

# Week 10

## Crossing the Red Sea

God's people did what God said. They left Egypt in a hurry. God sent a big cloud. It showed them the way to go. At night, the cloud lit up with fire so the people could follow when it was dark. Now, they were camping by a big sea.

Rumble. Rumble. Oh, no! What's that sound? The bad king Pharaoh, his chariots, and soldiers were coming to capture God's people as prisoners. The people wondered how they could get away. The soldiers were behind them, and the water was in front of them.

Moses told them, "Don't be afraid. God has promised to be with us. He will protect us. He will keep us safe."

God told Moses to stretch out his walking stick over the water. (\*) Right away, a big wind began to blow. It blew all night and made a dry path through the water. Moses and God's people walked on the pathway to the other side.

When Pharaoh and his army chased after them, God let the water splash together again on top of them. Everyone in Pharaoh's army was washed away. God came to the rescue again!

God's people were safe. They were so happy. They danced and sang. They

played music and praised God for saving them. It is true. God helps His people in times of trouble.

*Fold the family letter back so your child can focus on the big picture as you tell the Bible story. At the point in the story indicated by an asterisk (\*), fold the picture strip forward, overlapping part of the big picture. Talk about what has changed in the picture as you continue the story.*

### Think about It

We see in Exodus 14:1–15:6 that the people were afraid when troubles came. When we look at our own troubles, we might try to solve things by ourselves. But the best method is, as Moses said, "Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD" (14:13). Face your troubles with prayer. God knows what is best. His salvation is complete in Christ Jesus!

### Bible Words

Nothing will be impossible with God.

Luke 1:37



## Dear Family,

In this Bible story, God's people experience fear, act in faith, and then rejoice. At first, they are afraid. They see water ahead and mountains on the sides. They know the bad king is coming behind them. They feel trapped and turn to Moses. Moses turns to God for help, and God shows His saving love. He makes the wind blow and the sea dry up. In faith, the people walk through the sea floor on dry land. God washes away the enemy, and God's people rejoice.

Young children have many fears. Use fearful situations as opportunities to talk about God's saving love. Help them turn to God at such times. Let them know God loves us too. God promises in the Bible that He is with us and will take care of us. He sent Jesus to be our Savior to get rid of our enemies (sin, death, and Satan). God's victory comes to us through the waters of Baptism. There, our sins are washed away. We rejoice in songs and thankful prayers!

As you fill the sink to wash dishes, invite your child to help. Part the suds with your hands. Remind your child how God saved His people by parting the waters. He also saves us by washing us clean from sin in Holy Baptism.

Read more about the lesson on pages 110–112 in *The Story Bible*, available from Concordia Publishing House (CPH).

