



Lesson

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1st-4th

MOSES PARTS THE RED SEA

November 16 & 17

GOD IS IN CONTROL



LESSON GOAL:

Pharaoh finally let the Israelites go free from Egypt and they were heading towards their promised land. But Pharaoh changed his mind and sent his army after them. As the army got closer, the Israelites became fearful and angry. But God used Moses to part the Red Sea and create a path for the Israelites to walk through on dry land, leaving the Egyptian army behind. God showed the Israelites that He is Lord over all and has a plan to protect His people.

The goal of this lesson is for kids to understand that even in times of fear or uncertainty, God has a plan because He is in control.

Exodus 14

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Forest Bend Farm

December 5th - registration required

All Church Worship Night

December 11th at Rockrimmon

THEME FOR THIS SERIES:

Camping



KEY VERSE:

"Taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed is the person who goes to him for safety."

Psalm 34:8 NIRV

MISSION FOCUS:

Gift of Love

The Gift of Love Celebration is hosted by our Woodmen ACTs ministry and serves over 350 families in our community. Parents experience the joy of giving as they shop for new gifts at a low cost to gift to their family at Christmas.

Woodmen families are encouraged to pick up an ornament (card) from the Christmas tree in their Kids area and shop for the specified age and gender listed on the card.

Items will be collected at the Woodmen Kids Greeter Desk (or the Feeding Families bins) from November 30-December 8.

Families can also sign up to serve:
woodmenvalley.org/giftoflove



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CHECK-IN

The goal of check-in is to greet parents/guardians and children by name and help them feel known and welcome.

SAY:

I'm so glad to see you today, **(insert child/parent name)**! Do you have any offering to put in our offering bin? *(Direct child to offering station)*

When you're done, grab today's **Lesson Card**. Look up the Bible passage in your own Bible or a classroom Bible and leave your card there as a bookmark. Then, you can play with the classroom activities until we begin Explore time.

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EXPLORE

The goal of Explore is to help kids connect relationally and think about the Bible story. It should be completed in small groups of 5-7 kids per one Ministry Partner.



DISCUSS: God is in Control!

Help kids connect relationally by asking them about their week, then discuss the lesson topic for the day and read the Bible passage together.

SAY:

Let's take turns sharing 3 words about our week. I'll go first!
Share your 3 words then invite the next child to share.

SAY:

Today, we are learning about how **God is in Control**. This story comes from the Bible in **Exodus 14**. Can you open your Bible to the passage with me so we can read it together?

DO:

Read the Bible passage aloud or pick a child to read it aloud.



CONNECT: Why Does It Matter?

Help kids prepare for the lesson by thinking through the Big 3 questions and how the lesson relates to them, personally.

SAY:

Let's answer THE BIG 3 questions for today's lesson!

1. Who is our story about today? **Moses and the Israelites**
2. What is the problem? **Pharaoh finally let the Israelites free from being slaves but he changed his mind and sent an army after them.**
3. What will God do? **God used Moses to part the Red Sea so the Israelites could walk right through it to safety.**

SAY:

Let's connect to the story! Think about these things during our lesson:

1. Why does this matter to me?
2. How can I apply this to my own life?



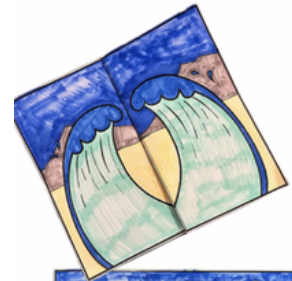
MAKE: Red Sea Paper Craft

Help kids think about the lesson further and have fun by doing this activity!

Supplies: Foldable craft page, crayons/markers, God statement sticker

DO:

Pass out one foldable craft page per child. Have them color and draw on their picture and then add the God Statement sticker to the craft. Show the kids how to fold the page to open and close the sea.



SAY:

God helped Moses and the Israelites out of Egypt and helped them cross the Red Sea. Let's make a special craft to remind us that God is always in control!

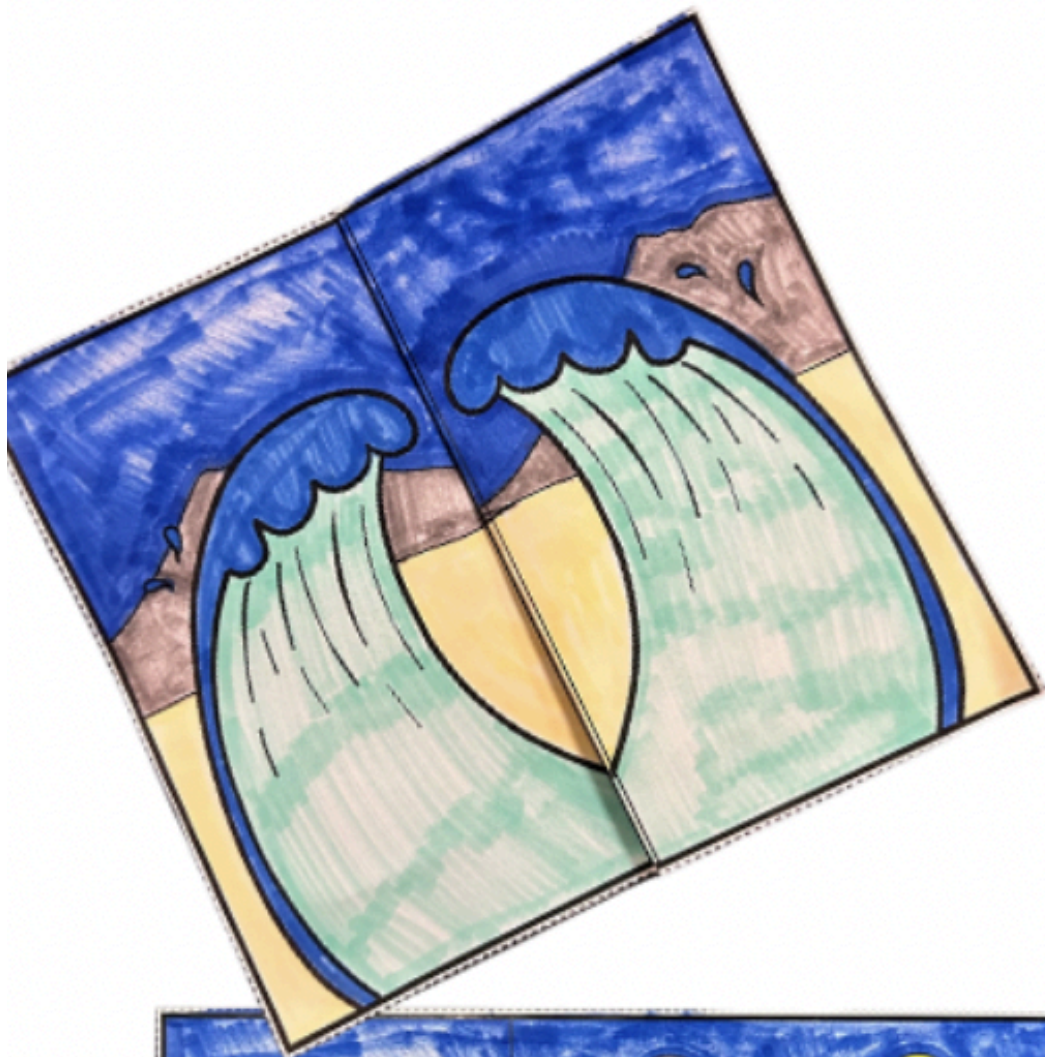


CLEAN UP: Transition to Large Group

Ask kids to clean up the activity or save it to finish for the end of class. Then, ask kids to line up and/or transition to Large Group.



Craft Example



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LARGE GROUP

The goal of Large Group is to help kids grow in their relationship with God by participating in Worship and hearing an engaging Bible story.



EXPECTATIONS

As kids transition to Large Group time, play the expectations video.



HOST MOMENT

After the Large Group expectations video is finished, the Host should welcome the kids in an engaging way and share the daily host content.



SAY:

Welcome! We're so glad you're here today! Let's take a few minutes to look at our Missions project for the day and our Key Verse.

MISSION FOCUS

Introduce or share an update about the current mission focus.

KEY VERSE

Introduce the key verse then have the kids watch the Key Verse video.

PRAY FOR WORSHIP & BIBLE LESSON



WORSHIP

Invite your Worship Leader to come up and play the worship song videos. Encourage kids to participate and be respectful to others.

SONG 1: Gratitude

SONG 2: Build a Boat



LESSON VIDEO

Play the daily Bible lesson video.



WORSHIP RESPONSE

Lead the kids through a quiet time of responding to what God is teaching them.



BLESSING

As Large Group ends, speak this blessing over the kids.

May you feel safe knowing that God is in control of everything! God loves you!



TRANSITION

After the blessing, the Host should dismiss the kids to return quietly to their classroom (if applicable) and transition to Respond.

WORSHIP RESPONSE



REFLECT: God is in Control!

Help kids reflect on the lesson by providing a quiet space for the Holy Spirit to work in their hearts as they think about how it applies to them personally.

Worship Response Station

Supplies: two blue sheets, 2-4 leaders to hold sheets



SAY:

Pharaoh finally let the Israelites go free from Egypt after God sent those terrible plagues. They were heading towards their promised land, but Pharaoh changed his mind and sent his army after them. As the army got closer, the Israelites became fearful and angry. But God showed the Israelites that He is in control of everything by parting the Red Sea so they could walk through it! God's plan to rescue them had not changed! God is in control of our lives too!



DO:

- Ask the kids to quietly participate in the following activity. Say:
 - ***The Israelites were afraid and angry when they saw the Egyptian Army coming after them.***
 - ***Let's all make a face to show how we would feel if we were the Israelites in the story - stuck at a big sea with a huge army coming after us!***
 - ***Just like the Israelites were scared and unsure, we have times in our lives when we feel scared and unsure.***
 - ***Share with the person next to you the last time you felt scared or unsure of what might happen.***
 - ***Remember though, God was in control the whole time for the Israelites! He even had control over the water to part it for them!***
 - ***We're going to take turns walking through the "Red Sea" to remind us that even when we feel scared or unsure, God is in control of everything! We can trust God because He loves us!***
 - ***As you walk through the "Red Sea", say/shout "God is in control!"***
 - Close the time by praying over the kids.



BLESSING

As Large Group ends, speak this blessing over the kids.



SAY:

May you feel safe knowing that God is in control of everything! God loves you!

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RESPOND

The goal of Respond is for kids to think about the lesson and how it applies to them. It should be completed in small groups of 5-7 kids per one Ministry Partner.



APPLY: Why Does it Matter?

Help kids process what they learned in the lesson by answering the Big 3 questions you asked at the beginning of class.



SAY:
Let's answer THE BIG 3 questions for today's lesson!

1. Who was our story about today? **Moses and the Israelites**
2. What was the problem? **Pharaoh finally let the Israelites free from being slaves but he changed his mind and sent an army after them.**
3. What did God do? **God used Moses to part the Red Sea so the Israelites could walk right through it to safety.**



SAY:
Let's connect to the story!

1. Why does this matter to me? **We can trust that God is in control in our own lives, even if it's hard or scary.**
2. How can I apply this to my own life? **Model an example, then ask kids to share.**



PRAY: Connect Relationally

Help kids understand the power of praying together. Use the Prayer Tags from Check-In to write down prayer requests to take home and pray for during the week.



SAY:
Does anyone have a prayer request they'd like to share? You can also share with a leader privately, if you don't want to share aloud.



DO:
Invite kids to pray for each other, then the leader closes in prayer.

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CHECK-OUT

The goal of check-out is to re-connect kids with their parent and communicate any upcoming events or announcements as families leave.



DO:
Encourage kids to finish their activities or play classroom games until their parent comes to pick them up.

As kids get picked up, mention any announcements while handing them the announcement card and ensuring they take their weekly **Lesson Card**.