

## Miracles, Plagues, and Signs

1. Read the following passages or those you have been assigned:
  - Exodus 4:6–8 (the leprous hand)
  - Exodus 4:9 (water turns to blood)
  - Exodus 7:14—11:10 (the plagues against Egypt)
  - Exodus 12:1–28 (the Passover ritual)
  - Exodus 15:22—16:3 (at Marah and Elim)
  - Exodus 16:4–36 (bread from heaven)
  - Exodus 17:1–7 (the water from the rock)
  - Exodus 19:16–25 (the theophany at Mount Sinai)
2. Answer the following questions for each sign on a separate sheet of paper:
  - How would you interpret the sign?
  - What event(s) from salvation history does it recall?
  - What message do you think the sign conveys to the Israelites at this point in the covenant relationship?

*Example:* Exodus 4:1–5, Moses' staff is turned to a snake.

- Through this sign, God illustrates his power over creation.
- It recalls events from salvation history such as God's promise to Abraham to have a child despite Sarah's age, and the fulfillment of that promise in the birth of Isaac.
- Moses knows that despite his worry, God will be with him on his mission to Pharaoh.

