

A Heart of Scorn

Helpful Hints



OR words included in text: (in the order in which they appear)

OR

scorn (hail)storm
 forth (first)born
 for sort
 Lord normal
 perform nor

OR_E

force(d)
 more
 swore
 snore(d)
 shore
 horse(s)

Oddball OR

work
 word

Sight Words Included in Text (in ABC order):

after	become	he	of	said	they	water	word
again	but	his	on	saw	this	went	would
and	day	how	one	take	those	were	your
all	did	in	only	that	to	what	
always	do	it	out	the	told	when	
animal	for	knew	over	their	two	while	
as	from	more	people	them	walk	who	
be	get	night	put	then	was	will	
because	go	not	red	there	watch	with	

Vocabulary Words-These may be words that you need to discuss the meaning of before reading: *Israelites, Egyptians, scorn*

This text was written at a beginning of first grade level (based on the phonics skills and sight words chosen). The length of the text may be longer than your child is accustomed to. My advice is to read the text TO your child on the first day. On subsequent readings, you can offer to share the reading, taking turns. Gradually release the responsibility and limit support as it is re-read.

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from Exodus 4-14



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Moses and his brother, Aaron, went forth to Pharaoh and told him to let God's people go. But Pharaoh's heart was full of scorn for the Lord and His people. He mocked Moses and Aaron and forced the Israelites to do more work.



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The Lord told Aaron to perform a miracle for Pharaoh to show that He was the only God. "Toss your staff on the floor and it will become a snake." But Pharaoh's heart was full of scorn for the Lord and His people.

To show how strong He was, the Lord sent bad things to the land of Egypt. Water became blood. Frogs filled the land.



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A hailstorm killed men and animals. But those who listened to the Word of the Lord were well. Still, Pharaoh swore he would not let God's people go.



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Then the Lord told His people He would kill the firstborn of all families. To sort His people from the Egyptians, He told His people to put the blood of a lamb on their doors. If they did this, their family would be passed over. The Israelites did as God said.



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While all the land snored, the Lord passed over. Because the Egyptians did not do what God said, all their firstborn were killed. Then, there was loud crying in all the land. "Go!" said Pharaoh. "Take your flocks and your people and go!"



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In the night, all of God's people went forth from Egypt. God took them to the shore of the Red Sea. God was with them as a cloud in the day and fire at night. They knew that God was always with them.

But Pharaoh's heart was still full of scorn. He took his army with horses and went after God's people. The Israelites saw Pharaoh's army coming.



Moses told the people to stand and watch the Lord do a mighty work. He put his staff over the water and it parted in two! The Israelites walked on dry land! Not one of them was lost!



Pharaoh's army went into the water to get God's people. But Moses put his staff out over the water again and it went back as normal. Not a man nor horse in Pharaoh's army got out. When God's people saw this, they put their trust in the Lord.