

THE ISRAELITES LEAVE EGYPT

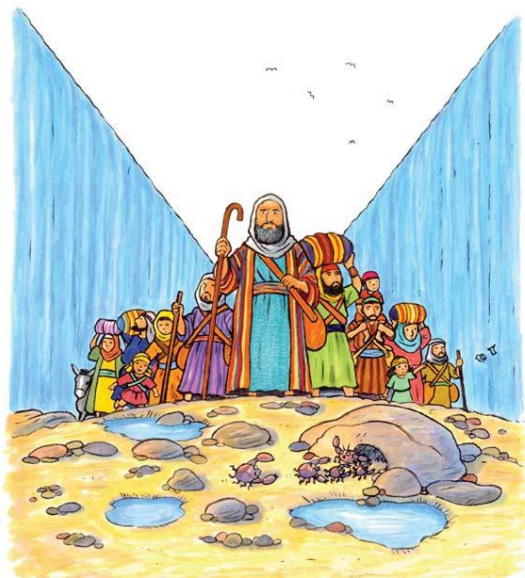
Exodus 12:37; 13, 14



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Message	God led His people from captivity into freedom.
Learning Objectives	The children will learn: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ God saved the Israelites from the Egyptians.■ He led the Israelites to Canaan, a land flowing with milk and honey.■ If we ask for God's help, He will help us. Sometimes, His help may come to us in a way we do not expect.
Bible Text	Exodus 12:37; 13; 14

The Israelites Leave Egypt



After long years of captivity six hundred thousand men left Egypt, together with their wives and children and their herds of cattle and sheep. By day God led them with a pillar of cloud and by night He lit their way with a pillar of fire.

After a while, the Pharaoh became angry that he agreed to let the Israelites go. He ordered his army and their chariots to follow him and they started off in pursuit of the Israelites. The army caught up with the Israelites who were camping by the Red Sea. The Israelites became very frightened when they saw the army approaching.

They cried out to God and said to Moses, "Have you brought us out of Egypt so that we should die here?"

It would have been better for us to continue serving the Egyptians instead of losing our lives here in the wilderness."

Moses answered them, "Do not be afraid. God will fight for you."

God told Moses, "Lift your rod and stretch your hand over the sea. The sea will divide so that the Israelites can walk through on dry ground."

The Angel of the Lord stood behind the Israelites and the pillar of cloud that had gone before them also moved between them and the Egyptian army. Moses stretched his hand over the sea and God moved the water. The sea divided and formed a wall on either side. The Israelites walked through. The Egyptians started to follow.

When the last Israelite had passed safely, God said to Moses, "Stretch your hand out again over the sea so that the water can flow back again and drown the Egyptians, their chariots, and their soldiers."

The waters came together again and nothing remained of Pharaoh's army. The Israelites were saved.

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Suggestions for the Teacher

Lead-In

Show the picture to the children. Discuss with them what they see. Ask what she/he may feel....

Let some of the children play the story in a role-play.

By putting their backs together or give space in between, four children illustrate how the Red Sea opens and closes. Provide disguise / fancy dress.

Lesson Instructions

Begin telling the story...

Discuss with the children...

- What do the Israelites experience after leaving Egypt?
(Pharaoh's army follows them and catches up with them at the Red Sea.)
- How do the Israelites feel when the Egyptians were approaching? (They are afraid.)
- Why is Moses so confident? (God speaks to Moses and tells him what to do.)
- What happens? (God parts the Red Sea and the Israelites can walk through.)
- What happens with the Egyptian army?
(As God advises, Moses stretches his hand out, the water flows back and they drown.)

Have the children repeat...

- God saved the Israelites from the Egyptians.
- He led the Israelites to Canaan, a land flowing with milk and honey.
- If we ask for God's help, He will help us.
- Sometimes, His help may come to us in a way we do not expect.

Real-Life Application (explain the following)

- God helped the Israelites in situations which we would consider hopeless.
- They experienced God in a wonderful way.
- Who can give an example for God's help in a difficult situation? (A test at school,...)

Repeat the Message

God led His people from captivity into freedom.