have to deliver bad news to someone – maybe a warning, or maybe information about something bad that has happened. Please give me the courage to do it and please give me the words that I will need. I pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

## **February 20**

### Exodus 12:1-13, 21-30

These two sections from chapter 12 describe the Passover, when the angel of God passed over the houses of the Israelites and spared their firstborn. Jewish people remember this event with a holiday known as "Passover."

#### *Question to Consider:*

There are several religious holidays that we observe – 1) Easter, when Jesus was resurrected, 2) Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles and the church was born, and 3) Christmas, when Jesus was born. From a *religious* standpoint, which of those holidays is your favorite? Why?

#### *Prayer:*

Heavenly Father, help me to remember the special days that are of your making. Help me to always put first, the religious significance of those days. And, help me to make sure that others in my family and in my church remember those days, too. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.