

# SLAVERY IN EGYPT

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## SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

Exodus 6-11

### I WONDER:

- I wonder if Moses and Aaron ever felt like giving up?
- I wonder why God gave Pharaoh so many chances to obey?
- I wonder why Pharaoh chose not to obey even after all of the warnings and plagues?
- I wonder why God didn't just snap his fingers and make his people appear in the promised land?

### DIGGING DEEPER:

- Read Exodus 6:9. When God promised through Moses that he would deliver them it says that the people didn't listen to him because of their "broken spirit" and "harsh slavery." Why do you think those things would make them not want to listen to Moses? Can you think of a time when you had a hard time believing that God would help you?
- Again and again, it says that Pharaoh hardened his heart against God. What does it mean to have a hard heart?
- What does it mean to have a soft heart? Can you think of an area of your life where you maybe need to have a softer heart?

### OPTIONAL ACTIVITY

Invite the children to do one of the following:

1. Color this week's coloring page (younger children).
2. Take a blank piece of paper and draw a line down the middle. On the left side, draw a picture representing a "hard heart" (someone who says "no" to God). On the right side, draw a picture representing a "soft heart" (someone who is obedient to God). Be creative!
3. Review the first 9 plagues (water to blood, frogs, gnats, flies, livestock dying, painful boils, hail, locusts, and darkness). Have everyone draw one of the plagues and see if the others can guess which one it is WITHOUT looking at the list.