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1. The eighth Plague was *ar-be*, Grasshoppers. After Moshe told Paroh that the plague was coming, what did his helpers tell him? TO LET THE JEWS GO
2. Paroh then asked Moshe and Aharon who they wanted to take out of Mitzrayim to offer sacrifices. What did Moshe say? ALL THE JEWS, INCLUDING WOMEN AND CHILDREN
3. Paroh got angry at Moshe because he said that only certain people offer sacrifices. Who? MEN
4. Who did not offer sacrifices? WOMEN AND CHILDREN
5. When Paroh did not let Bnai Yisrael go, ה' made the grasshoppers. They went in houses and in fields. Why were the Egyptians happy to see a cloud of grasshoppers in the sky? THEY THOUGHT THEY COULD CATCH THEM AND MAKE GRASSHOPPER JELLY
6. Why did they want to make food from the grasshoppers? BECAUSE PREVIOUS PLAGUES HAD DESTROYED THEIR MEAT, FRUITS AND VEGETABLES
7. Were these the kind of grasshoppers that people could eat? NO
8. Paroh called Moshe and Aharon to get rid of the grasshoppers. They did. Did Paroh let the Jews out of Mitzrayim after this Plague ended? NO
9. The ninth Plague was *choshech*, darkness. How many days did it last for? SIX
10. During the first three days, the Egyptians could move around. But what happened if they lit a candle or torch? THEY STILL COULD NOT SEE
11. Who did ה' kill during the first three days of the plague of Darkness? BAD JEWS
12. What were bad Jews? JEWS WHO DID NOT BELIEVE ה' WOULD LET THEM OUT OF MITZRAYIM, OR WHO LIKED MITZRAYIM SO MUCH THEY DID NOT WANT TO LEAVE
13. Why did ה' kill the bad Jews during the Plague of Darkness and not during one of the other plagues? SO THE EGYPTIANS WOULD NOT SEE THE JEWS DYING AND SAY THE JEWS ARE SUFFERING FROM THE PLAGUES AS MUCH AS THEY ARE
14. During the last three days of the plague, the Egyptians couldn't move. Who came to look for things which belonged to them and to see where the Egyptians kept their things? BNAI YISRAEL
15. How could Bnai Yisrael see? ה' MADE A MIRACLE LIGHT FOR THEM
16. Why couldn't the Egyptians stop Bnai Yisrael from coming into their houses? THEY COULD NOT MOVE DURING THE PLAGUE
17. How many Jews took things that belonged to Egyptians? NONE
18. Paroh asked Moshe and Aharon to end the Plague. Who did he say the Jews could take with them? WOMEN AND CHILDREN
19. What did Paroh say the Jews had to leave in Mitzra-yim? THEIR ANIMALS

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20. Did Moshe say yes or no to Paroh? NO

21. Paroh then told Moshe and Aharon to leave the palace and never come back. But before leaving the palace, ה' told Moshe to tell Paroh about the last plague called *makot be-cho-rot*, the Killing of the First-Born Egyptians. What did Paroh think when he heard about this Plague? IT WOULD NOT BE SO BAD BECAUSE THERE WEREN'T MANY FIRST-BORNS IN MITZRAYIM

22. Were there many first-borns in Mitzra-yim? YES

23. ה' told Moshe and Aharon to tell the Jews to make *Nissan* the first month of the Jewish calendar. Why Nissan? BECAUSE THE JEWS WOULD BE GETTING OUT OF MITZRAYIM IN NISSAN, AND IT WAS A SPECIAL MONTH

23. In the time of the Bait Hamikdash, how did Jews know when the new month started? WITNESSES TOLD JUDGES THEY SAW THE NEW MOON

24. Why was it important for Jewish people to know when the new moon was? SO THEY WOULD KNOW WHEN TO CELEBRATE ALL THE JEWISH HOLIDAYS

24. How do we know today when a new Jewish month starts? BY LOOKING AT A CALENDAR

25. Before leaving Mitzrayim, Bnai Yisrael had to do two *mitzvot*, commandments. The first was the *korban Pesach*, the Pesach sacrifice. What animal was used for this sacrifice? SHEEP (or lamb)

26. On the afternoon of the 14th of Nissan (the day before they were to leave Mitzra-yim), what did Jewish families do with the sheep after they bought it? THEY SLAUGHTERED IT

27. Why did ה' tell the Jews to pick sheep and not some other animal? TO SHOW THE EGYPTIANS THAT THEY SHOULD NOT PRAY TO SHEEP

28. When the Egyptians saw the Jews killing their god, they wanted to kill the Jews. What miracle did ה' make? THE EGYPTIANS DID NOT KILL ANY JEWS

29. What did the Jews do with some of the blood of their *korban Pesach*? PUT IT ON THE DOORPOSTS AND LINTELS

30. What would ה' pass over when He is killing the first-born Egyptians? JEWISH HOUSES WITH BLOOD ON THEIR DOORPOSTS AND LINTELS

31. The following night, the 15th of Nissan, the Jews roasted their lamb over an open fire. This was the *korban Pesach*, Pesach sacrifice. They ate it with two things. One was *maror*, the bitter vegetable. What was the other thing? MATZA

32. They had to eat the *korban Pesach* dressed, with their sticks in their hands and ready to leave MITZRAYIM

33. When the Jews were living in Israel, what animal did they bring every year as a *korban Pesach*? SHEEP

34. Name the holiday Jews celebrate to remember the going out of Mitzrayim. PESACH

35. What do some Jews call the English name of the holiday? PASSOVER

36. Why is it called Passover? BECAUSE ה' PASSED OVER THE HOUSES HAVING BLOOD ON THE DOORPOST AND DIDN'T KILL ANYONE IN THEM

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37. What kind of Jewish men were allowed to eat the *korban Pesach*? MEN WITH A BRIT MILAH

38. Why didn't many men and boys have a brit milah? BECAUSE PAROH SAID IT WASN'T ALLOWED

39. Who gave the men and boys a brit milah? MOSHE

40. **EXTRA CREDIT:** Why did the first-born Egyptians ask Paroh and their fathers to let the Bnai Yisrael go? BECAUSE EACH TIME MOSHE SAID A PLAGUE WOULD HAPPEN, IT DID. AND THE FIRST-BORNS DIDN'T WANT TO DIE IN THIS PLAGUE

41. What did 'ה do at exactly midnight on the 15th of Nissan? HE KILLED ALL FIRST-BORN EGYPTIANS

42. In the middle of the night, who went to Goshen looking for Moshe and Aharon? PAROH

43. Why did Paroh want Moshe and Aharon? TO TELL THEM TO TAKE BNAI YISRAEL OUT OF MITZRAYIM RIGHT AWAY

44. Paroh couldn't find their house. What did some Jewish boys do? GAVE HIM THE WRONG DIRECTIONS ON PURPOSE

45. Finally, Paroh found the house of Moshe and Aharon. He told them to take all the Jews out of Mitzra-yim right away. Moshe and Aharon did. But before the Jews left, what did they ask their Egyptian neighbors for? GOLD, SILVER, WOOD, ANIMALS, CLOTHES AND OTHER THINGS

46. When the Egyptians said they didn't have these things, how did the Jews know where they were? THEY SAW THEM IN EGYPTIAN HOUSES DURING THE PLAGUE OF CHOSHECH

47. **EXTRA CREDIT:** The Jews took all the Egyptian money, animals and everything. Why did they deserve it? BECAUSE THEY WORKED FOR PAROH FOR 210 YEARS AND THEY DIDN'T GET PAID

48. While Bnai Yisrael were getting ready to leave Mitzrayim, whose bones was Moshe getting ready to take with them? YOSAIF AND YOSAIF'S BROTHERS

49. Moshe was also busy cutting down something. What? SHITTIM TREES YAKOV HAD PLANTED

50. **EXTRA CREDIT:** 'ה didn't want to let the *airev rav* go with Bnai Yisrael. But Moshe said it was O.K. Who were the *airev rav*? EGYPTIANS WHO SAW THE MIRACLES AND DECIDED TO LEAVE MITZRAYIM WITH BNAI YISRAEL

51. Since the Jews did not have enough time to bake their dough into bread, what did they eat? MATZOT

52. **EXTRA CREDIT:** How many men between the ages of 20 years old and 60 years old left Mitzrayim? 600,000