WEEK 11 **SIGNS AND WONDERS**

**Family Discussion**

**Exodus 7:1-13**

Read Exodus 7:1-13 aloud.

1. Why are magic tricks or supernatural occurrences so appealing to people?
2. In verse 1, God speaks to Moses in the past tense of a future reality: “See, I have made you like God to Pharaoh.” Why is this so?
3. God tells Moses exactly what will happen when Moses and Aaron perform signs in front of Pharaoh, and it does. Knowing that Pharaoh will reject the signs, why do you think God goes through the process of providing them anyway? (For more explanation on the hardening of Pharaoh’s heart, visit www.gotquestions.org/God-harden-Pharaoh-heart.html.)
4. What explicit outcome is God pursuing by taking action against the Egyptians (see 7:5)? How does Pharaoh’s desired outcome differ? How does the Israelites’ desired outcome likely differ?
5. What is your favorite of God’s miracles?
6. Why do you think God performs miracles?
7. If someone said to you, “If God did a miracle right now, I would believe in Him,” what would you say?
8. Do you have faith in God because of what He does or because of who He is? What’s the difference?

**Closing**

Look at 7:7. Do the ages of Moses and Aaron shock you? What sort of notions do we have about serving God at certain ages? Do you think it is easier to serve God at a certain age than at another?

Is hardness of heart a problem for unbelievers only? What personal sins or problems of the world are you callous or indifferent toward? How should a believer deal with personal areas of hardheartedness?

Look for opportunities to point out the everyday miracles of God’s creation: how we live and breathe, how God made everything, how God has shown mercy even on those who don’t believe in Him. God is *merciful*—He does not give His children the punishment they deserve.

What attribute of God did you see in this week’s passage that particularly struck you? How should it change the way you pray, think, speak or act this week?

**Prayer/Praise Journal**

If you haven’t already, take the time to start a family Prayer/Praise Journal.

Review the prayers and praises that you have written down in your pray/praise journal. Celebrate the praises and recommit to praying for things not yet answered.

Write down any new prayer requests or praises your family may have. Routinely review and pray the prayer requests and praises written in the journal.