

# THROUGH THE RED SEA

## *Exodus 14:1-31*

### **Exodus 14**

<sup>1</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, <sup>2</sup>“Tell the Israelites to turn back and encamp near Pi Hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea. They are to encamp by the sea, directly opposite Baal Zephon. <sup>3</sup>Pharaoh will think, ‘The Israelites are wandering around the land in confusion, hemmed in by the desert.’ <sup>4</sup>And I will harden Pharaoh’s heart, and he will pursue them. But I will gain glory for myself through Pharaoh and all his army, and the Egyptians will know that I am the LORD.” So the Israelites did this.

<sup>5</sup>When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, Pharaoh and his officials changed their minds about them and said, “What have we done? We have let the Israelites go and have lost their services!” <sup>6</sup>So he had his chariot made ready and took his army with him. <sup>7</sup>He took six hundred of the best chariots, along with all the other chariots of Egypt, with officers over all of them. <sup>8</sup>The LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, so that he pursued the Israelites, who were marching out boldly. <sup>9</sup>The Egyptians—all Pharaoh’s horses and chariots, horsemen and troops—pursued the Israelites and overtook them as they camped by the sea near Pi Hahiroth, opposite Baal Zephon.

<sup>10</sup>As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up, and there were the Egyptians, marching after them. They were terrified and cried out to the LORD. <sup>11</sup>They said to Moses, “Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt?”

<sup>12</sup>“Didn’t we say to you in Egypt, ‘Leave us alone; let us serve the Egyptians’? It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!”

<sup>13</sup>Moses answered the people, “Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the LORD will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. <sup>14</sup>The LORD will fight for you; you need only be still.”

<sup>15</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, “Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on.

<sup>16</sup>Raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea to divide the water so that the Israelites can go through the sea on dry ground. <sup>17</sup>I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them. And I will gain glory through Pharaoh and all

his army, through his chariots and his horsemen. <sup>18</sup>The Egyptians will know that I am the LORD when I gain glory through Pharaoh, his chariots and his horsemen.”

<sup>19</sup>Then the angel of God, who had been traveling in front of Israel’s army, withdrew and went behind them. The pillar of cloud also moved from in front and stood behind them, <sup>20</sup>coming between the armies of Egypt and Israel. Throughout the night the cloud brought darkness to the one side and light to the other side; so neither went near the other all night long.

<sup>21</sup>Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the LORD drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided, <sup>22</sup>and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left.

<sup>23</sup>The Egyptians pursued them, and all Pharaoh’s horses and chariots and horsemen followed them into the sea. <sup>24</sup>During the last watch of the night the LORD looked down from the pillar of fire and cloud at the Egyptian army and threw it into confusion. <sup>25</sup>He made the wheels of their chariots come off so that they had difficulty driving. And the Egyptians said, “Let’s get away from the Israelites! The LORD is fighting for them against Egypt.”

<sup>26</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the waters may flow back over the Egyptians and their chariots and horsemen.”

<sup>27</sup>Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at daybreak the sea went back to its place. The Egyptians were fleeing toward it, and the LORD swept them into the sea. <sup>28</sup>The water flowed back and covered the chariots and horsemen—the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not one of them survived.

<sup>29</sup>But the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. <sup>30</sup>That day the LORD saved Israel from the hands of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore. <sup>31</sup>And when the Israelites saw the great power the LORD displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the LORD and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant.



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POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	QUESTIONS
5		1.) Why did Pharaoh go after the Israelites? (Verse 8)
5		2.) What did Moses do at the Red Sea?
5		3.) What happened to all the Egyptians that were following the Israelites?
5		4.) Why do you think God destroyed the Egyptians?

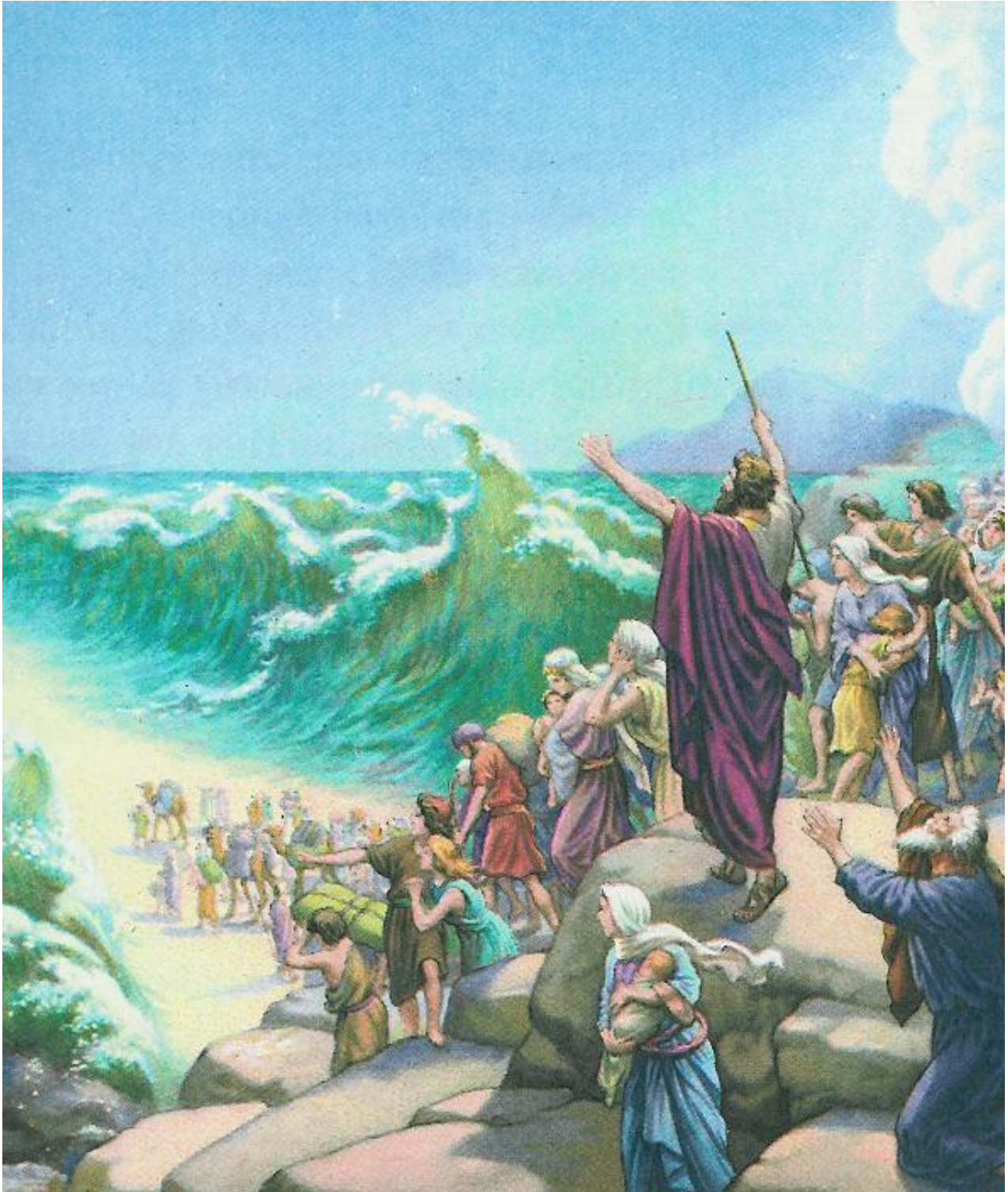
POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		<p>“For the Lord loves the just and will not forsake his faithful ones...”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Psalm 37:28</p>

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	HOME CONNECTION	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
5		<i>I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.</i>	
5		<i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>	
10		<i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i>	

TOTAL POINTS	CLUB CONNECTION
	LEADER'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE ____/____/____

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*Moses and the Israelites cross through the Red Sea and out of Egypt*

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## CRAFT/ACTIVITY: RED SEA, RED SEA

Students will play “Red Sea, Red Sea” to remind them of how the Israelites crossed the Red Sea safely as they fled from Egypt.

### MATERIALS

1. Open Field/Playground Area

### DIRECTIONS



1. Choose two students to be the “Red Sea”
2. Have the other students line up about 25 feet away in a single-file line.
3. The two students that are the “Red Sea” stand side-by-side, link hands, and face the remaining students.
4. The two students then chant, “Red Sea, Red Sea, try to cross me.”
5. The first student waiting in line will respond by running and trying to break through the two students’ linked hands.
6. If the running student successfully breaks through, he/she links hands with the other two students.
7. If the running student does not break through, he/she sits out.
8. The “Red Sea” chants again, “Red Sea, Red Sea, try to cross me.”
9. The next student in line runs and attempts to “cross” the Red Sea by breaking through any two students’ linked hands.
10. Repeat until all students have attempted to “cross” the Red Sea.
11. Play another round if time permits.

### FOR DISCUSSION

As students are lined up ready to “cross” the Red Sea, remind them that God allowed the Israelites to safely cross the Red Sea while the Egyptians pursued them. The Egyptians were destroyed when Moses stretched his hand over the sea and the sea went back into its place.

### TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:

Approximately 10 minutes

### MEMORY VERSE

*“For the Lord loves the just and will not forsake his faithful ones...”*  
*Psalms 37:28*



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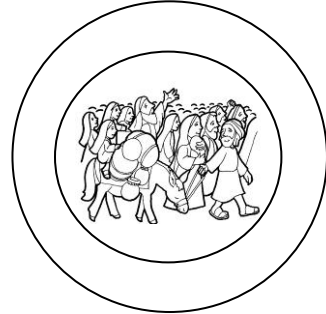
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## CRAFT/ACTIVITY: RED SEA SCENE

Students will make a scene on a paper plate to remind them that God was with the Israelites as they traveled through the Red Sea.

### MATERIALS

1. Paper Plates
2. Red Sea Pattern
3. Glue
4. Scissors
5. Markers, Crayons, or Colored Pencils



### DIRECTIONS

1. Make a copy of the “Red Sea Pattern” for each student.
2. Allow students to color the people and waves.
3. Have students cut out the people and the waves.
4. Glue the people to the center of the plate. Glue waves on either side of the people.

### FOR DISCUSSION

As students are coloring, remind them that God was with his chosen people, the Israelites. Help them realize that God loves his people and takes care of them.

### TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:

Approximately 15 minutes

### MEMORY VERSE

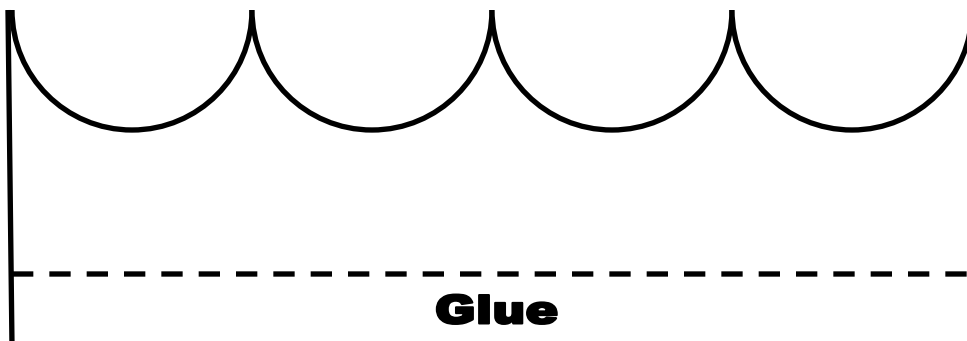
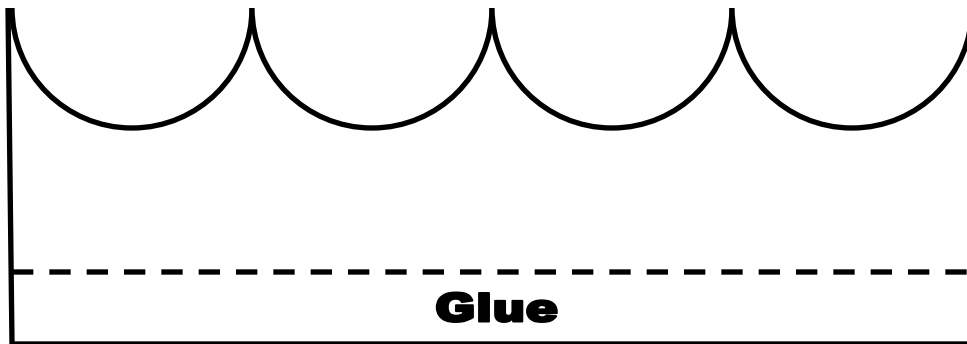
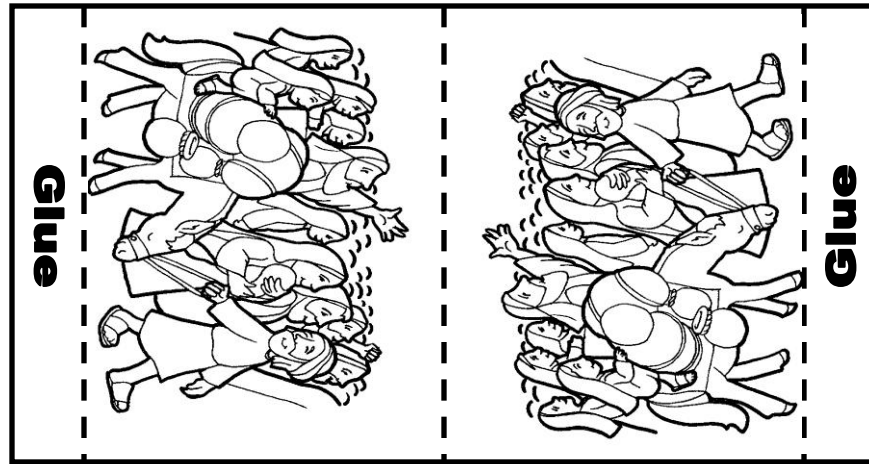
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## RED SEA PATTERN



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Look at these  
two pictures  
of the  
Israelites  
crossing the  
Red Sea.  
Circle five  
things that are  
different in  
the second  
picture.



After the Israelites left Egypt, Pharaoh changed his mind and decided he wanted the slaves back. He sent his army to chase after the Israelites. But God divided the waters of the Red Sea so the Israelites could safely cross to the other side.

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With Moses as their leader, the Israelites left Egypt. But Pharaoh sent an army to bring them back! You can read about it in Exodus 12-14.

The words listed below are from Exodus 12-14.  
Fit them into their proper places in the puzzles.  
All shared letters have been filled in to give you a head start.

### 3 letter words

DRY  
MEN  
SEA

### 4 letter words

ARMY  
DEAD  
EAST  
FIRE  
HAND  
LEFT  
LORD  
WALL

### 5 letter words

AARON  
MOSES  
NIGHT  
RIGHT  
SAVED  
TODAY  
TRUST  
WOMEN

### 6 letter words

AFRAID  
PEOPLE  
TROOPS  
WATERS

### 7 letter words

DIVIDED  
PHARAOH  
RAMESES  
SUCCOTH

### 8 letter words

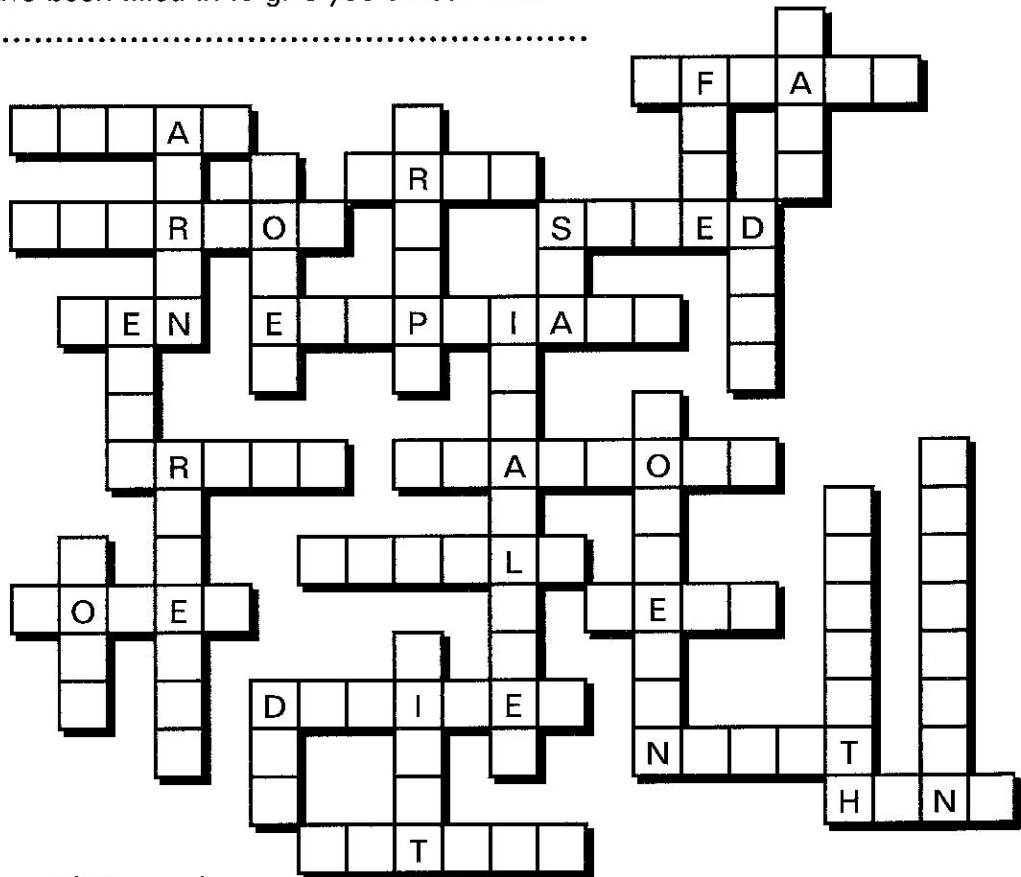
HORSEMEN  
CHARIOTS  
CHILDREN

### 9 letter word

EGYPTIANS

### 10 letter word

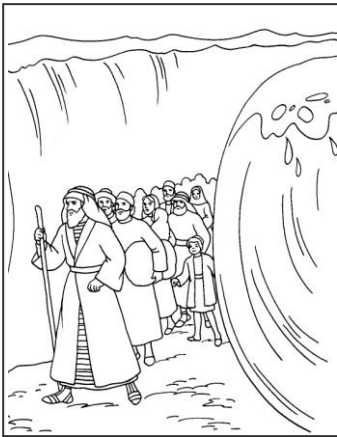
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The Israelites were finally free from being slaves in Egypt. The Lord told Moses to have the Israelites camp by the Red Sea. The Lord warned Moses that Pharaoh would come after the Israelites, but that the Israelites would not be harmed.

Pharaoh chased after the Israelites with more than 600 chariots. Pharaoh didn't want to loose the Israelites as slaves.

The Israelites saw the Egyptians getting closer and closer. The Israelites started to complain to Moses, "Why did you bring us out to the desert to die?"

The Lord told Moses to raise up his staff and stretch out his hand over the sea to divide the water. Moses obeyed and the water divided. The Israelites crossed through the Red Sea on dry ground.

The Egyptians followed the Israelites into the middle of the Rea Sea.

When the Israelites were safely across the river, Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Egyptians were still crossing the sea when the walls of water crashed down on them. The Egyptians drowned in the Red Sea. They all died!

The Israelites feared the Lord and put their trust in him and in Moses.

For more details, please read Exodus 14:1-31 in the Bible.

## QUESTIONS

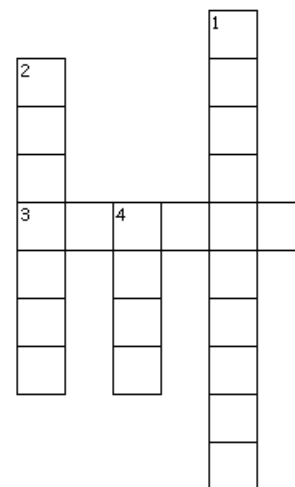
1. Why did Pharaoh chase after the Israelites?
2. How did the Israelites get through the Red Sea?
3. What happened to the Egyptians who were chasing the Israelites?
4. Why do you think God made the Egyptians drown in the Red Sea?

## MEMORY VERSE

"For the Lord loves the just and will not forsake his faithful ones..."

Psalm 37:28

## CROSSWORD



Across

3. What the Israelites crossed

Down

1. God's People

2. The king of Egypt

4. What happened to the Egyptians

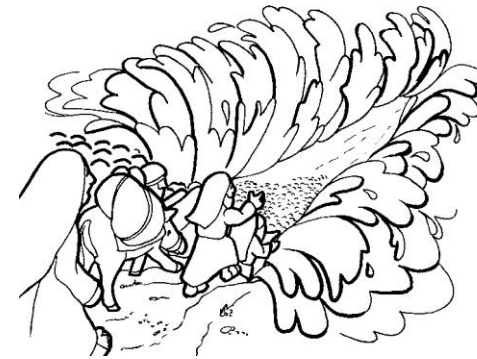
## Ideas For Home:

Today your child learned how God protected the Israelites as they walked through the Red Sea on dry land.

1. Have your child finish coloring this book.
2. Help your child learn the *Memory Verse*.
3. Practice the *Bible Story Rhyme*.
4. Read and discuss the bible story with your child.
5. Discuss how God helps those who obey him.

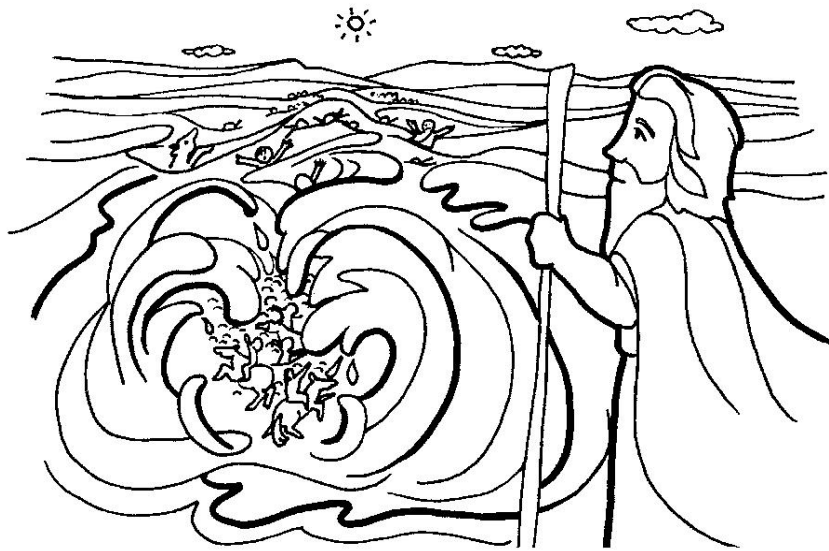
Bible Story Mini Book

# Through the Red Sea



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The king sent his soldiers after the Israelites and the soldiers drowned.



Finally, the king let God's people leave Egypt.

## Memory Verse

“...the Lord loves the just...”  
Psalm 37:28

## Bible Story Rhyme

**Follow me,**

*(Use hand to motion for children to come)*

**Through the sea.**

*(March in place)*

**Pharaoh's men,**

*(Pretend to place a crown on your head  
with both hands)*

**Are after me!**

*(Hold out left arm and use right pointer  
and ring fingers to “walk” on left arm)*



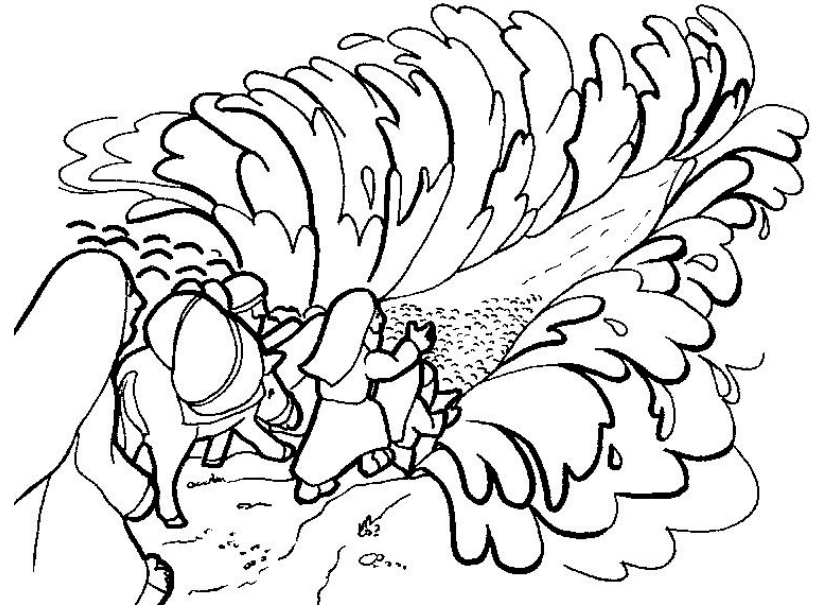
When God's people came  
to the Red Sea, Moses  
raised his staff and the  
sea divided into two.

## Have You Ever Sinned?

The Bible teaches that we have *all* sinned and do not measure up to God's glory. It also teaches that the price for sin is death which separates us from God. But even though we are sinners, Christ died for us and paid the price for our sin. We just need to ask him to forgive us and receive his free gift of salvation. Just pray this prayer, with a sincere heart, and Jesus will forgive you of your sins. You will become a child of God and live with Him in heaven.

***"Dear Jesus,***

***Please forgive me for the bad things that I have done. Please come into my heart and be my Lord and savior. In your name I pray, Amen."***



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dry land.



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## PRESCHOOL GAME

**Supplies:** Two long pieces of rope or yarn

**Follow the story of the crossing of the Red Sea with this energy-burning game.**

**S**how the children the ropes representing the walls of water that separated at God's command. Teach this refrain that children will shout to the Egyptian soldiers: **Run, run, as fast as you can. You can't catch us. We're part of God's plan.** Pick three volunteers to help you be the first rope-holders. Select one or two children to start as the soldiers and one child to be Moses. The rest of the children will be the Israelites. Start the game with all the escaping Israelites lined up behind Moses. Have the soldiers stand at the end of the line.

Say: **When Moses leads you to the ropes, he'll tell the Red Sea to separate. The rope holders will move the ropes away from each other. The Israelites will run between the ropes, shouting to the soldiers, "Run, run, as fast as you can. You can't catch us. We're part of God's plan." Just as the soldiers begin to run between the ropes, the rope holders will bring the ropes together and catch the soldiers.**

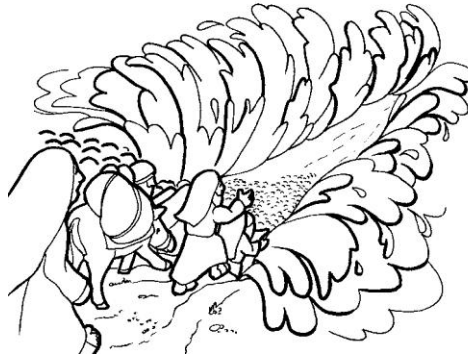
Have children change roles after each game. After you've played the game a couple of times, let Moses decide what method of locomotion his people should take (hopping, skipping, and crawling are a few possibilities). Change the refrain accordingly, and let the kids change roles frequently.



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**PRESCHOOL BIBLE STORY RHYME**



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