LESSON 17

GOD SAVES THE ISRAELITES AT THE RED SEA



Aim: **To show the children that God performed a great miracle that day when he saved the people of Israel from the Egyptian army.**

Scripture Reading: **Exodus 14:5-31**

Memory Verse: **Exodus 14:13**
"Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today."

PRESENTING THE LESSON

STARTING POINT

Think of some events in your life that you will never forget because they are very important to you. Tell the class about one or two of them.

MAIN POINTS OF TODAY'S TEACHING

1. The people of Israel now were about to experience something that they would never forget. They would thank God for it eternally. They had left Egypt and had started on their journey to the Promised Land. There probably were at least two million of them, and then there were their animals, too. They travelled through the desert. God showed them the way. During the day a pillar of cloud shielded them from the sun. By night, a pillar of fire gave them light so that they could travel (13:21).
2. In the meantime the Egyptians regretted that they had let their slaves go. Pharaoh and his army prepared to set out and make them come back (v 5-9).
3. The Egyptian army caught up with the Israelites just when they had reached the Red Sea. The people of Israel were caught between the sea and the Egyptians. They could not cross the sea. They could not go round it, because there were mountains on each side. They could not go back, because the Egyptians were waiting for them. There was no escape. They were frightened. They also were very angry with Moses; they said it was all his fault for leading them out of Egypt (v 10-12).
4. Moses was not afraid. He trusted God. He knew that God would save them – that there was no need to run away in fright. **Say the words of the memory verse.**
5. **Describe in your own words what happens in verses 19-20:**

a) The cloud moved from its position in front of the Isralites to behind them, thereby hiding them from the Egyptians.

b) Moses stretched out his hand over the sea and a strong wind started blowing the waters back all night.

c) The next day, the waters of the Red Sea had been separated and Moses led the people through on dry land. **Show picture 17.**

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6. The Egyptians followed them, but God let the waters flow back again and the whole army drowned (v 23–28).

Our Response to the Story

The memory verse is true for us, too, who live thousands of years after Moses' time. The following is a true story that happened in Juba (which is in the Sudan): A man who had no food for his family left in the house wrote a letter to a friend of his who was a pastor, asking for help. The pastor replied that he did not have any extra food. The only gift he could offer them was to pray for them. The family also had to ask for God's help, he said. The man's family prayed. The next day a relative returned some money that he had borrowed from them even though they had not reminded him of the debt, and every child in the family received a tin of beans from their school. God gave more than they needed.

Instil the Memory Verse



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