



At-A-Glance: Ages 10-12
God of Wonders Part 2: Genesis - Joshua
Unit 8, Lesson 42

God Parts the Red Sea

Lesson Aim: To know God made a way for us to know His presence. (Salvation Message)

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: What do you enjoy most about the ocean?

GAME: Red Sea Catch

THE WORSHIP THE GOD WHO SPEAKS

Read Worship Scripture: Psalm 16:11.

Sing songs and worship God.

Bless and collect the offering.

Perform High Seas Adventures script or read storybook.

THE WORD GOD SAVES THE ISRAELITES

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: God passed over the Israelites' homes.

Point to Moses (Circa 1500 B.C.). **Today, we will see that after Pharaoh let the Israelites go, he changed his mind and chased them all the way to the Red Sea.** Point to the Red Sea. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Exodus 13:21-22; 14:5-7, 10, 13-16, 19-26, 31; 15:1-2. Find It First. Highlight Key Verses: Exodus 14:13-14. Pray. See "Act It Out" in GOT TIME? for a suggested drama activity to act out your reading of the scripture or read Exodus 13:21-22; 14:5-7, 10, 13-16, 19-26, 31; 15:1-2.

THE WAY GOD SHOWS US HIS PRESENCE

When Pharaoh let the Israelites go, what guided them through the desert? (A pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night.) **Who was inside the pillar?** (The Lord.) **How could the Israelites physically see the Lord was always with them?** (The pillar of cloud/fire never left them.) **How might seeing the miraculous pillar have encouraged them to trust God and walk through the Red Sea? Have you ever seen a miracle that reminded you God was with you?**

Why did Pharaoh change his mind and pursue the Israelites? (He needed them as slaves.) **When Pharaoh's army pursued the Israelites, how did God show He was protecting them?** (The pillar of cloud moved from in front of the Israelites to behind them, as if standing guard between

them and Pharaoh's army.) **What did the pillar of cloud do in the night?** (Kept Pharaoh's army in darkness and the Israelites in light.) **How have you seen God protect you?**

CHRIST CONNECTION:

1500 years after God showed His presence and saved the Israelites, He made a way for all people to be in His presence. Just as there was no human way to cross the Red Sea, there is no human way for our souls to earn life forever in God's presence. Our soul is the part in each one of us that lives forever. By dying on the cross, Jesus paid for our sins. His sacrifice made a way for our souls to no longer be separated from God. Let's see how James and Jesus each explain this. Reveal James 4:8, John 14:6. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

How is Jesus the Way? (He is the only way to be close to the Father.) **Believing in Jesus as your Lord and Savior is the only way for you to come to God the Father. Just as the Israelites had to trust God and accept the way He had made for them to be saved, God requires us to trust His Son, Jesus, as the only way we can have a relationship with Him. If you have never trusted Jesus as your Lord and Savior and you are ready to do that, you can pray to Him now.** Review the *Children's Guide for New Believers* and offer to pray the ABC Prayer of Salvation with any interested children. Give children a copy of the guide.

What did the Israelites do after God led them to safety? (Trusted God and His servant Moses.) **What kind of song did they sing after the Lord saved them?** (A praise song.) **Worshiping the Lord with praise songs is one way to draw near to Him. What are some other ways you can draw near to God and enjoy His presence?**

THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: "I Am the Way" cross necklace or paper cross
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- OFFERING OF ART: The Israelites crossing the Red Sea
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Fishy Snack

GAME: Act It Out!

CRAFT: Pillar of Cloud and Fire

DISCUSSION: Joseph's Bones

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Stepping Stones, Bible Memory Verse Message Ball

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW