

## READ IT

This rotation's Bible story is  
**The Red Sea**  
from Exodus 14:1-30

### God is always with us!

Ask each other what you remember about:

- The Red Sea
- Moses
- Miriam
- Pharaoh's army
- The Israelites

The escape of the Israelites from Egypt is called the Exodus. Throughout the story, the people question whether God can actually deliver them from slavery — but God does! Even today, God delivers his people in many ways, large and small.

### Read the whole story together in the Bible!

*Spark Story Bible* pages 84-89

*Spark Bible* pages 74-75

### Family Prayer

Thank you, God, for always being with us — especially when we're afraid. Help us to remember that you always work for good and we can trust you in every situation. AMEN.

## TALK ABOUT IT

### Family Conversations

- 1 Have you ever been really afraid?
- 2 When are you like Moses in this story, trusting and sure that God will come through?
- 3 Where do you see God working today with and through others to bring freedom to all people?
- 4 When you're in the car sometime, retell this story in pieces. Have one person start the story and end their part with "And then..." and have the next person continue for bit before they say, "And then...." Go through all the passengers in the car and see if you can get the whole story told.

### Eye Spark

Next time you see a river, imagine what it would be like to have that river part like the Red Sea so you could walk through it to the other side... WILD!

### Ear Spark

When you hear songs or hymns in worship, listen to the words and music and remember how God's people sang a song praising God after the Exodus.

## LIVE IT

### For families to do together

At the end of this story, Moses and his sister, Miriam, lead the people in song, praising God for delivering them from the Egyptians. See if your family can write a song praising God. You can use a popular tune like "Twinkle, Twinkle" or "Jingle Bells," or you can make up your own.

### For younger kids

Play some lively music and, with scarves and tambourines, sing and dance like God's people did in this story.

### For older kids

Search online for images related to the Exodus. Look for things like maps, art, and movies, and share the coolest ones with your family.

## TRY IT

### Art

God rescued the Israelites through the water in the Red Sea. God rescued each of us through the water in our baptism. If you don't know the baptism dates of your family members, find them and mark them on your calendar. Celebrate each family member's baptism anniversary during the year as a way to remember that God is at work in the life of your family.

### Computer Lab

Moses and the Israelites celebrated after they crossed the Red Sea. As a family, make a Celebration Poster to celebrate something special that has happened in your family. Some ideas might include a birthday, a wedding anniversary, or the end of the school year. Talk about God's involvement in that event.

### Creative Drama

Imagine with your family how it would feel without God to lean on in tough times. What if you could not pray? How would you feel if you were completely alone? Pray together for those who were not taught about God or prayer, and discuss how you can teach them about God.

### Video

Watch "The Ten Commandments" together as a family. Talk about the glory of the Lord and the importance of trusting in God even when the situation seems impossible.

### Bible Skills and Games

We learned how God took care of God's people and how God can be trusted. Talk about times when each of you have trusted God. Children will learn to trust God the more they hear about how you have done so!

### Cooking

Take a grape and roll it back and forth across a table. Try to trap it so it doesn't fall. If it falls, announce, "Grape escape!" and share a story of when God cleared a path of escape for you. Enjoy a snack of grapes (not ones that fell on the floor!) at the end of the game and remember how God clears paths for God's people.

### Music

Share the story of the Red Sea with the people at home. Ask them to imagine with you how awesome it would be to see those waters move to each side. What sounds would they make? How high on each side would the water rise? Act as if you are walking in between those walls of water and sing the refrain to the Battle Hymn of the Republic: "Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on!"

### Science

How do you think Moses felt when he led the Israelites out of Egypt? Experience it for yourself by going for a family walk to a place where only one person knows the way home. Allow everyone to take the lead individually as you head home, guessing which way to go. Talk about how it feels to be a leader and a follower.