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# A Path Through the Sea

Exodus 14:1-31



YOUR BIBLE READING

**God opened a path through the sea and rescued Israel from the pursuing army.**

Inside: two extended reading pages, a thoughtful reflection, creative activities and a grown-up guide.

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# The Sea Ahead and an Army Behind

Exodus 14:1-31



After leaving Egypt, the Israelites camped beside the sea as God instructed. Pharaoh heard that they had gone and changed his mind about letting them leave his service. He prepared his chariot and took his army after them. Chariots, horses, and soldiers came toward the camp. The people who had begun their journey out of slavery now saw Egypt's armed force approaching behind them at the edge of the water.

The Israelites were very afraid. They cried out to God and complained to Moses that they had been brought into the wilderness to die. They said that remaining in Egypt would have been better. Their words describe how trapped they felt between the sea and the army. Moses told them to watch the rescue God would bring. He said that God would fight for them and that they should be still.

God told Moses to speak to the people and have them move forward. Moses was to lift his staff and stretch his hand over the sea so that the water would divide and Israel could pass through. The angel of God, who had gone before the camp, moved behind it. The pillar of cloud also moved, standing between the Israelite camp and the Egyptian camp through the night.

Moses stretched his hand over the sea. God caused a strong east wind to blow all night, driving the water back and making the seabed dry. The water divided, opening a way where the people had seen only an obstacle. The account describes both God's action and the wind that he used. The Israelites had been told to move forward; now a dry passage lay before them between the waters.

**Remember:** The people remembered the dry path God made through the sea.

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# Israel Crosses on Dry Ground

Exodus 14:1-31



The Israelites entered the passage on dry ground. Water stood like a wall on their right and on their left. Their crossing did not depend on swimming or on building a fleet of boats. The route was the seabed itself. The people moved through the place where water had been, while the army that had chased them still stood behind. Egypt's horses, chariots, and horsemen then followed them into the sea.

During the morning watch, God threw the Egyptian army into confusion. Their chariots became difficult to drive. The soldiers recognized that God was fighting for Israel and spoke of fleeing. The account does not describe the chase as an ordinary race in which the fastest people win. It presents the rescue as God's work, opening the route for Israel and bringing the pursuing army's power and movement to an end.

God instructed Moses to stretch his hand over the sea again. As morning came, the water returned to its place. It covered the Egyptian chariots and horsemen who had followed Israel into the passage. The pursuing soldiers drowned. This is a serious part of the account, and a gentle retelling should not replace it with an invented escape. The story's rescue includes a terrible defeat for the army that had chased the people.

The Israelites had crossed safely. On the other shore they saw the result of God's great action and trusted God and Moses his servant. They were no longer trapped between the sea and the pursuing force. The chapter closes by looking at what Israel had witnessed that day. The dry path, the crossing, and the returning water would become part of the people's remembered story of being brought out of Egypt.

**Pause and think:** How can a trusted helper make a frightening problem easier to understand and respond to?

THINK, NOTICE & GROW

# Look Carefully at Fear and Action



Draw three simple spaces on a page: the camp, the path through the sea, and the far shore. Add arrows to show the movement of the people, the cloud, and the army. Which movement happens first? Keeping the sequence clear can help you understand a dramatic story without adding imagined sea animals, conversations, or other details that the passage does not give.

Fear can make a situation feel as if there is only one possible ending. The Israelites speak that way before the crossing. In your own life, you can bring a frightening problem to a trusted adult who may see options you cannot yet see. This does not promise that every danger disappears. It means you do not have to think through a serious problem alone.

Water is powerful, and this miracle is not permission to enter floodwater or try a dangerous crossing. An adult should help you follow local safety instructions. You can still wonder at the story while respecting the real needs of people who face storms or floods. Compassion includes listening to their experiences and supporting the practical work of keeping people safe.

A SMALL STEP FOR TODAY

**God opens a dry path through the sea, and Israel crosses out of the pursuing army's reach.**

How can a trusted helper make a frightening problem easier to understand and respond to?

# Read, Remember & Create

Name: _____ Date: _____

## 1 Think about the reading

**1.** What stood between the two camps during the night?

**2.** How did the Israelites cross the sea?

## 2 Put the ideas in order

Write 1, 2 and 3 for the order these ideas appear in the reading.

- ☐ The water returned over the pursuing army.
- ☐ God divided the water, and Israel crossed.
- ☐ Pharaoh's army chased Israel to the sea.

## 3 Draw a meaningful picture

Draw the dry path with water on both sides and people crossing.

Tell someone how your picture connects to the reading.

# Read & Grow Together

## Read and learn with context

This English edition is designed for ages 6-10 with an adult. Read both extended readings together, or enjoy one each day. Pause at unfamiliar words, invite questions and use the reflection page to connect the story with everyday life. These are retellings and lessons with explanations; read the listed Bible passage for context. Poetry, parables, letters and symbolic visions are identified by type.

## Remember this

The people remembered the dry path God made through the sea.
**Original memory thought, not a direct Bible quotation.** Related passage: Exodus 14:29-31

## A thoughtful conversation

The pursuing soldiers die; do not replace that outcome with an invented escape. This particular rescue does not promise that faithful people never face drowning or other harm.

## Activity answers

**1.** The pillar of cloud.
**2.** On dry ground between the divided waters.
**Sequence boxes, top to bottom:** 3, 2, 1. Personal responses and drawings will vary.

## Optional prayer

If you wish: God, help me bring my fears to you and seek wise help.

## Print and share

Each pack has 6 pages. Print on A4 at Actual Size (100%). The worksheet is page 5. You may print just that page, or use the separate 150-page activity book. The collection contains 150 packs in Bible book order, 15 volumes and one ZIP. Catalog pack IDs stay the same when new readings are added.

## Sources and sharing

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