

Lesson 40: The Israelites Cross the Red Sea
[Exodus 13:17–14:31](#)

Youtube Link: <https://youtu.be/D1H-sqldFBE>

Children's Bible Story Video: <https://youtu.be/78fb3nX8eqM>

Worship Theme: Nothing is impossible for God!

Memory Verse: “Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me.” (Psalms 23:4)

Songs (Youtube links):

1. I Am Happy <https://youtu.be/2LWPsq-KZvo>
2. Our God Is So Great <https://youtu.be/QXEVqO94wpg>
3. If the Lord Is with Us https://youtu.be/2CzIW4_ueg0

Prayer

Song: Select songs from the list above.

Icebreaker: “Thumb Wrestling”

Let's play a thumb-wrestling match with your partner. (You have to press down the opponent's thumb in order to win.) The winning partner will go on to play another match. After you have a winner, the winner will play with the teacher. Because the teacher is an adult, the teacher can easily win the game.



Even if you're stronger than one or two children, there will always be someone stronger than you. But nothing is stronger than God! God is the most strong and powerful God! In fact, nothing is impossible for God!

Introduction:

We have been studying about Israelites and how God helped them to escape. After they left Egypt, they didn't know where to go! They were in the middle of the desert. Desert is very hot during the day and very cold during the night. How will millions of Israelites survive in the desert? We know that nothing is impossible for our God!

Bible Story:

After God rescued his people from Egypt, he led them to a new place to live. During the day, God used a pillar of cloud to show the people where to go. The pillar of cloud floated high up in the sky for all the people to see. When they followed the cloud, they knew they were going the right way. Plus, it helped them to keep cool from the scorching sun. At nighttime, though, the people couldn't see the cloud. Whenever it was dark, the pillar of cloud became a pillar of fire. The people could see the fire in the black night sky, and it also kept them warm.

One day God led the people to the Red Sea. The water was deep and wide. The people were afraid because Pharaoh had changed his mind about letting them leave Egypt—his army was coming to get them! They would have to cross the sea to get away from the army. God did a very mighty thing that day—mightier than making pillars of cloud or fire! “Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the Lord drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided, and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left.” (Ex. 14:21-22) Nothing is impossible for God!

God made the clouds move to show people where he wanted them to go and to keep them cool. God made the fire move to show people where he wanted them to go and to keep them warm. God stopped the flow of Red Sea and held it back to make dry land for the Israelites to cross. “Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the waters may flow back over the Egyptians and their chariots and

horsemen.’ Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at daybreak the sea went back to its place. The Egyptians were fleeing toward it, and the Lord swept them into the sea. The water flowed back and covered the chariots and horsemen—the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not one of them survived” (Ex. 14:26-28). Nothing is as powerful as our mighty God!

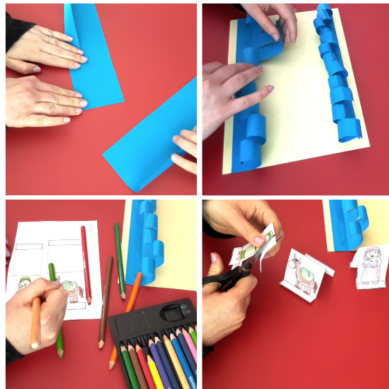
Questions to discuss:

1. What did God use to guide the way for the Israelites during the day (Pillar of cloud)
2. What did God use to guide the way for the Israelites during the night (Pillar of fire)
3. How did God help the Israelites when the Egyptian army was coming to capture them? (God put darkness in between the Egyptian army and the Israelites. Then God split the Red Sea for the Israelites to cross to the other side.)
4. What is impossible for God? (Nothing)
What did God do for you? (gave strength, wisdom, power to make the right choice, heal the sick, etc.)

Memory Verse:

“Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me.” (Psalms 23:4)

Craft: “Crossing the Red Sea”



1. Cut the blue paper into half and cut lines in between 2-3 cm. Glue the blue papers to the other paper and curl the cut strips to make waves.
2. Cut out the people (make sure to leave space at the bottom to glue it) and color them. (Print from below)
3. Glue the Israelites crossing the Red Sea.



Song: Select songs from the list above

Prayer

Teacher’s Devotion (Please read before you get ready to teach the students.)

We live in troubled times, and it’s easy for people to lose heart and feel hopeless and lost. But a relationship with Jesus can give us peace and joy. Jesus is our light in times of darkness. What part of your life might God have his hand in now? What can you do to connect with God during times of fear and desperation? Take a few minutes each day this week to surround yourself with quiet. No kids. No television or music in the background. Reflect on God’s hand in your life.

