

WEEK 17: THE RED SEA: GOD MAKES A WAY

Parent Take-Home Sheet | Reach Community Church – Children's Ministry

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THIS WEEK'S LESSON AT A GLANCE

Lesson Title:	The Red Sea: God Makes a Way
Bible Passage:	Exodus 14
Big Idea:	When God's people could not save themselves, God made a way.

MEMORY VERSE

"Moses answered the people, 'Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still.'"

Exodus 14:13–14

Tip for Parents:

Read this verse slowly with your child and emphasize the words "The Lord will fight for you." Help your child see that God's people were rescued by God's power, not their own strength.

TODAY YOUR CHILD LEARNED

This week, your child learned about the crossing of the Red Sea in Exodus 14. After God rescued His people from Egypt, Pharaoh changed his mind and chased after them with his army. The Israelites were trapped, with the sea in front of them and Pharaoh behind them. They were frightened and did not know what to do.

But God was with them. He protected them, parted the waters, and brought His people safely through on dry ground. Then the waters returned, and Pharaoh's army was defeated. Your child learned this important truth: when God's people could not save themselves, God made a way.

Your child also learned that this lesson is not only about what happened long ago. It teaches us something we still need today. When we feel afraid, confused, or overwhelmed, we can trust the Lord. He is faithful, He is present, and He is able to help His people.

WHY THIS LESSON MATTERS

This passage teaches us that God is powerful, faithful, and present with His people. He keeps His Word and does not abandon His children when they are afraid.

This lesson also points clearly to Jesus. Just as God made a way for Israel when they could not rescue themselves, Jesus came to rescue sinners who cannot save themselves. Through His death on the cross and His resurrection, Jesus makes the way for us to be forgiven and brought to God.

Children do not need to leave this lesson thinking they must be brave all by themselves. They can leave knowing this: God is strong, God is near, and God can be trusted.

When you feel afraid and do not know what to do, remember that God is with His people and can be trusted.

DEFENDING THE TRUTH | AT HOME

A Question Children Often Ask:

Did this really happen?

Yes. The Bible teaches that God truly divided the waters and brought His people safely through. Later parts of the Bible also speak about this as real history. We believe this because God tells the truth in His Word.

Reasons We Trust This Account:

1. Exodus 14 reads like real history. It gives names of places, describes Pharaoh's army and chariots, and tells the events in a clear order.
2. The rest of the Bible keeps returning to this event as something God truly did. It is remembered in worship, prayer, and teaching as one of God's great saving acts, not as make-believe.
3. Exodus 14:21 says God used a strong east wind through the night. That does not make the event less miraculous. It shows that the Creator rules over His creation perfectly.
4. We should be careful not to build our confidence on dramatic archaeology claims that have not been clearly proven. Our trust rests first on God's Word, which consistently treats the Red Sea crossing as real history.
5. We should not be troubled that archaeologists still debate the exact crossing place. Shorelines and waterways can change over time. Not knowing the exact location is not the same as saying the event did not happen.
6. Ancient kings often celebrated their victories, not their humiliations. So we should not be surprised that Egypt did not leave a proud record of this defeat.

Scripture to Read Together:

- Exodus 14:21–22
- Psalm 106:9
- Nehemiah 9:11
- Hebrews 11:29

If Your Child Asks More:

How could the water stand up?

God made the sea, so He rules over the sea. Exodus 14 says the Lord divided the waters and made a dry path.

Why didn't God stop Pharaoh sooner?

God was showing His power, teaching His people to trust Him, and making it clear that He alone was their Savior.

Do people know the exact place where they crossed?

Not with certainty. Christians and scholars debate the exact location. But the Bible is clear about what happened: God divided the waters and brought His people through.

What about stories of chariot wheels or bones in the sea?

It is wise to be careful. Some dramatic claims are shared widely but have not been clearly proven. Our confidence rests on God's trustworthy Word, not on those claims.

TALK ABOUT IT AT HOME**Family Discussion Question:****Why were the Israelites afraid, and what did God do for them?**

They were afraid because Pharaoh and his army were chasing them, and they had no way to escape. God protected them, parted the sea, and brought them safely through.

Optional Follow-Up Question:**What is something that feels scary or too big for you right now, and how can you remember that God is with you?**

Answers will vary. Help your child connect the lesson personally: "I can pray, remember God's Word, and ask Jesus to help me trust Him."

TRY THIS AS A FAMILY

Make a simple path through the sea at home using two towels, blankets, or pieces of blue paper on the floor. Let your child walk through the middle while you read Exodus 14:22 aloud.

Then say together:

God made a way for His people.

Afterward, remind your child:

God made a way through the sea for Israel, and God made the way for sinners to come to Him through Jesus.

A simple way to apply it this week:

When your child feels afraid this week, at bedtime, at school, or in a hard moment, gently remind them: "The Lord is with you, and you can trust Him."

PRAYER TO PRAY TOGETHER

Lord, thank You for showing Your power at the Red Sea. Thank You for protecting Your people and making a way for them when they could not save themselves. Thank You most of all for Jesus, who died for our sins and rose again. Help our family trust You when we are afraid. In Jesus' name, amen.

A FINAL THOUGHT FOR PARENTS

If your child is walking through a fearful season, this is a beautiful lesson to revisit during the week. The Red Sea reminds us that God is not confused by what overwhelms us. He sees what His people face, and He is able to make a way.

Do not underestimate the value of simple conversations at home. When you remind your child that God is faithful, present, and trustworthy, the Lord can use those small moments in lasting ways.