

D6 EveryDay™ Parent Page

Date | **April 25, 2021** Family Theme | **God Demonstrates Miraculous Power** Study Text | **Exodus 14:1-31**

Objective: Help your children understand God is in control no matter the trial or difficulty. We trust Him to see us through any circumstance.

How This Lesson Fits in the Story of the Bible: This lesson is set just after God instituted the Passover and forced Pharaoh to let God's people leave Egypt (c. 1446 BC). God continued to demonstrate His mighty power to deliver the chosen people from whom the Messiah would come.

Bible Basics: Memorize Deuteronomy 7:9 this week and work with family members to do so as well.

Read the Word: Exodus 14:1-31

Disciple Your Kids

Help your children and grandchildren understand that God has the power to see us through any trial or difficulty we may face. He is in control and we can trust Him to work things out according to His plan.



Key Truth: God May Allow Us to Face Seemingly Impossible Situations
(Exodus 14:1-12)

For His greater purposes, God led the Israelites to a location backed by the sea, knowing Pharaoh would regret letting them escape and come after them with his powerful military force. The Israelites were trapped in what would seem like a place of no escape, and God had led them there. Pharaoh reversed his decision to free the Israelites and set out to recapture them. The people of Israel were filled with fear when they saw the Egyptian army approaching. The hope and optimism they had as they marched out of Egypt was replaced with regret that they had left. They lashed out at Moses for leading them into such a predicament. Through it all, God had a bigger purpose in mind. He had allowed this situation for His glory. For the Egyptian army, it was a trap leading to their destruction. For the Israelites it was a lesson about the powerful might and loving care of their God. For God it was an opportunity to demonstrate His power and glory to all generations. What seemed impossible for man was possible for God. [Robert Morgan's book *Red Sea Rules* (Thomas Nelson, 2001) is a great resource for those going through difficult situations.]



Key Truth: God Has the Power to See Us Through Any Difficulty
(Exodus 14:13-31)

Moses, rather than react to the people's bitterness and anger, simply encouraged the people to stand firm and not be afraid. He told them to watch what the Lord would do. He would fight for them and this would be the last they would see of the Egyptians. The Lord used the pillar of cloud to be a buffer between the army and the Israelites. Moses obeyed God's instructions and stretched his hand out over the sea. God then used a strong east wind throughout the night to divide the sea and turn the sea bed into dry land. God protected the Israelites from behind and opened a path for them to move forward through the sea. There was no doubt it was the power of God because the water stood as walls on either side of them. The Egyptians pursued the Israelites into the sea bed. When the Israelites were safe on the other side, Moses stretched out his hand and the water covered the Egyptians, drowning every soldier. God's people, however, walked through on dry land and survived by the hand of God. The deliverance of the children of Israel still brings

God glory as each new generation hears of His power to protect and deliver. God's miraculous power over nature reminds us that God created the universe and everything in it. As sovereign Lord of all, He maintains control over all of His creation.

Discussion Starters

Use one or more of the following questions as discussion starters with your kids this week.

- Why do you think God led the Israelites to a place where they would be trapped against the Red Sea?
- How did God demonstrate His power in this situation?
- What are some other ways God demonstrated His power in Scripture?
- What are some difficult situations God sometimes allows or leads us into?
- What do you think God wants to accomplish in our lives by placing us in difficult situations?
- Why can we trust God in any situation?
- **For Elementary:** How did the Israelites know God was with them as they traveled through the wilderness to the Red Sea?
- **For Elementary:** How did God demonstrate His power to protect the Israelites from Pharaoh and his army?

Everyday Extras

Play “Would You Rather” with your children, offering two hard choices. For example, ask: “Would you rather dive off a two-story high diving board or go down into a 20-foot deep well?” “Would you rather meet a skunk in the dark or meet a bear in the day?” You could take turns with older children thinking of their own scenarios. The children of Israel didn't think they had any good options either, as they faced the Red Sea in front of them and Pharaoh's army behind them. But God had good plans for them! They walked across on dry land! Remind your family they can always depend on God to take care of them.

Preschool Highlights for &

Today your child learned God had a plan to protect His people from the last plague — death to every firstborn. The Israelites were to spread the blood of a lamb over their doorframes as a sign of protection. God had a plan to save His people from death and **God Has a Plan** for us. We are to obey and trust His plan.