

January 2

In person for 3 & under
At home for 4 & up

GOD PARTED THE RED SEA (EXODUS 13-15)

RECAP

Christ Connection

Moses led God's people out of Egypt, and God made the way to freedom across the Red Sea. Moses was a great leader, but the Bible says Jesus is greater. God gives us freedom from sin through His Son, Jesus.

Big Picture Question:

Does God keep His promises? Yes, God always keeps His promises because He is faithful.

Key Passage & Phrase:

God keeps His promises. Numbers 23:19

PRESCHOOL REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Moses quickly led the Israelites out of Egypt and God was with them. Where did God tell Moses to take the Israelites? (to the sea and set up camp there)
2. Who did the Israelites see coming after them? (Pharaoh and his army)
3. What happened when Moses did what God told him to do and stretched out his hand over the sea? (The sea was divided in two. The Israelites walked through on dry ground.)
4. As soon as the Israelites were safely on the other side of the sea, what did Moses do? (Moses stretched out his hand again and the waters came back together.)
5. What did Moses and the Israelites do after they were safely on the other side of the sea and the waters came back together? (They thanked God and sang a song.)
5. **Does God keep His promises? Yes, God always keeps His promises.**

ELEMENTARY DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. **How did the Israelites respond to God's rescuing them through the Red Sea?** Lead kids to discuss how the Israelites worshiped God. They sang, danced, and played instruments. They told about God's power and all He had done. Consider pointing kids to Exodus 15 and reading the praises of the Israelites. (Option: Choose a volunteer to read Ex. 15:21.)
2. **What reasons do we have to worship God?** Encourage kids to share other things they know God has done, either through reading Scripture or in their own lives. Recognize God's power and authority. Point out that kids can worship God by singing songs, dancing in thankfulness, or writing poems and stories that tell of His wonderful works. God is honored when we worship Him and teach others to worship Him too. (Option: Choose a volunteer to read Ps. 57:7.)
3. **How does the story of the Red Sea crossing remind us of Jesus?** Tell kids that when we tell people about Jesus, we can invite them to trust in Jesus. Trusting in Jesus is like crossing the Red Sea from death in sin to life and salvation in the promised land of God's kingdom. (Option: Choose a volunteer to read 2 Cor. 1:3-4.)

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THE GOSPEL PROJECT @HOME

FAMILY WORSHIP

Consider doing this during a designated time each week or before/after a meal together:

Read all or parts of Exodus 13-15 from the Bible, talk about the scripture, pray and do the fun activity or family serve project this week.

The Bible tells us that the Israelites were in Egypt for 430 years and that about 600,000 men left with Moses. If we add to that number the women, children, and other Egyptians who wanted to be a part of the Israelites, we can estimate that more than 2 million Israelites left Egypt. That's equal to the population of Chicago, Illinois—the third largest city in the United States.

Now think about all those people crossing the Red Sea on dry land while God held back the water. How amazing it must have been to see a whole city of people walking through the middle of those walls of water. Once again, God had demonstrated His power over creation and over the enemy so that His people could be free.

The Bible describes how our sin has made us enemies of God, but it also shares God's plan to rescue those who believe. Ephesians 2:4-5 says, "But God, who is rich in mercy, because of his great love that he had for us, made us alive with Christ even though we were dead in trespasses. You are saved by grace!"

When there was no way out and all hope seemed to be lost, God provided a way for the Israelites to be free. Likewise, when we were lost in our sin and without any hope of saving ourselves, God sent Jesus to rescue us from sin.

Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt, and God provided a way for them to escape through the Red Sea. The Bible says that Jesus is greater than Moses. (Hebrews 3:3) People who trust in Jesus escape the penalty of sin and have eternal life.

Pray: God, thank You for showing us Your great power through the story of the Red Sea crossing and through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Help us to believe in Your power to save and to know Jesus as the Savior who offers us new life with You.

FAMILY PRAYER

Mornings

Ask God to remind you of His great power when you pray. Ask Him to give you boldness when you pray and confidence that He can do anything He chooses. Is there any limit to God's power? How does God's power give us confidence to ask Him for what we need?

Evenings

Praise God for the ways you saw His glory in creation today. Thinking of how the large sky reminds us of God's greatness. The sun's brightness reminds us that Jesus is the light of the world, and the evergreen trees remind us that we can have eternal life through Jesus.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

For Fun

Fill a large bowl with water. Use cups or spoons to scoop water from the bowl. Allow your kids to use their hands to attempt to "hold back" the water as it falls into the bowl. Discuss God's power over creation and how He is the only one who can hold back the waters as He did for the Israelites.

Supplies: large bowl, cups or spoons

To Serve

Visit a lake or river to collect trash and debris from the shoreline. Dispose of the trash in appropriate bags or bins. As you stand in front of the body of water, talk with your kids about how God parted the waters of the Red Sea. Imagine what it would've been like to see this miracle and how it might have increased the Israelites' faith in God.

Supplies: trash bags, gloves

