

At-A-Glance: Ages 6-7 God of Wonders Part 2: Genesis - Joshua Unit 8, Lesson 42

God Parts the Red Sea

Lesson Aim: To show God has made a way for us to be saved. (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 kept His promise to send plagues if Pharaoh would not listen.

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 14:5-6, 9-10, 13-16, 21-22, 31. Pray. See ACT IT OUT in GOT TIME? for a suggested drama activity to act out your reading of the scripture or read Exodus 14:5-6, 9-10, 13-16, 21-22, 31.

THE WAY GOD MADE A WAY TO SAVE US

When Pharaoh let the Israelites go, God led them through the desert with a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. What did Pharaoh do after they left Egypt? (He changed his mind and sent his army to get them.) Imagine being trapped, as the Israelites were, between the Red Sea and the Egyptian army. It was too far to swim across and they had no boats. How would you feel if you were them? What did the Israelites do? (Cried out to the Lord.) Have you ever been afraid? What did you do about it?

The Israelites cried out to the Lord because He was the only one who could save them. What did Moses tell them to do? ("Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today.") When Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, what did God send to

push the sea back? (A strong wind.) What did the wind do to the ground on the floor of the sea? (The wind dried it.)

As the Israelites walked across dry land, what was on each side of them? (Walls of water.) What do you think it was like to walk between the walls of water? Pharaoh's army followed the Israelites into the Red Sea. When the Israelites were safely on the other side of the Red Sea, God caused the water to cover Pharaoh's army. God had defeated the whole army and saved the Israelites.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

God made a way to save the Israelites. Moses told them exactly what to do for their lives to be saved. 1500 years later, Jesus made a way to save our souls, the part of you that lives forever. Paul tells us what to do for our souls to be saved. Reveal Romans 10:9. Read.

To confess with your mouth is to say what you believe aloud. What does Paul promise will happen to all who confess that Jesus is their Lord? (They will be saved.) To be saved means our souls will belong to God and be close with Him forever, even after our bodies die!

Just as the Israelites could not save themselves. We cannot save our own souls; only Jesus has the power to save us. If you have never accepted Jesus as the Lord of your life and you are ready to do that, you can pray to Him right now. If a child wants to know more about accepting Jesus as Lord and Savior, review the *Children's Guide for New Believers* and offer to pray the ABC Prayer of Salvation with him or her. Give child a copy of the *Children's Guide for New Believers*.

When Jesus saves our souls, we are saved forever. There is no army and no power that can separate a saved person from God!

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

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Stepping Stones, Bible Memory

Verse Message Ball

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW