

LESSON 2

CROSSING THE RED SEA

LESSON AT A GLANCE

WONDER TRUTH: God Rescues His People

SCRIPTURE: Exodus 13–15

GOD'S BIG STORY: After His people spend 400 years in slavery, God steps in with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, rescuing them and providing a way through the Red Sea.

Object Lesson: Walls of Water

Activity: Ball Rescue

Worship

God's Big Story

Prayer and Blessing

Activity: Walls of Water Walk

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Designed for families to engage in the wonder of God together at home. This resource includes a video, worship playlists, activities, and more!

Object Lesson: Walls of Water

SUPPLIES: blue play dough or kinetic sand, toy people figures (optional)

Set out some blue play dough or kinetic sand on a table.

Greet the kids warmly and welcome them to church.

Good morning! I'm so glad you're here today. We're going to talk today about an amazing thing that God did to rescue, or save, His people. God made walls of water so His people could be saved. We'll learn all about it in our story today. To help us get curious, let's make our own walls of water.

Let the kids shape the play dough or kinetic sand into two walls of water. It doesn't have to be perfect; they can be shaped however the kids want! If you have toy people figures, let the kids pretend to make the toy people figures walk through the walls of water.

Activity: Ball Rescue

SUPPLIES: ball

Have kids gather on one side of the room. **In God's big story today, we will learn how God rescues His people, the Israelites. Rescue means to save. Let's pretend that this** (point to the ball) **is one of God's people who needs to be rescued. We need to get it to the other side of the room.** Invite the kids to push the ball to the other side of the room. They can use their hands or feet to make the ball go.

God rescued His people in an amazing way. We'll learn all about it in our story today.

Our Wonder Truth today is GOD RESCUES HIS PEOPLE.

Tell the kids to do the following motions while you repeat the Wonder Truth. Older toddlers can say the words with you as they do the motions.

GOD—Point up.

RESCUES—Hold arms out to sides, then pretend to scoop something up, like rescuing.

HIS PEOPLE.—Point to yourself.

Worship

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: songs from the [Connected Easter Early Childhood Spotify playlist](#)

Today in God's big story, we're learning that God rescues His people. God is amazing! Let's sing together and thank God!

Play songs from the [Connected Easter Early Childhood Spotify playlist](#) and encourage the kids to sing and dance with you.

God's Big Story

SUPPLIES: Bible, walking stick

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: [God's Big Story Video](#)

Our God's big story today is a great story from the Bible about Moses! Encourage the kids to say, "Moses." **Let's find out from the Bible what happened to Moses!**

God's people, the Israelites, were being held captive in Egypt. The Egyptians treated them very badly and would not let them leave. They really needed God!

God cared for them and sent Moses to lead them out of Egypt. Moses told Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, that God had said, "Let my people go" But Pharaoh said he would not. Shake your head. God sent bad things called plagues to happen to the people of Egypt. After a lot of bad things happened, Pharaoh told the Israelites to leave.

They were free! God led them through the desert to the Red Sea. During the day, God led them in a pillar of cloud. A pillar is like a tower. At night, God led the people with a pillar of fire. They always had light to see where to go.

The Israelites camped by the Red Sea. But something bad happened—Pharaoh changed his mind! He took his big, strong army and went after God's people. Make a scared face. The Israelites were stuck between Pharaoh's army and the sea. Oh no! Make scared face.

Moses told the people not to be afraid. "Stand firm," he told them. "You will see how the LORD will save you today" (Exodus 14:13).

Then God told Moses to hold out his walking stick and reach out his hand over the sea. God was going to make a way for the people to walk through the sea on dry ground! Point to the walking stick.

Moses reached out his hand with the stick. Hold up the walking stick. Then God sent a strong wind. Blow really hard for a few seconds. The waters split, and there was dry land in the middle! The people walked through the sea on dry land to the other side. God made a way for the people of Israel to get away!

God told Moses to reach his hand over the water again. Hold out your hand. The water went back to normal. God's people were safe from Pharaoh's army.

That day the Israelites sang a song about how God saved them. They sang about how God set them free. They sang because they knew God rescues His people. Clap and cheer.

Prayer and Blessing

Let's talk to God. When I say rescue, you can clap and cheer.

Dear God, we thank You for Your great rescue (clap and cheer) of Your people. We thank You that You rescue (clap and cheer) us from sin through Jesus! We love You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Blessing: May the Lord God, who rescues His people, remind you this week that He knows you, loves you, leads you, and rescues you.

Activity: Walls of Water Walk

SUPPLIES: blue disposable tablecloths or pool noodles (2)

In our story today, we learned how God rescued His people by sending a strong wind to blow apart the water of the Red Sea to make walls of water on both sides. The Israelites, God’s people, walked through the sea on dry land! To help us remember our story, we’ll walk through walls of water.

Ask a leader to help you hold up the blue tablecloths (or pool noodles) on both sides of the kids. Leave a path in the middle and encourage the kids to walk (or crawl) through them.