

# CROSSING THE RED SEA

EXODUS 13:17-22; EXODUS 14-15



## UNDERSTANDING THE STORY:

### The Israelites were finally free from slavery and were leaving the land of Egypt.

- Who was leading the Israelites? (God - Exodus 13:21) How did God lead them during the day?
- How did God lead them during the night? Did the fire give them light at night?

### Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, began thinking about what he had done.

- Did Pharaoh wish that he had not let the Israelites go free? What did Pharaoh do? (Exodus 14:6-9)
- How did the Israelites feel when they saw the Egyptian army coming toward them?
- In front of the Israelites was water (the Red Sea). The desert and mountains were on each side of them, and the Egyptian army was behind them. Were they trapped?
- Had God helped the Israelites before? Instead of being afraid, should the Israelites have remembered how God had already helped them? Should they have trusted God to take care of them this time also?
- When the Israelites were scared, what did Moses tell them? (Exodus 14:13-14)

### God told Moses to tell the Israelites to go forward. God would do a miracle.

- Where did God move the pillar of cloud? (Behind the Israelites and in front of the Egyptians) Could the Egyptians see the Israelites through the cloud?
- What did God tell Moses to do with the rod in his hand? What did God send to blow on the sea during the night? What happened to the water? Was the ground wet or dry?
- The Israelites had been trapped on all sides. When God divided the water, were they trapped any longer? What did they do? Imagine walking on dry ground between giant walls of water!

### The Egyptian army tried to follow the Israelites through the Red Sea.

- What happened to their chariot wheels?
- What did God tell Moses to do? When the water came back together, what happened to the Egyptians?
- Did God save the Israelites from the Egyptians? Was God able to take them all the way out of Egypt?

## SIMPLE TRUTHS:

### God used a pillar of cloud during the day and a pillar of fire at night to lead the Israelite people.

- We don't have a pillar of cloud or a pillar of fire to tell us where to go or what to do. So, how can we know what God wants us to do? (The Bible teaches us what God wants us to do. And if we love Jesus, the Holy Spirit will lead us to do what is right.)
- If we want God to lead us throughout our life, we need to give our lives to Him. Do any of you want to do that now? Do you know what Jesus did for us so that we could be with Him forever?

### The Israelites were afraid when they saw the Egyptian army chasing them.

- Sometimes we are afraid too. When things are scary and we don't know what to do, who should we talk to about our problem? Does God love us and care about us? Is God powerful and loving enough to help us?
- When we are afraid, we should remember the wonderful promises of God! One of God's promises is "I will never leave you..." Let's pray and thank God that He is with us.
- God helped the Israelites and He can help us too. Let's ask God for His help!

## AND REMEMBER...

God always keeps  
His promises!

## MEMORY VERSE:

"The LORD is my strength and song,  
And He has become my salvation; He  
is my God, and I will praise Him..."  
Exodus 15:2