

Lesson #12



LEADER GUIDE
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MOSES RED SEA CROSSING EXODUS 12:31-15:18

GOAL

- ▶ To explain how God led the Israelites from Egypt and saved them from Pharaoh's army by miraculously parting the waters of the Red Sea.

WORDS TO KNOW

- ▶ **Deliverance:** the act of being set free or rescued.

MEMORY VERSES

- ▶ **Exodus 14:14:** The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to be silent.

MEMORY VERSE MEANING

- ▶ **Exodus 14:14:** The Lord fought for the Israelites, and He will fight for us. All we have to do is believe that He is with us, knows what we are going through, and let Him take care of us.

OVERVIEW

- ▶ **Read Exodus 12:31-15:18:** After the plague that killed the firstborn sons in Egypt, the Egyptians were scared. They urged the Israelites to leave quickly. As the millions of people, taking all their belongings and livestock, left Egypt, the Egyptians gave them tons of treasure. The Lord led them into the desert, appearing as a huge pillar of cloud during the day and a pillar of fire at night. Some time after the Israelites left, Pharaoh changed his mind about letting them leave, and became enraged. He mustered his entire army to pursue them and bring them back to serve the Egyptians. The Egyptian army caught up to the Israelites as they reached the shore of the Red Sea. Seeing the vast army coming after them, the Israelites began to panic. They turned on Moses, accusing him of taking them from Egypt to die out in the desert. Moses told them not to be afraid because the Lord was going to fight for them. Moses raised his arm over the waters, and the Lord caused a mighty wind to part the waters of the sea. All the Israelites crossed to the other side, walking on dry land. Pharaoh commanded his army to follow on the path created through the sea. As they were making their way across, the Lord confused the soldiers, and the wheels of their chariots became stuck in the mud and fell off. They began to panic and tried to run back to the shore, but God closed the path through the sea, letting the waters collapse down on them. Pharaoh's entire army was defeated. The Israelites saw God's mighty power and that He had freed them from slavery and saved them from Pharaoh's army. Moses and all the Israelites broke out into song, praising God for His power and love.



QUESTION & ANSWER

SLIDE 1



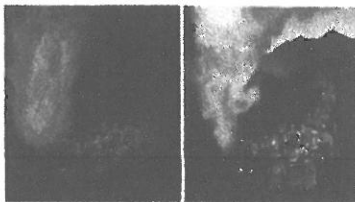
Q1a: What did the Egyptians give to the Israelites as they left Egypt?

A1: The Egyptians gave the Israelites treasure as they left Egypt.

Q1b: What's better: winning a championship game or getting a trophy for winning a championship game?

TN: Both are great! The feeling of winning a big game is an amazing feeling. Getting a trophy is a physical reminder of that feeling. When the Israelites were leaving, they were overjoyed. They had lived terrible, harsh lives working as the Egyptians' slaves. Being set free was the greatest thing that had ever happened to them. They were happy to leave with the few things they owned but receiving treasure from the people who had mistreated them all those years was more than they could have asked for!

SLIDE 2



Q2a: Besides direction, what did the pillars of cloud and fire provide to the Israelites?

A2: The pillars of cloud and fire provided the Israelites with shade from the sun and warmth at night.



QUESTION & ANSWER

SLIDE 3



Q3a: How many of his best chariots and officers did Pharaoh summon to pursue the Israelites?

A3: Pharaoh summoned 600 of his best chariots and officers.

SLIDE 4



Q4a: What did the Israelites do when they saw Pharaoh's army coming after them?

A4: The Israelites panicked when they saw Pharaoh's army coming after them.



Q5a: What did Pharaoh's army do when they reached the parted sea?

A5: Pharaoh's army went into the parted sea and continued chasing after the Israelites.

Q5b: If you saw elevator doors closing, would you try to slide in before they completely shut?

TN: Most elevators have sensors that stop the doors from closing when someone tries to enter, but some older models don't. This could be potentially dangerous. When Pharaoh's army entered the passage through the Red Sea, they were taking a risk that they could make it through in time—it was a risk that didn't pay off.



QUESTION & ANSWER

SLIDE 6



Q6a: What happened when the Lord threw the Egyptians into confusion and panic?

A6: They tried to run away after the wheels of their chariots got clogged with mud and fell off.

Q6b: If the Israelites walked across dry ground, how did the chariot wheels get clogged with mud?

TN: This is yet more evidence of God's power and His attention to the slightest details. Walking on dry ground is more comfortable and it's easier to walk on, which helped the Israelites to cross the sea quickly. God had no desire to make the journey across the sea easy for the Egyptians, so they got mud, which is what we would expect to find at the bottom of the sea. This slowed them down, which helped the millions of Israelites and all their livestock make it to the other side without being harmed

SLIDE 7



Q7a: What did the Israelites do when they saw what happened to Pharaoh's army?

A7: They rejoiced and sang songs of praise to the Lord.



QUESTION & ANSWER

MEMORY VERSES

▶ **Exodus 14:14:** The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to be silent.

▶ **Exodus 15:2:** The Lord is my strength and my song; and he has become my salvation.

BIG IDEA

▶ God is mighty, and He uses His strength to save those who love Him.

CLOSING PRAYER

▶ Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for Your grace. Thank You showing us Your power when You saved the Israelites. Thank You for sending Jesus to save us from our sins. Remind us of these stories of Your incredible power when facing difficult times to help us to stand firm, knowing that You will fight for us. We ask these things in Jesus' name, Amen.

MOSES RED SEA CROSSING CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ANSWER KEY

Across

3. God guided and (**Comforted**) the Israelites with a pillar of cloud and fire.
5. (**Pharaoh**) led his entire army after the Israelites.
7. After Pharaoh's army was washed away, the Israelites sang songs of (**Praise**) to the Lord.

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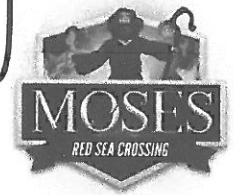
1. Moses told the panicking Israelites to (**Fear**) not.
2. The Lord sent a strong east (**Wind**) that drove back the waters until the Red Sea parted.
4. The Egyptians gave the Israelites (**Treasure**) as they left.
6. Pharaoh's army made it midway through the sea when the walls of (**Water**) collapsed on them.

MOSES

RED SEA CROSSING

Exodus 14:14

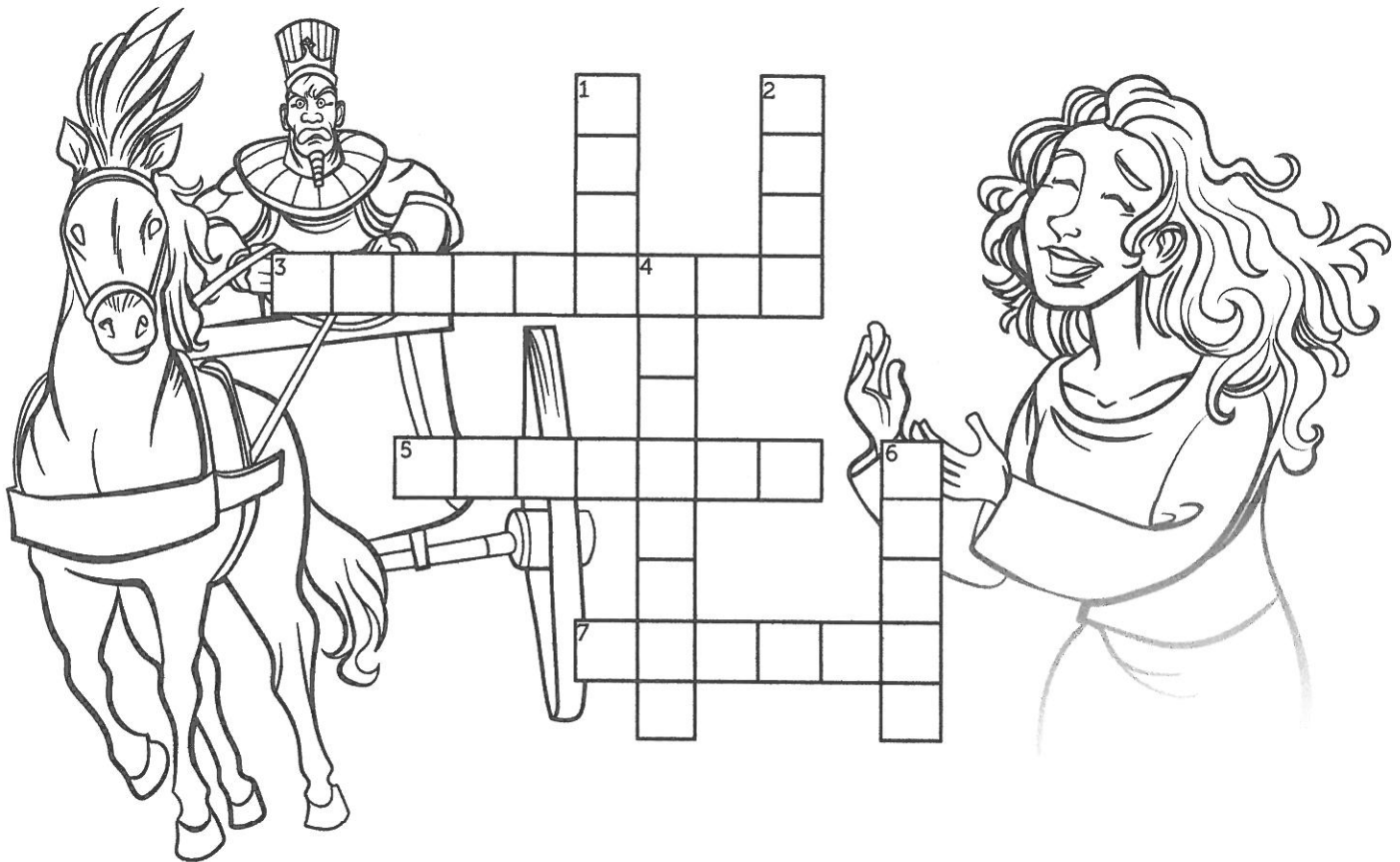
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Exodus 15:2

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RED SEA CROSSING

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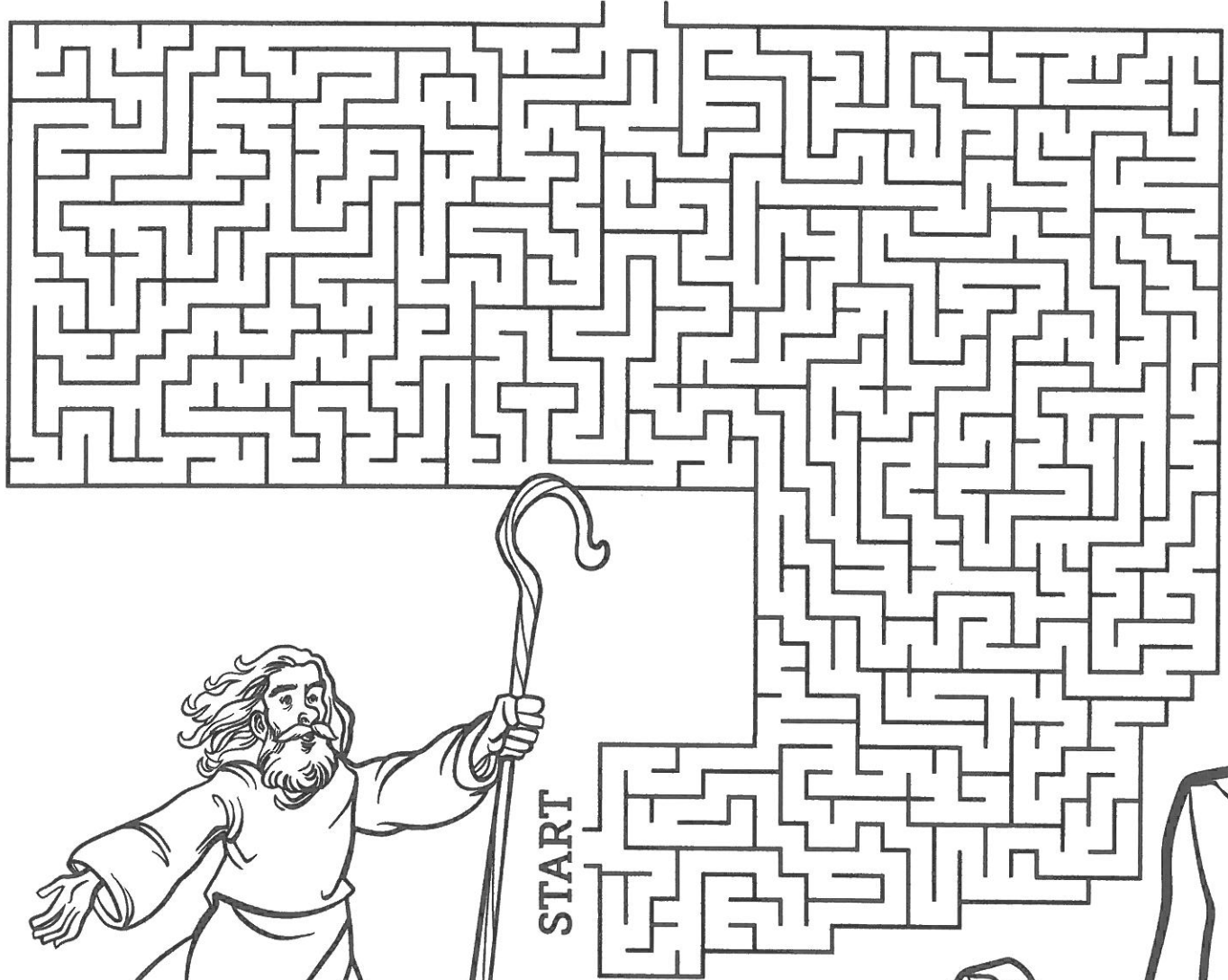


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Help Moses cross the Red Sea.

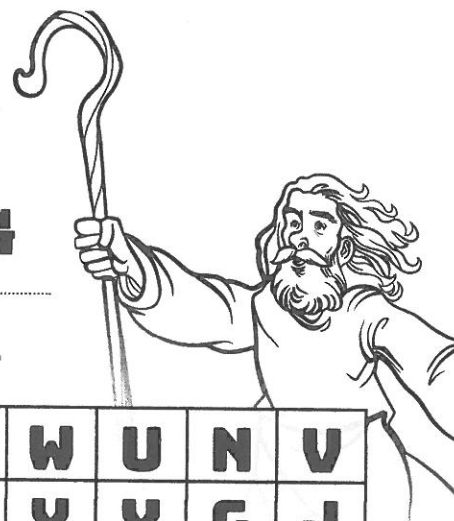
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Discover the hidden words.

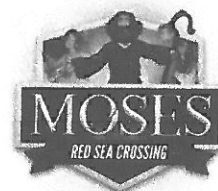
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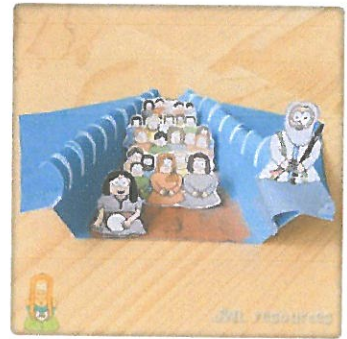
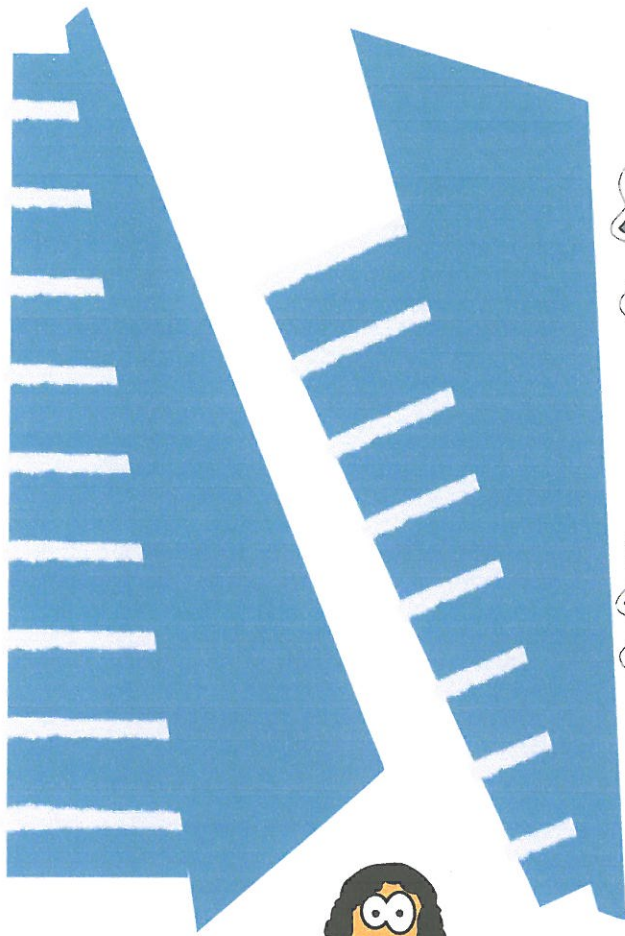
Word Bank

PHARAOH
MOSES
PRAISE
LORD

ISRAELITES
SEA
TREASURE
EGYPTIAN

ARMY
WATER
STAFF
GOD





Instructions

Cut out. Fold on dotted lines. separate the waves along the linger lines and curl each. stick the waves in place. Using the tabs stick the three crowds in position. Attach Miriam at the front. Add glue to the Moses piece on the two folded tabs and curling to stick out fix in position.

