

# The Waters Part

## LOWER ELEMENTARY LESSON PLAN

**Theme:** God takes care of His people

**Scripture:** Exodus 14:15-22

**Memory Verse:** The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still. - Exodus 14:14

## The Children's Sermon

Oh no! Another problem for Moses and God's people. There was water in front of them and the Egyptians behind. They ask Moses if he brought them out here to die. Moses said, "Don't be afraid. God will take care of us." Do you think HE will??

Now God moved the cloud that was leading them to the back of His people and it turned dark so the Egyptians couldn't see them. Then He told Moses to raise his hand over the water. Do you know what happened?? That's right God made a big wind come and the water parted and God's people walked through on dry land. What do you think the people might have seen in those big waves on both sides of them?

About now the Egyptians found the tracks of God's people and followed them on what was dry land. But strange things began to happen. The wheels on their chariots fell off and the horses couldn't pull them and they were afraid. Then do you know what happened? The water came rushing back washing all the bad people away. While God's people were safely on the other side.

Do you think they were happy? Do you think they knew God had great power? Do you think they would listen to what Moses said from now on?

Well, they were very happy and all sang a song to God maybe like this:

God is so good

He's so good, do you know that song? Sing it with us.

God is so good, Halleluiah

God is so good, Halleluiah

God is so good, He's so good to me.

Now, let's talk more about Moses parting the Red Sea. Imagine standing at the edge of a huge sea with no way to get across. And behind you, a bunch of angry people chasing you. Scary, right? But Moses and God's people didn't need to be scared because God had a plan.

God knew exactly what to do. When Moses raised his hand over the sea, it wasn't just a small path that opened up. It was a big, wide road right through the middle of the water! The walls of water were like giant glass walls. Maybe the people could see fish swimming on the other side. How cool would that be?

As they walked across, they might have been amazed, looking at the walls of water. They walked on dry land, not even muddy. That's how powerful God is. He made sure they were safe and dry.

Now, think about the Egyptians chasing them. They thought they could just follow Moses and God's people through the sea. But remember, God was protecting His

people. When the Egyptians tried to go through, their chariots broke down. It was like their cars suddenly lost their wheels. They got stuck!

And then, when everyone God loved was safe on the other side, the water came back. It rushed over the Egyptians, and they couldn't chase God's people anymore. God's people were free because of Moses parting the Red Sea.

Can you imagine how Moses felt, holding up his hand and watching something so amazing happen? He was probably very thankful and amazed at what God could do. And the people, they must have been cheering and laughing, so happy to be safe.

They knew they were safe because God was with them. They saw with their own eyes how powerful God is. They learned that when things look scary, God has a plan. And God's plan is always good.

After Moses parting the Red Sea, the people sang and danced. They were so happy, they couldn't keep it inside. They wanted to thank God for saving them. They sang loud, thanking God for His goodness.

This story teaches us something very important. Even when we are scared or have big problems, God is with us. He can do amazing things to help us. We just need to trust Him, like Moses did.

So, next time you're afraid or worried, remember Moses parting the Red Sea. Remember how God took care of His people. He loves us just as much and will take care of us too.

We can be brave because God is powerful. We can be happy because God is good. And just like Moses and God's people, we can sing and thank God every day for His love and care.

God is so good, isn't He? Let's sing that song one more time together.

God is so good, Halleluiah

God is so good, Halleluiah

God is so good, He's so good to me.

Remember, no matter what happens, God is always with us, helping us through. Just like He was with Moses and His people, He's with us today. And that's something to be very happy about!

## Bible Memory Verse

**The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still. - Exodus**

**14:14**

You Will Need:

- Blue construction paper
- Green construction paper
- Scissors
- Glue
- Markers or crayons
- Stickers of fish or sea creatures (optional)

Get Ready:

- Cut the blue construction paper in half to create 'water' waves.
- Cut the green construction paper into shapes of people, representing the Israelites.

Do This:

1. Have each child take a piece of blue construction paper and use the scissors to make wave shapes along the edges. Explain that this represents the Red Sea.
2. Next, let the children use the green paper cutouts to make little people. They can draw faces and clothes on their Israelites with markers or crayons. Place these figures on one side of the 'Red Sea.'
3. Talk about how God parted the Red Sea for the Israelites and how He takes care of His people. Encourage the children to spread the waves apart and move their Israelites through the sea to safety. If available, they can decorate the sea with fish or sea creature stickers.

## Bible Interactive Experience

You'll Need:

- Blue fabric or large blue paper sheets (to simulate the Red Sea)
- Toy people and animals (to represent the Israelites)
- Small toy soldiers (to represent the Egyptians)
- A fan or hairdryer (to simulate the wind)
- A narrow walking path marked with tape on the floor (to represent the path through the Red Sea)

Get Ready:

- Lay the blue fabric or paper on the floor to create two large "walls" of water with a path down the middle.

- Place the toy people and animals at one end of the path and the toy soldiers at the opposite end.
- Set up the fan or hairdryer near the path but out of the way, so it can blow air across the path when turned on.

Do this:

1. **Tell the Story**: Briefly recount the story from Exodus 14:15-22, emphasizing how God told Moses to stretch out his hand over the sea to part it and how God kept His people safe. Explain that the Israelites were scared, but God took care of them by making a way through the sea.
2. **Act It Out**: Have the children take turns being Moses, the Israelites, and the Egyptians. The child playing Moses will stretch out their hand over the "Red Sea" (the blue fabric or paper), and then you'll turn on the fan or hairdryer to simulate the wind parting the sea. The "Israelites" will walk through the sea on the dry path, and once they're safely across, the "Egyptians" will follow, but they won't make it through (you can gently gather the fabric or paper to simulate the sea coming back together).
3. **Discussion**: After acting out the story, sit down with the children and discuss how God took care of the Israelites and how He takes care of us today in different ways. Encourage them to share times when they felt scared or unsure and how they can trust God during those times, just like the Israelites did.

This interactive activity helps children understand the story of Exodus 14:15-22 in a fun and engaging way, emphasizing the theme that God takes care of His people.

## Snack Activity: Parting the Red Sea Crackers

You'll Need:

- Blue frosting

- Graham crackers
- Goldfish crackers
- Plastic knives or spreaders
- Small plates

Get Ready: Lay out all the materials on a clean table where each child can reach them.

Do this:

1. Tell the children they're going to make a snack that looks like the parting of the Red Sea, just like God did for Moses and His people in Exodus 14:15-22. Explain that this shows how God takes care of His people.
2. Give each child a graham cracker and have them spread blue frosting on each side of the cracker, leaving a space in the middle with no frosting. The blue frosting represents the water of the Red Sea.
3. Have the children place a few Goldfish crackers in the blue frosting to represent the fish in the sea. The empty space in the middle of the graham cracker represents the path that God made for His people to walk through safely.
4. As they enjoy their snack, remind them that just like God took care of Moses and the Israelites, He takes care of us too.

## Game Activity: Parting the Red Sea Race

You'll Need:

- Blue streamers or fabric strips
- Chairs (2 per team)
- Bible

Get Ready: Arrange chairs in two parallel lines with a gap wide enough to be the 'Red Sea' between them. Drape blue streamers or fabric strips over the chairs to simulate water. Divide the children into teams.

Do this:

1. Tell the story of Exodus 14:15-22, focusing on how God took care of His people by parting the Red Sea. Explain that the children will reenact this miraculous event in a fun race.
2. Each team selects a 'Moses' who will lead their team. At the start signal, 'Moses' leads their team through the 'Red Sea' by weaving in and out of the chairs without touching the 'water'.
3. Once the whole team has crossed, they shout together, 'God takes care of His people!' The first team to finish and sit down on the other side wins.

After the game, discuss how God took care of the Israelites and how He takes care of us today.

## Craft Activity: Parting the Red Sea

You'll Need:

- Blue construction paper
- Brown construction paper
- Scissors
- Glue stick
- Cotton balls
- Toy figures (optional)



Get Ready: Cut the blue construction paper in half to create two 'walls' of water. Cut out a path from the brown construction paper to represent the dry land.

Do this:

1. Glue the edges of the blue construction paper onto a separate sheet, leaving a gap in the middle for the brown paper path. This represents the Red Sea parting.
2. Place the cotton balls at the top of the blue construction paper to represent the clouds God used to protect and guide His people.
3. (Optional) Use toy figures to act out the story, moving them along the brown paper path between the parted seas to safely reach the other side, showing how God takes care of His people.

## Prayer Activity: Parting the Sea of Prayers

You'll Need:

- A large blue sheet or fabric
- Paper and pencils
- A small toy figure to represent Moses

Get Ready: Spread the blue sheet on the floor to represent the Red Sea. Place the toy figure of Moses at one edge of the 'sea.'

Do this:

1. Gather the children around the 'sea' and tell them the story of Exodus 14:15-22, focusing on how God took care of His people by parting the Red Sea. Emphasize that just like God guided and protected the Israelites, He listens to our prayers and takes care of us.

2. Ask each child to think of a time they felt God took care of them or a moment they need God's help. Have them draw or write it on a piece of paper.

3. One by one, let the children walk up to 'Moses,' share their prayer request or thanksgiving quietly or aloud, and then place their paper on the other side of the 'sea.' As they walk through the 'sea,' remind them that God is always with them, making a way through their troubles, just as He did for the Israelites.