

September 27th Kids Activities | Exodus 13-14

You have roughly 20 minutes to complete the Bible story and activities.

Welcome:

This morning Pastor Christian is going to be talking about how God rescues his people. We were in slavery to sin and then God sent his Son, Jesus, to rescue us. We are going to read about a time when God's people were in slavery and what He did to rescue them and then play a couple of fun games to help us think about it.

READ: Selected parts from Exodus 13 and 14

- *SAY: God's people had lived in Egypt for a long time and there were a lot of them! The Pharaoh (king of Egypt) was scared of that many people so in order to keep control over them, he made them his slaves. God's people spent many, many years as slaves to Pharaoh. But God used Moses to help deliver his people. He performed many miracles that finally convinced Pharaoh to let God's people go! But even after saying he would let them go, God still did some amazing things to make sure his people were free. (Reading this will take a few minutes. Encourage kids to get comfy and listen.)*

Exodus 13

17 When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them by way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near. For God said, "Lest the people change their minds when they see war and return to Egypt." 18 But God led the people around by the way of the wilderness toward the Red Sea. And the people of Israel went up out of the land of Egypt equipped for battle. ... 20 And they moved on from Succoth and encamped at Etham, on the edge of the wilderness. 21 And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them along the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, that they might travel by day and by night. 22 The pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night did not depart from before the people.

Exodus 14

5 When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, the mind of Pharaoh and his servants was changed toward the people, and they said, "What is this we have done, that we have let Israel go from serving us?" 6 So he made ready his chariot and took his army with him, 7 and took six hundred chosen chariots and all the other chariots of Egypt with officers over all of them. 8 And the Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he pursued the people of Israel while the people of Israel were going out defiantly. 9 The Egyptians pursued them, all Pharaoh's horses and chariots and his horsemen and his army, and overtook them encamped at the sea...

13 And Moses said to the people, "Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. **14** The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to be silent."...

21 Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. **22** And the people of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. **23** The Egyptians pursued and went in after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. **24** And in the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and of cloud looked down on the Egyptian forces and threw the Egyptian forces into a panic, **25** clogging^[b] their chariot wheels so that they drove heavily. And the Egyptians said, "Let us flee from before Israel, for the Lord fights for them against the Egyptians."

26 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen." **27** So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its normal course when the morning appeared. And as the Egyptians fled into it, the Lord threw^[c] the Egyptians into the midst of the sea. **28** The waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen; of all the host of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea, not one of them remained. **29** But the people of Israel walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

30 Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. **31** Israel saw the great power that the Lord used against the Egyptians, so the people feared the Lord, and they believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

ASK:

- Who had made God's people slaves? (**Pharaoh**)
- Did he really want to let God's people go? (**no**)
- Why did God's people get scared as they were leaving Egypt? (**Pharaoh changed his mind and was coming after them.**)
- What is something amazing that God did to rescue his people? (**pillar of fire by night, pillar of cloud by day, part Red Sea to cross, close it again on Pharaoh's army**)

SAY: God wanted to rescue his people from slavery and did parted a huge sea so they could escape!

LET'S PLAY: FOLLOW THE LEADER

SAY: God freed his people and told them to follow their leader, Moses, to freedom. Let's play Follow the Leader. Each of you can take a turn leading your friends around outside or in the house doing something fun or silly.

Play for however long the game is fun and enjoyable. Maybe 5-10 min.

LET'S PLAY: "THE RED SEA IS FALLING DOWN!" (to the tune of London Bridge...)

SAY: God rescued his people by parting the Red Sea for the to cross. But when Pharaoh's army tried to follow them through the Red Sea, God brought it back down on them. Let's play our own version of London Bridge with the Red Sea!

(Ideally maybe use 2 adults on their knees to be the "Red Sea." Sing the words below and catch "Pharaoh's Army" and let "God's People" go through.)

***The Red Sea is falling down, falling down, falling down.
The Red Sea is falling down, stopping Pharaoh's army!***

(Then catch whoever is going through and sing...)

***Pharaoh's Army is no more, is no more, is no more.
Pharaoh's Army is no more. God's People are free!***

Play for however long the game is fun and enjoyable. Maybe 5 min.

LET'S CRAFT AND EAT! Edible Red Sea Parting (supplies: graham crackers, blue icing, teddy grahams, pretzel rods, plastic knives, swedish fish)

Help kids craft the drama of the Red Sea parting. They can use a full graham cracker as the base and put the blue icing down both of the sides, creating a brown pathway through the sea down the middle. They can put swedish fish in the "water" and use some icing to glue Teddy Graham Moses at one end holding his staff (pretzel rod).

Have fun making and eating! Sample pics are just suggestions. They can have fun with it!

