

STORY: EXODUS: Moses: Deliverer (Exodus 13-14)

DEMONSTRATION: Parting the Waters

<http://www.kidssundayschool.com/452/gradeschool/parting-the-waters.php>

or

Pepper and Water Trick:

As you see, I have a small dish of plain water. Now I am going to take this pepper shaker and shake pepper all over the water. Can you see the pepper floating on top of the water? Now, I want to watch what happens when I put my finger into the water and touch the bottom of the dish. Did you see that? What happened? You are right -- nothing happened!

Next I am going to take just a drop or two of this dishwashing detergent and put it on the tip of my finger. Now I will once again put my finger into the water and touch the bottom of the dish. Now, watch carefully. Wow! Did you see what happened? The pepper all separated and moved to the sides of the dish! That is pretty amazing, isn't it?

Tell the story of God parting the Red Sea

Our Bible lesson today is about an event that is far more amazing than the little trick I just showed you. In fact, it may be the most spectacular event in the entire Bible. In our last lesson, we learned that God sent Moses and his brother, Aaron, to tell Pharaoh to set his people free. The Israelites had been slaves in Egypt for over 400 years. Pharaoh refused to let God's people go until God sent ten plagues upon Egypt. Finally, he let the Israelites go.

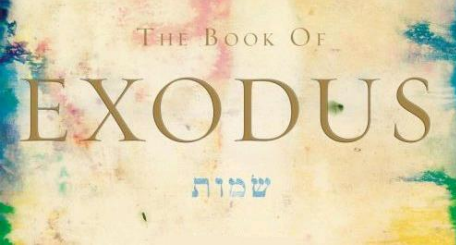
When God led the people out of Egypt, He didn't lead them on the easiest road. He took them through the desert toward a big sea called the Red Sea. God led them by day with a big cloud and He led them by night with a pillar of fire. The cloud helped shade the people from the hot desert sun during the day and the fire helped keep them warm at night. God took care of His people.

Meanwhile, back in Egypt, when the king realized that the Israelites were gone, he changed his mind and decided he wanted them back again. "What have we done, letting our slave labor, go free?" So Pharaoh took his best men and chariots and started chasing the Israelites.

When the children of Israel saw the Egyptian army and chariots coming, they were afraid. They were trapped between the Egyptians and the Red Sea!

"We are going to die!!!" they cried.

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



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

So the people of Israel walked through the middle of the sea on dry ground, with walls of water on each side!

The Egyptians, with their horses and chariots, chased after the Israelites through the sea, but God twisted their chariot wheels, making them difficult to drive.

When the Israelites reached the other side, the Lord said to Moses, "Raise your hand over the sea again." When he did, the waters returned and all of the chariots and horses -- the entire army of the Pharaoh who chased the Israelites into the sea were drowned. Not a single one survived.

When the people of Israel saw the mighty power that the Lord had unleashed against the Egyptians, they were filled with awe before him. They put their faith in the Lord and in his servant Moses. You and I have seen the mighty power of God in our lives. Let us worship and praise him for the mighty acts he has performed.

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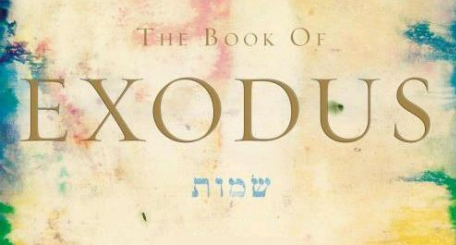
Video clip:

Ten Commandments movie

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jo0JMs-evQU>

Prince of Egypt

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mUjC5ahSMrM>



LESSON

God goes before us!

When the Israelites left Egypt, they didn't have any GPS or Waze to tell them where to go. Instead, the Lord went before them and led the way. How?

During the day, He was seen as a pillar of cloud. The pillar of cloud also protects the Israelites from the heat of the sun, especially in the middle of the desert.

During the night, He was seen as a pillar of fire. The pillar of fire provides warmth to the Israelites in the cold of the night.

God went ahead of the Israelites — His presence gave them direction, protection and comfort!

Today, wherever we are and whatever we do, God also goes before us. He will lead us, guide us, protect us and comfort us always!

Jesus is our Deliverer

The Egyptians pursued the Israelites. They thought they had trapped them ... out in the desert with the Red Sea blocking their way. The Israelites thought they were goners.

But God opened a way through their biggest obstacle (the Red Sea) for them to pass through safely. And God also used that same obstacle to destroy their enemies (the Egyptians)!

When Jesus was on earth, the devil thought he could destroy him by getting him killed.

What he didn't expect was that God used the devil's weapon — death (after all, the devil's job is to steal, kill and destroy) — to destroy the curse of sin completely.

It's like the devil threw a slingshot, but the stone came back and hit him in his head!

Jesus' death on the cross opened the way for us through the waters of sin and death and destroyed the power of Satan over us!

We are free!

Jesus set us free!

We don't have to do anything except walk in the way He has opened for us!

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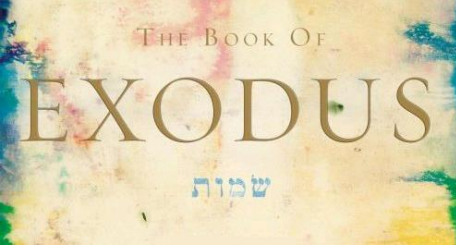
Side note: God told Moses to “lift up your rod, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it.” (Exodus 14:16)

This is also a clue that God gave us back in the Old Testament — a picture of Jesus on the cross!



Memory Verse:

Galatians 5:1 *It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.*



ACTIVITY SUGGESTION

SONG: How did Moses cross the Red Sea?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O7THqnY-uL0> (actions)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HboALKQxbNY>

SONG: I will sing unto the Lord

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=59QeKBAvbDc>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mx0JJOBMIp8>

Memory Verse challenge: Galatians 5:1

Prepare 2 sets of the memory verse on pieces of paper (each word on separate paper; different colours of each set) — You can choose to use the whole verse or part of it, depending on your age group.

Scatter the words in the “Red Sea” (a section/ middle of the class).

Divide kids into 2 teams. Assign one of the paper colours to them (e.g. Red team, Blue team)

Each team’s representative takes turns to run to the “Red Sea” to take 1 piece of paper with their team colour and bring it back.

The aim is to collect the pieces of paper as fast as possible and form the memory verse in correct order. Some of the members can start arranging the verse while others are still running to get the paper.