

26. The Red Sea

The Word of the Lord: The Old Testament for Young Children

Notes for Parents & Teachers

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- a. First of all, reflect on how Pharaoh just wouldn't see that the Lord wanted His people free. Even after all the plagues he still chased them.
- b. Imagine the fear of the people when they saw 600 soldiers, with chariots, coming after them, and the sea on the other side making it, apparently, impossible for them to run away.
- c. But Moses trusted the Lord, He said they should stand still and see the Lord's salvation.
- d. And the Lord said to Moses, "Why do you cry to Me? Tell the children of Israel to go forward." How impossible that felt! The great sea was in front of them. But the Lord knew that they could indeed go forward.
- e. Get the children to use their imagination to think of what it seemed to the children of Israel when this great sea began to part. And it was dry land under the sea!
- f. The rest of the story is amazing too. You can add that of course the Lord wouldn't continue to do the miracle of the sea when Pharaoh and his armies were coming into it to kill the children of Israel.



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The Lord Leads the Children of Israel out of Egypt

When Pharaoh let the children of Israel go free, the Lord led them through the wilderness. And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of cloud, to lead them; and by night He led them in a pillar of fire, to give them light.

And it was told to the king of Egypt that the people had left, and then the heart of Pharaoh was once again turned against the children of Israel and Pharaoh said, “What is this that we have done, that we have let the people go from serving us?” Then Pharaoh harnessed his chariot, and took 600 chosen leaders upon chariots. And Pharaoh chased after the sons of Israel. He overtook them camping by the sea. When the children of Israel saw the Egyptians chasing after them, they were very afraid. They cried to the Lord and they said to Moses, “What is this that you have done to us to bring us out of Egypt? It is better that we serve the Egyptians than die in the wilderness.” And Moses said to the people, “Fear not, stand still, and see how the Lord will save you today.”

And the Lord said to Moses, “Why do you cry to Me? Tell the children of Israel to go forward. Lift high your rod, and stretch out your hand over the sea, and split it apart. The sons of Israel shall go through the middle of the sea on dry land.” And the Angel of God went in front of the sons of Israel and the pillar of cloud which went before them, moved and stood behind them. It came between the Egyptians and the children of Israel.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea and the Lord made the sea go away by a strong east wind which blew all through the night. It made the sea dry up and the waters were split apart. And the children of Israel came into the middle of the sea on the dry land and the waters were a wall on the right side and on the left.

The Egyptians chased after them—all of Pharaoh’s horses, his chariots, and his horsemen—into the middle of the sea. And the Lord said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea, and let the waters return upon the Egyptians.” And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea and the sea returned. So the Israelites saw the power of the Lord God, and believed in Him and in His servant, Moses.

Exodus 14:1-31

