

The BIBLE Story

The Red Sea Crossing

Exodus 13–15

After the first Passover, the Israelites quickly left Egypt. They traveled with their families and their animals. **God was with them.** During the day, **God** was in a cloud. He **led them toward the Red Sea.**

At night, God was in a fire.

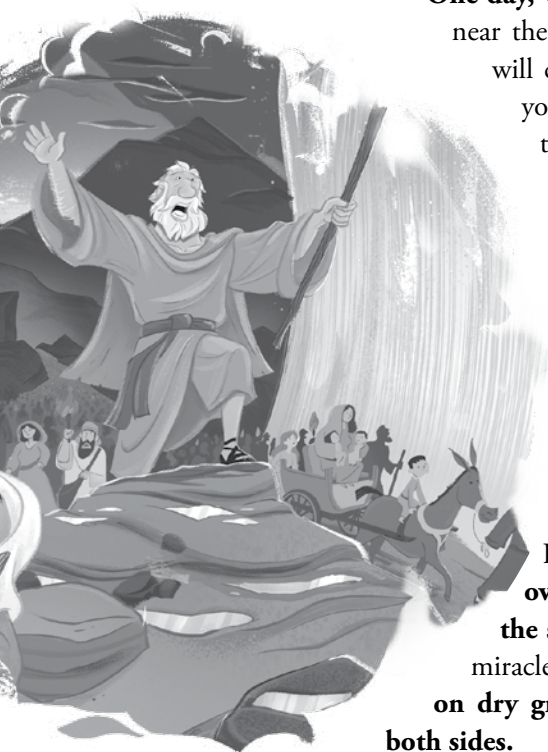
One day, God told Moses to make a camp near the sea. God told Moses, “Pharaoh will change his mind and come after you.” But God had a plan to rescue the Israelites from Pharaoh.

The Israelites saw the Egyptians coming after them. “We are going to die!” they said. “We should have stayed in Egypt!”

“Do not be afraid,” said Moses. “God brought you here, and He will fight for you.”

God told Moses what to do. He said, “Stretch out your hand over the sea.” Moses did, and the sea was divided in two. It was a miracle! **The Israelites walked through on dry ground, with walls of water on both sides.**

But the Egyptians were getting closer! God made the wheels of their chariots swerve and wobble so they could not catch up to the Israelites. As soon as the Israelites were safely on the other side of the sea, Moses stretched out his hand again and the waters



returned with a crash! **The water covered the Egyptians, sweeping over the king's army.** None of them survived.

When the Israelites saw what had happened, they thanked God! They knew that God was real and that He had sent Moses to lead them.

Moses and the Israelites sang a song to the Lord. “**The LORD** is my strength and my song,” they said. “**He has saved us!**”

Christ Connection: Moses led God's people out of Egypt, and God gave them the way to freedom across the Red Sea. Moses was a great leader, but the Bible says Jesus is greater. God gives us freedom from sin through His Son, Jesus.

Bible Storytelling Tips

- **Sit between the water:** Set up two rows of chairs, backs facing, several feet apart. Drape blue fabric or a blue tablecloth over each row. Invite preschoolers to sit between the walls of water as you tell the Bible story.
- **Wave streamers:** Tape pieces of blue streamer to craft sticks. Give each preschooler a set of streamers to wave when they hear about how God parted the Red Sea.