

GOD PARTS THE RED SEA

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: EXODUS 14:5-31



The STORY

Read Exodus 14:5-31 from the NIV Bible.

Please note: *The discussion questions in the following sections are written to serve as a guide in teaching our youngest children. Three to six year olds are not going to be able to answer these questions like their older brothers and sisters. Please refer to the God's Story Preschool Curriculum Outline for additional ideas.*

After reading the story, use the following questions to involve the children in a discussion.

- What happened in this story? (The Egyptian army came after Israel with chariots. God opened the Red Sea and allowed the Israelites to cross on dry ground but the waters crashed down on the Egyptians when they tried to cross.)
- Why did Pharaoh come after the Israelites? (God hardened Pharaoh's heart. He did not want to lose his slaves.)
- What did the people do before God opened the Red Sea when they saw they were trapped? (They complained and did not believe God could save them.)

CRAFT QUESTIONS

Coloring sheets have been provided that exemplify today's lesson: Israel coming out of the Red Sea with the Egyptians being drowned. Engage the children by asking:

- Which people in the picture are the Egyptians? (The Egyptians are the people in the water.)
- What did God do to the chariots to make it hard for the Egyptians to drive out of the Red Sea? (He made the wheels come off, see Exodus 14:25.)
- Who did the Egyptians think was doing this? (The Egyptians thought the God of the Israelites was fighting against Egypt, see Exodus 14:25.)
- Draw a few chariot wheels flying off into the water.

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SNACK QUESTIONS

While the children are eating the snack, engage the children by asking:

- How high do you think the water was on either side of the Israelites? (The water of the Red Sea was very deep, high over their heads.)
- Who won the battle against Egypt? (God won the battle.)
- What do you think it would have been like to walk through the Red Sea? (It would have been very scary to walk through the Red Sea. It was God's power that held the waters back. It would be scary to realize that at any moment that He could have had the water come crashing down.)

WHERE IS JESUS?

Please use the following comments connecting today's lesson to the Gospel to help inform your understanding and serve you by aiding your preparation for class. Remember, we want to do more than present disconnected Bible stories and lessons to our young children. We want them to understand how each story in the Bible plays a part in God's greater plan of redemption.

Cornered by the Egyptians against the Red Sea, God took His people to a place where their deliverance could only come from God, through faith. First, there was no way in their own strength they could defeat the Egyptian army. Second, when God did open up the Red Sea, the Israelites had to walk through by faith. At any moment the walls of water representing God's judgment could come crashing down on them. They did not come crashing down because God was leading His people back to the land of promise. As a result of their deliverance, one day an Israelite child would be born. That child was Jesus, who would bring salvation by faith, not works, lest any man boast.

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as on dry land; but when the Egyptians tried to do so, they were drowned. (Hebrews 11:29)

SWORD BIBLE MEMORY

BE A DOER OF THE WORD

Take time during the class to review the SWORD Bible Memory verses with the class. Provide the opportunity for each child to recite the verses to an adult worker.