

Old Testament

Through the Red Sea Exodus 13—14:32

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Teachers: This new unit is designed to help your children understand some of the stories in the Old Testament. Each lesson will have both Old Testament and New Testament passages.

PLEASE remember to always include the New Testament verses—this helps each child see how God's ultimate plan was fulfilled in Christ!

Welcome Time

Ask the kids about some of their favorite water activities. Share how today's lesson is about Moses and a special thing that happened. Listen and see.

Bible Story

*Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson. Please read through the story and read it in the Bible. Do **NOT** read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.*

Teachers: This is a great story to be interactive with the kids. Let them act out parts and make splashy wave noises.

When God led the people out of Egypt, He didn't lead them on the simplest road. He took them through the desert to a big sea called the Red Sea.

God led them by day with a big cloud and He led them by night with a pillar of fire. The cloud helped shade the people from the heat of the desert during the day. The fire helped warm the people from the cold at night. God took care of His people.

When the king realized what had happened, he had his best men and chariots chase after the people. He was confident that he would get them back, BUT he was wrong.

When the people looked up and saw the chariots, they were scared. Moses talked to them and told them that God would help them and care for them.

All of a sudden they reached a dead end. The Red Sea was right before them. The people began to panic because there was no way of escape from the king's army.

Suddenly, God told Moses to lift his stick. A great wind began to blow. It separated the water into 2 walls. In the middle was a dry walkway. All of God's people walked through the water on dry land!

The angel of God moved behind the people and protected them from the king's army. In fact, while it was night on the king's side, God made it light as the people were

Lesson Goals

See how God did a miracle for His people
Explain how Moses and the people had to trust God
Just as God saved His people, share how He can help us

traveling through the sea. They made it safely to the other side as the chariots began to ride through the walkway. As they were riding, God caused their chariot wheels to fall off.

The men knew that God was taking care of His people. They ran back to the land shouting, "Let's get out of here. God is fighting for them!"

God told Moses to stretch out his hand over the waters. Suddenly the waters closed. All the king's army was killed in the water.

God took care of His people! They were so excited that they began singing songs to God to thank Him for saving them from the evil king.

God did a miracle that day. He saved the people from the king. He can do a miracle in your life too. God wants us to live with Him forever. He knew a way for this to happen. He sent His only Son, Jesus, to take your punishment. He died for all the wrong sins that we have done. We have a choice to follow Him and believe in Him with all our hearts. If we trust Him, He will clean out our sin and make us like a new person. Would you like to know how to trust in Jesus? Talk to us anytime.

Learning Activities

Try activities that will help the kids learn a lesson that they can apply to their lives.

Memory Verse Activities

Talk to the kids about what it would be like to be "treated" like a king or queen. Now share how God wants us to treat others with the same kind of love and kindness.

Prayer Time

Ask God to help us do right. Thank Him for the Bible, His Word.

Snack Time/CleanUp

Enjoy fun snacks. See last page for ideas or create your own fun snacks!

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10 Commandments
Exodus 20:1-17

Preschool Lesson
For
Through the Red Sea

Bring Blue construction paper for each child. They will use it to illustrate the “walls of the Red Sea.”

When God led the people out of Egypt, He didn't lead them on the easiest road. He took them through the hot desert to a big sea called the Red Sea.

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When the king saw what had happened, he had his best men and chariots chase after the people. He was sure that he would force the people to come back, BUT he was wrong.

When the people looked up and saw the chariots, they were scared. Moses talked to them and told them that God would help them and care of them.

All of a sudden they reached a dead end. The Red Sea was right before them. The people began to panic because there was no way of escape from the king's army.

(Pass out blue construction paper.)

Suddenly, God told Moses to lift his stick. A great wind began to blow. It separated the water into 2 walls. In the middle was a dry walkway. All of God's people walked through the water on dry land! (Have the kids shake the paper then split into two rows with a walkway in between them.)

The angel of God moved behind the people and protected them from the king's army. In fact, while it was night on the king's side, God made it light as the people were traveling through the sea.

When all the people got to the other side, God told Moses to stretch out his hand over the waters. Suddenly the waters closed.

God took care of His people! They were so excited that they began singing songs to God to thank Him for saving them from the evil king.

Sing songs to thank God for how good He is to us!

Pray and thank God for caring for us.

Teachers: The Red Sea did not have red water. However, small children may not be able to understand that it was called the Red Sea and there was not red water in it.



Hands-On Activities For Through the Red Sea

Bring Red juice to remind the kids of the “Red Sea.”

Use blue paper or a blue tarp as the “sea.” Separate the kids into 3 groups. Two will be the water and one will be the people. At the signal, let the two groups of water “separate” and the third group will walk through on dry land.

Here are a few ideas from Group Publishing:

Play follow the leader. Have some kids make a “bridge” of water that the kids can walk through.

Blow bubbles as you tell the story to signify the sea.

Set up sprinklers outside and turn on the water. Let the kids run through the sprinklers for the “Red Sea Rally.” See how many don’t get wet.

A fun snack idea is to split a banana into two pieces lengthwise. Put blue Jell-O on each side to illustrate the water. In the middle add crushed graham crackers for the dry land. Enjoy!

Bring Blue helium balloons that can be separated as you tell the story of the water separating.

