

Lesson 49 - Escape from Egypt

Aims

- * To be familiar with the main points of the story
- * To learn how God protected his people

Materials

Exodus 14-16
The Beginner's Bible
Visual aids - pictures from the story
A picture to colour
Spot-the-difference pictures
Scissors, glue

Key words: The Red Sea, staff, manna, quail

Lesson Outline

1. Review last week's story
2. Story
3. Discussion
4. Activities - a picture to colour, spot-the difference, action story, watch a dvd
5. Review the aims
6. Prayer

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1) Review last week's story

- * Moses and his brother, Aaron, went to pharaoh to ask him to let God's people go. He refused. So God sent 10 plagues over Egypt. He caused the river to turn to blood, frogs, gnats, flies, sick animals, boils, hailstorms, locusts, darkness and death. After each plague pharaoh still refused to let the people go. Only when his own son died did he finally let them go.
- * Show the picture cards. Ask the children to identify each one and put them in the correct order

2) Story

Escape from Egypt

Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt. During the day, God went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud. During the night, God went ahead of them in a pillar of fire. God led the Israelites to the edge of the Red Sea. Pharaoh and his army were close behind. The Israelites did not know what to do. They screamed, "We are trapped! What have you done to us, Moses?" Moses said, "Do not be afraid. God will protect us." God's cloud came between the Israelites and Pharaoh's army. They could not see anything!

God told Moses, "Raise your staff over the sea." Then God pushed back the sea to make a path. Moses and the Israelites follow the path through the sea to the other side. But Pharaoh's army followed close behind.

Moses raised his staff again and the sea swept away Pharaoh and his army. Moses and all the Israelites sang praises to God. They were free! They weren't slaves anymore!

Food from Heaven

The Israelites travelled for many days. They were tired and hungry. They complained to Moses, "There is nothing to eat in the desert. At least we had food in Egypt! Now we are starving!"

God heard them. That evening, God sent birds called quail for the Israelites to eat. The next morning, God sent bread from heaven. It was called manna and tasted like honey. The Israelites found the manna on the ground. But they complained again: "We are thirsty!"

Moses asked God what to do. God said, "Hit the rock with your staff." When Moses hit it, cool, fresh water gushed out for everyone to drink. While they were in the desert, the Israelites would not go hungry or thirsty again.

3) Discussion

- * The story shows how much God protected his special people.
- * How did God show the people the way to go during the day?
 - *With a pillar of cloud*
- * How did God guide them at night?
 - *With a pillar of fire*
- * What did God do when Pharaoh's army came?
 - *He put the cloud between them*
 - *Moses raised his staff and parted the sea, so the people could walk across. When the army came God closed the sea on them.*
- * What did God send them to eat?
 - *Birds called quail and bread from heaven called manna*
- * How did they get water?
 - *Moses struck a rock with his staff and water came*

God is with us every day even if we don't know it. He helps and protects us because He loves us. When we learn God's words and try to be good, God is very happy. That is why you must listen to God's words and be good children to your parents.

4) Activities

- * A picture to colour -
- * Spot-the -difference - find 10 differences between the pictures. Circle them

* Action Story - Crossing the Red Sea. This action story shows how God saved the children of Israel from Pharaoh

* Watch a dvd of Moses. (Hanna-Barbera's "The Greatest Adventure: Stories From the Bible".)

5) Review the lesson aims

* To be familiar with main points of the story

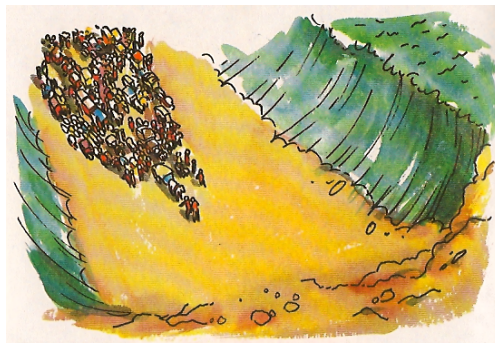
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6) Prayer

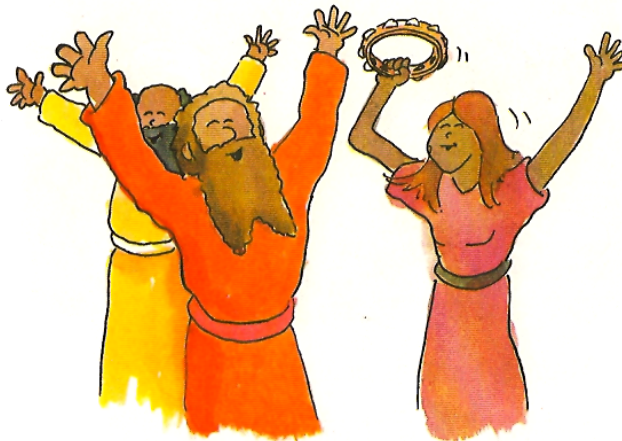
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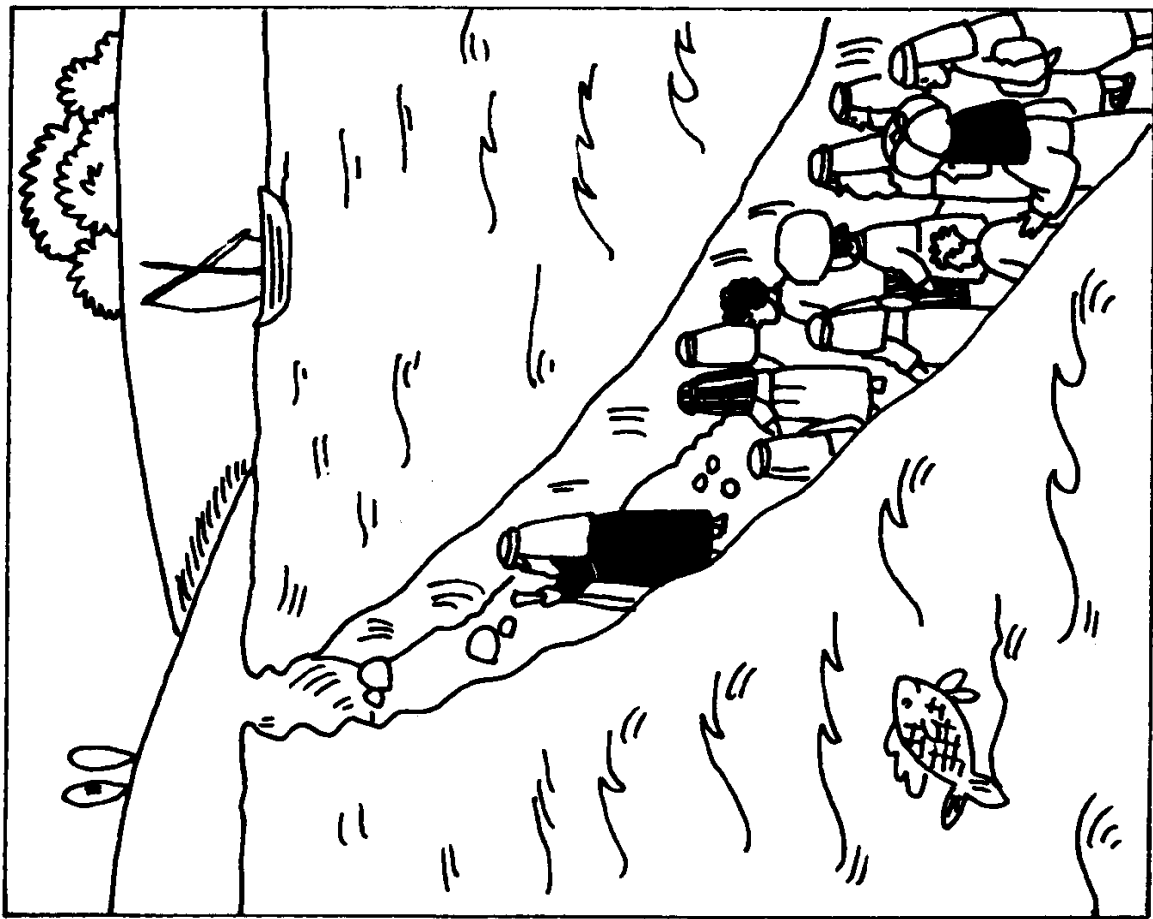
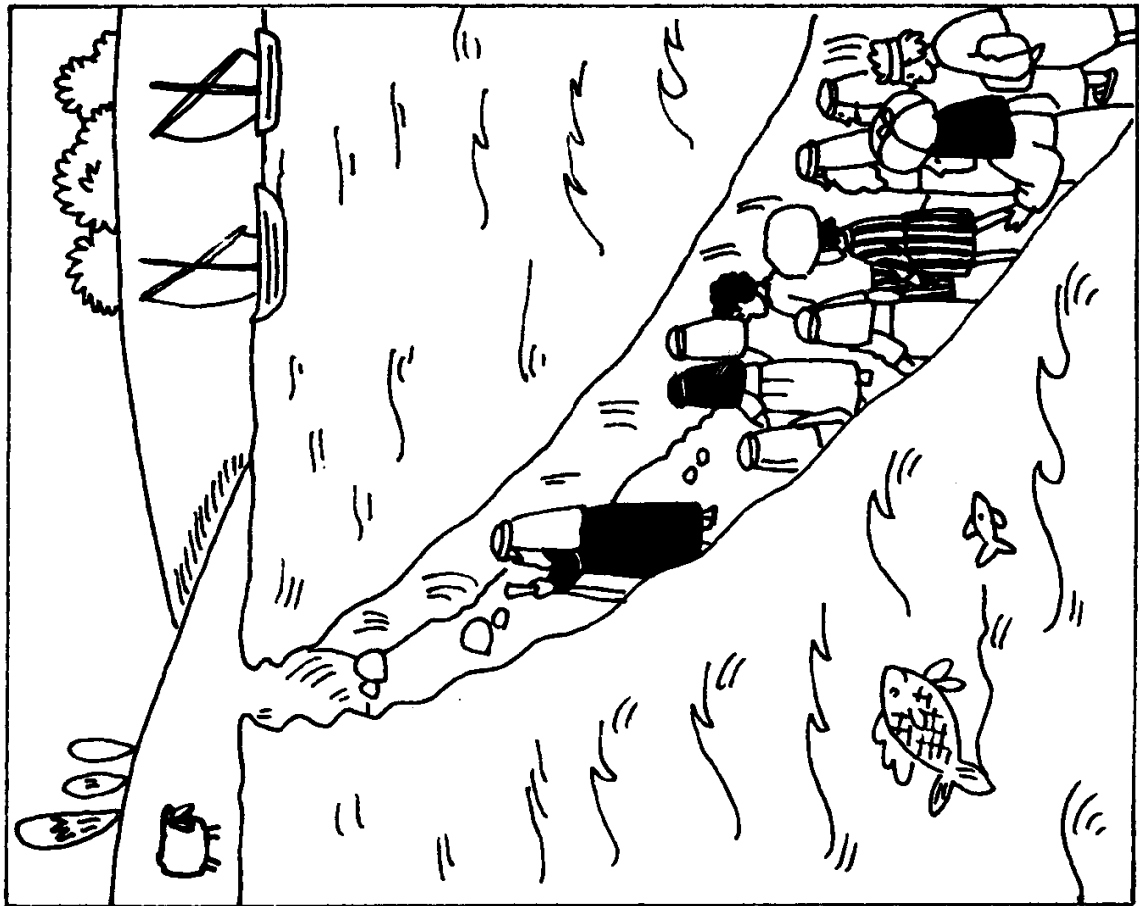


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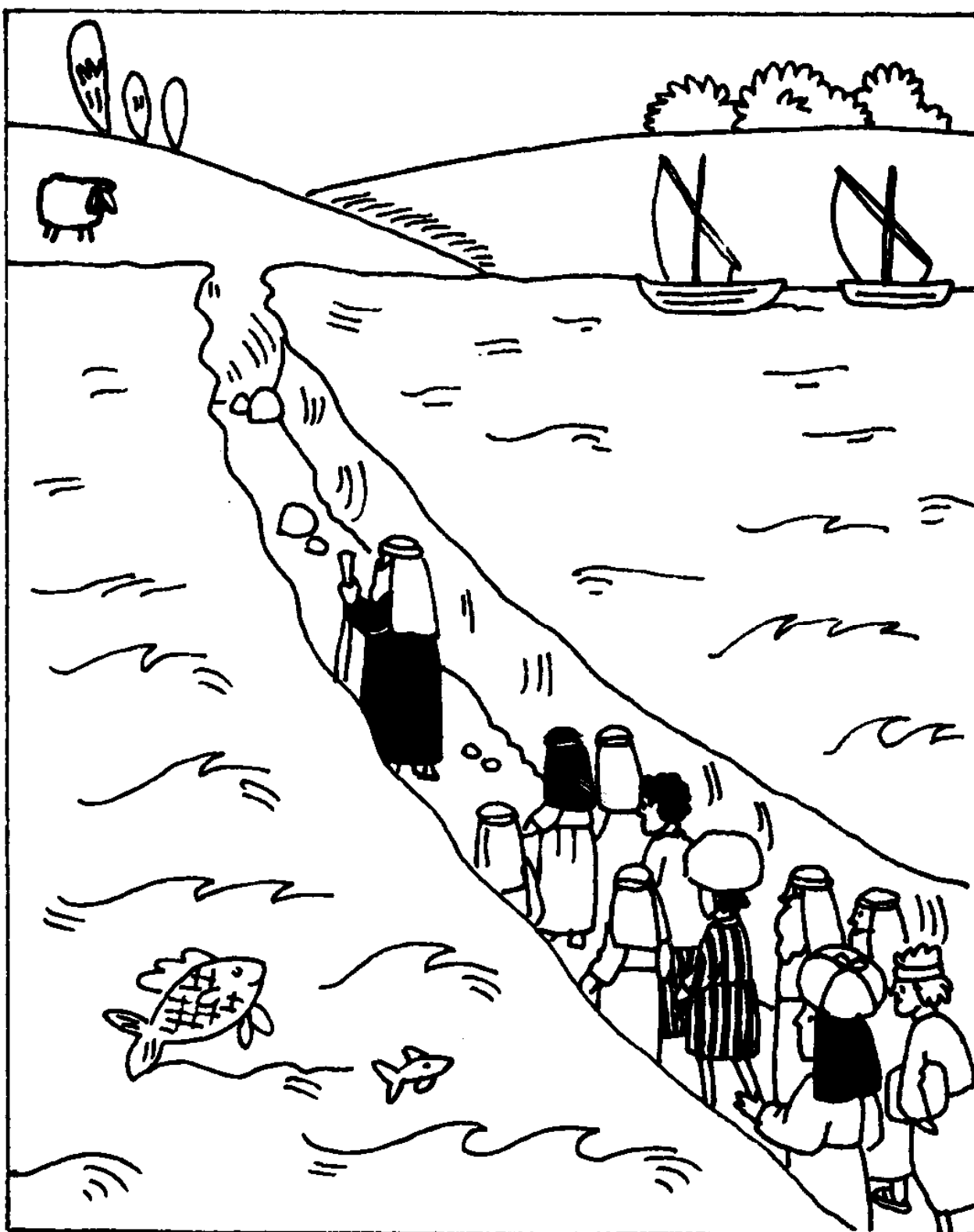




Moses Crosses the Red Sea



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Crossing the Red Sea

This action story helps children understand how God saved the children of Israel from Pharaoh (Exodus 14:1-31).

MEMORY VERSE

"The LORD saved Israel." — Exodus 14:30

PREPARATION

Preferably this game should be played on carpet or grass. Cut or tear long strips of newspaper (or other paper) about 3 inches wide. Tape the strips together to make one long strip that will stretch from one side of the room to the other. Repeat. Tape one strip to the floor near one end of the room. Lay the other strip on the floor, parallel to the first, about 6 inches away. You will also need a small stick or a pencil.

HOW TO PLAY

(Have the children pretend that the newspaper strips are a river.)

Here is a river. It is a very little river. Can you jump across it? *(Let the children try. Widen the distance between the strips a few inches and have them try again. Continue until no one can jump over it.)*

The river is too wide to jump over. *(Widen the river even more.)* Now the river is even wider. How can we get across?

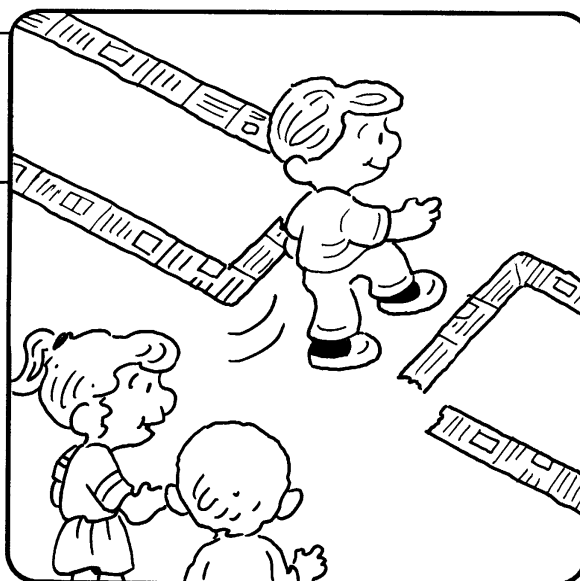
(Suggest a few ways and have the children act them out: if the river is shallow, step across on stones or wade across. If the river is deep, swim across or row a boat over to the other side.)

(Tell the Bible story dramatically. Hold the small stick or pencil until it is needed.)

One day the children of Israel came to the Red Sea. It was much wider than a river. *(Move the newspaper strips as far apart as possible.)*

They had to get across the Red Sea, because mean old Pharaoh and his soldiers were chasing them. Pharaoh wanted them to be his slaves. Let's pretend we're the Children of Israel, and we want to get across the Red Sea.

Can we jump across the sea? No, no, no! It's much too wide to jump across.



Can we walk across on stones? No, no, no! The water is too deep to walk across on stones.

Can we wade across? No, no, no! The water is too deep to wade across.

Can we swim across? No, no, no! The sea is too wide to swim across.

Can we row a boat across? No, no, no! We don't have a boat.

What can we do? I know! We can trust God to help us. That's what we can do.

(Give the stick to a child. Explain that he will pretend to be Moses.) God said, "Moses, lift your rod over the Red Sea." *(Have the child raise the stick.)*

Look! The water is becoming a wall on this side and on that side. *(Tear one of the newspaper strips and bend it back to form one wall. Do the same with the other.)*

Now there is dry land in the middle for us to walk on! Hurry, before Pharaoh and his soldiers come after us! *(Hurry to the other side of the sea.)*

Oh, look! — Pharaoh and his soldiers are coming across, too! Stretch your rod over the waters again, Moses. *(Have the child raise the stick.)*

God has made the waters come together again. *(Bend the newspaper strips back to their original positions.)*

Pharaoh and his soldiers can't get across. We are all safe. Let's thank God. Thank you, God, for taking care of us.