

# Crossing the Red Sea Wax Resist Project

## ***Materials Needed***

wax crayons or oil pastels  
light-colored paper  
water colors  
large paint brush

## ***Preparation***

Prepare water color paint and water in several containers for a large class.

## ***Motivation***

- What did the children of Israel see at night that let them know that the Lord was with them, leading them out of Egypt and through the wilderness toward the promised land of milk and honey?
- Yes, it was a pillar of fire! What colors could you use to make fire? Warm colors like yellow, orange, and red.

## ***Procedure***

1. Draw a picture of the pillar of fire with wax crayons or oil pastels.  
*(Note: Colored chalk or colored pencils may also work, but the wax crayons or oil pastels should give better results.)*
2. Make sure that you make a thick layer of color to show the flaming fire in the pillar.
3. Optional: If desired, you could draw some of the people following the pillar of fire.
4. Now paint all over the picture with black water color paint. (You could also use dark blue water color if you prefer.)
5. The crayon, chalk, or colored pencil will resist the water in the paint and show through. The parts of the picture that are not colored in will be painted.
6. Text slip that can be written on the project:

*And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead the way,  
and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so as to go by day and night.*

(Exodus 13:21)