

## Home Family Worship with Kids 26. September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020

### Exodus 14:19-31 The waters of death and life.

Family Worship: Crossing the Red Sea.

You will need: a plate or shallow bowl of water, pepper and dish soap. Baptism candles and baptism photo.

Our Bible lesson today is about one of the most spectacular events in the entire Bible. The Israelites had been slaves in Egypt for over 400 years. But Pharaoh refused to let God's people go until God sent 10 plagues to all of Egypt. After so many bad things happened, Pharaoh finally decided it was best to let the Israelites go.

The Israelites followed Moses out of Egypt.

Pour enough water on the plate to cover the bottom.

But Pharaoh changed his mind again. He sent his giant army to bring the Israelites back to Egypt. And the Israelites were caught between the army and the Red Sea. When God's people saw the Egyptian army and chariots coming, they were afraid.

Shake pepper all over the water. Put your finger into the water and touch the bottom of the plate.

What happened? (Pause for a few responses.) You're right; nothing happened! The pepper just stuck to my finger. Hmm. The Israelites were afraid that the Red Sea would cover them completely.

But Moses said, "Don't be afraid. Just stand still and watch God save you today. The Egyptians you see today will never be seen again. The Lord Himself will fight for you. Just stay calm."

Then Moses raised his hand over the sea, and God opened up a pathway through the water with a strong east wind.

Put a drop of dish soap on the tip of your finger. Then put your finger into the water again and touch the bottom of the plate. The pepper on top of the water will instantly spread apart.

The people of Israel walked right through the middle of the sea on dry ground, with walls of water on each side! The Egyptians, with their horses and chariots, followed the Israelites through the sea, but God twisted their chariot wheels, making them difficult to drive.

When the Israelites reached the other side of the water, God said to Moses, "Raise your hand over the sea again." When Moses did, the water rushed back and all of the chariots and horses and the entire army of the Pharaoh were drowned. Not a single one survived.

When the people of Israel saw the mighty power God had unleashed against the Egyptians, they were filled with awe.

Imagine that—God caused the waters of the sea to separate. That's kind of like our pepper trick, but on a giant scale. God is powerful and He protected His people, and He protects us, too.

Just like in our story, God used water to rescue his people. Can you think of any other times that God uses water to rescue his people? Noah, baby Moses in the river, Jonah in the fish, Naaman healed in the river, the life giving water from Jesus to the lady at the well, Jesus and Peter walking

on the water and the crossing of the Red Sea are all stories in the Bible that uses water to deliver/rescue/help people. Using a picture Bible see if you can find any of these stories.

God has also rescued us – it wasn't through water but through the death, and life of Jesus. Jesus came to part the way, to give us a clear path to God, to rescue us from our sins. We too use water to have this pathway to God. When do we use water to connect with God? Through the waters of baptism. When we are baptised, our old sinful life is taken away from us and a new life with God is given to us. We are washed clean and rescued from our sins and being separated from God. Just like the Israelites walked through the waters away from death into new life, we are baptised with the water – away from a life without God to a new life with God.

Light your baptism candle and look at your baptism photo. (if you don't have one – light any candle you have at home) These can help us to remember that Jesus is the light of the world and he came to show us the way to a life with God for ever.)

God, thank You for saving the Israelites. Thank You for showing us in big ways and in small ways that You are powerful. Remind us that when we feel afraid or confused, You protect us and have rescued us. Remind us every day that you are the light in our world. In Jesus' name, amen.

### Story Video clips:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q88TGKPDVts&ab\\_channel=TeachingKidsaboutJesus](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q88TGKPDVts&ab_channel=TeachingKidsaboutJesus)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3MyUo87I5TE&ab\\_channel=RenePfitzner](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3MyUo87I5TE&ab_channel=RenePfitzner) better for older children.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nusOFSAzNYQ&ab\\_channel=CrossroadsKids%27Club](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nusOFSAzNYQ&ab_channel=CrossroadsKids%27Club) a great story teller version.

### Songs: Keep me travelling along with you

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7PXV3dwaeNU&ab\\_channel=YoungPraise](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7PXV3dwaeNU&ab_channel=YoungPraise)

How Did Moses Cross the Red Sea <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HboALKQxbNY>

God takes care of me. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ToY\\_gFoheEw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ToY_gFoheEw)

My Lighthouse <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IFBZJGSgyVQ>

Go Anywhere [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3CC2FaToSyg&ab\\_channel=Bernice](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3CC2FaToSyg&ab_channel=Bernice)

Activities: Recreate and retell one of the stories using paper, or Lego or play dough or other materials?



