

# Family Worship Guide

## Week 21

### Read

**Exodus 13:17-14:31**

- **Questions**

**1. In the beginning of chapter 14, why does God tell the Israelites to turn around and go back toward Pharaoh?**

God wanted Pharaoh to think that the Israelites were confused. God was preparing a great miracle to show His power and free His people.

**2. How did the Israelites respond when they saw the army of Pharaoh coming after them?**

They were afraid. They yelled at Moses. They wished that they were back in slavery again.

**3. What did God tell Moses to do?**

He told him to stretch out his staff over the Red Sea. When Moses obeyed, God sent a great wind from the east and it blew all night long. It blew back the waters so that the Israelites could cross on dry ground.

**4. Can you imagine walking through the Red Sea? Think about looking into the wall of water on your right and the wall of water on your left. What do you think you would have seen?**

Encourage the family to consider what an amazing miracle this was, and think about how incredible it must have been to have seen it!

**5. After the Israelites were safely across, what did God do to Pharaoh's army?**

The army had pursued the Israelites across the sea. God struck them with confusion. He caused their chariot wheels to fall off. While the entire army was trying to run back to Egypt, God caused the waters of the sea to fall back into place and all the Egyptians were killed.

**6. How did the Israelites respond when they saw this?**

The last verse of chapter 14 is very important. Ask someone to read that verse again. The people feared the LORD. This means they respected Him and His power. They also trusted in Him and in His servant Moses. Finally, the Israelites responded to God in humble faith. This is what God wants from us as well! When we consider His greatness and His power, we should respect Him and trust Him.

## 7. When we talk about God in our family, do we talk about Him with fear and trust?

Sometimes it is easy to talk about God like He is our best friend. This isn't wrong because God is our friend. But it is wrong if in our love for God we do not also respect Him for His power and holiness. Talk as a family about how you can increase your respect for God in your home.

### Praise

Praise God for giving us:

Himself

Grace and Mercy

Salvation

Our family

Our church family

What has God done in our family this week that we can give him praise?

### Pray

Use the ACTS model (Example below.)

- ADORATION – “He keeps His promises.”
- CONFESSION – “Confess times when we have not obeyed”
- THANKSGIVING – “How has God been faithful to your family?”
- SUPPLICATION – “God encourages us to bring all of our needs and burdens to Him.”
- Pray that we will live obediently to God’s Word.
- Pray for your neighbors by name! Pray that God will bless them!

### Memorize

“The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still.”

- Exodus 14:14

### Digging Deeper

(Optional activities)

#### Kids Fun

Words in **bold** are what you can say to lead this activity. Adapt the activity as you see fit based on the ages of your children. If you have both teens and younger children, encourage the teens to lead the activity. It is good leadership practice for them, and the younger siblings will enjoy it.

Supplies needed: a bath tub 3/4 full of water, a handful of action figures.

**Our family worship time starts with a field trip - to the bathroom. Let's go!**

Lead the family to the bathroom where you have the tub filled with water.

**We have a mission to accomplish. We are going to try and re-enact part of our Bible reading tonight. Our mission is to try and figure out a way to part the waters in this tub. You heard right. We need to split the water into two**

**parts, so that there is a dry path through the middle. First, we need someone to set up the action figures on one side of the tub. The action figures represent the Israelites. The tub of water represents the Red Sea. They have to get across - and soon - because the Egyptians are coming to take them back to Egypt and make them slaves again.**

Wait until the action figures are set up and ready to escape the Egyptians.

**So...who has an idea for how we can make a dry path through the water? We are not allowed to drain the water and we can't remove all the water. We have to part it in two and make a path down the middle. I will set the timer for 10 minutes and see if we can save our little band of Israelites.**

Let everyone talk about their ideas. Feel free to try them out. As you will likely discover, it is pretty tricky. In fact, your little band of Israelites are in real trouble. When the timer rings, admit your defeat, and return to the family worship room.

**I didn't know that separating water was so hard! We could not even split the water in a bathtub. In a few moments, we are going to read about one of the most amazing miracles God has ever done.**

## For Teens

### Talk about it

**1. In Exodus 14:19 we see that "the angel of God" fought against the Egyptians. Do you remember who "the angel of God" is from our previous reading?**

In the Old Testament, when we see "the angel of the Lord" or "the angel of God" this is referring to the pre-incarnate Jesus. Remember, Jesus is God. He has always existed as the second person of the Trinity. At different times in the Old Testament we see Jesus appearing as "the angel of the Lord." Here, Jesus is a warrior against the evil armies of Pharaoh.

**2. The Israelites complained against Moses and against God. In what areas of your life do you struggle with complaining?**

It may be helpful for a parent to begin this discussion by sharing something they complain about. Work hard to create an environment where your teen feels he or she can be open and honest with you. If he or she shares something they are struggling with, be sure to praise them for their honesty!

**3. Exodus 15 is a praise song from Moses and his sister Miriam in response to God's great power and salvation. Spend private time with God reading that chapter and meditate on God's greatness.**