



At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9
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 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; 14:5-7, 10, 13-16, 19-23, 26, 31. 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; 14:5-7, 10, 13-16, 19-23, 26, 31.

THE WAY JESUS IS THE WAY

When Pharaoh let the Israelites go, what guided them through the desert? (The pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night.) **Why did Pharaoh change his mind and pursue the Israelites?** (He wanted their services as slaves.) **How many of his best chariots did Pharaoh use to pursue them?** (600.) **The Israelites thought they were free, but suddenly they were trapped between the Red Sea and the Egyptian army. Imagine what it was like to stand at the water's edge and see the Egyptian army coming for you. What did they do?** (They cried out to the Lord.) **The Israelites cried out to the Lord because He was 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.")

How did God make a way for the Israelites to be saved at the Red Sea? (God parted the sea and they walked across on dry land.) **What did they have to do to be saved?** (Nothing, except to trust God's way and walk through it.) **In what ways have you trusted God? What did God do to the Egyptian army?** (He caused the Red Sea to cover and defeat them.) **What did the people do after God safely led them to the other side of the Red Sea?** (They trusted God and His servant Moses.)

CHRIST CONNECTION:

1500 years later, God performed an even bigger miracle. Just as there was no human way to cross the Red Sea, there is no human way for our souls to earn life forever close with God. 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 Jesus explains it. Reveal 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 made for them to be saved, God requires us to trust His Son, Jesus, as the only way to 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.

When we trust Jesus as our Lord and Savior, we are His forever. No army and no power can separate us from God again.

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