



## Lesson 31: Crossing the Red Sea

### *Scriptural Basis:*



Exodus 12:37-51; 13:17-22; 14

### *Overview:*

After demonstrating His faithfulness, provision and protection by orchestrating the Israelites' release from Egypt, God leads them into the wilderness. Instead of leading them to a safe and comfy place, God chose to do some more displaying of His power and might over the Egyptians. This is the account of one of the most dramatic events in Israel's history when God led them to safety by parting the Red Sea.

### *Things to consider:*

The interplay of God communicating the same message to two different nations is clear in this story. Pharaoh still wants to believe that he is in charge, and the Israelites are quick to think that it would be better to go back and serve Pharaoh than the one true God. God's answer is loud and clear. And as promised, God gets the glory!

### *Bible Study for Preparation:*



Read Exodus 13 and 14. Consider all the ways God had revealed His power and strength to the Israelites, yet when pressed, they still chose to fear the Egyptians. The point is not to think that we know better and would have responded differently, the point is that the Israelites displayed the nature of our hearts which is to quickly lose faith. But God is faithful, and has proven His faithfulness throughout history, and will remain faithful throughout eternity. In fact, HE DELIBERATELY orchestrated this confrontation to show the Israelites WHO will be fighting their battles for them!

### *Preparing for the lesson:*

- A: Read over the Overview and Gospel-in-the-story from Last week's lesson (the Exodus)
- B: Read the handout for this week's lesson
- C. Research crafts/activities/songs that may help teach

### *Teaching the lesson:*

- A: Review – Last week: the Exodus
- B: Bible verse memory activity
- C. Story
- D. Additional activity