



Beautiful BIBLE TREASURES For Children

Lesson 29

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A Path to Praise About!

During the first part of the journey with Moses, the travelling team of Israelites needed a very big miracle! In front of them was the Red Sea, and they needed to cross it. Pharaoh wasn't so happy that they weren't coming back and decided to get them to return.

When the people wondered what they were going to do, as there was no pathway to keep on travelling, Moses told them God would take care of the situation. Moses held his hands and rod out over the sea, and God sent a very big, strong wind!

The wind from God blew and blew on the sea, blowing away the water! Then instead of only water, there was a long dry pathway with walls of water on either side of it, all the way to the other side of the sea. The people were able to cross to the other side!

When everyone was safely across, the waters returned again, covering up the pathway that God made. The Israelites were so glad for the miracle that God had done. They praised God and sang songs to Him!



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Have you ever been stuck somewhere and didn't know what to do or how to get out of the situation? Maybe your family was travelling and the car broke down, and you were somewhere where it was difficult to get help. Or maybe you were working on a project and you were missing one of the most important things you needed to complete it?

There are lots of different problems and difficulties that come our way, and people can cause us trouble too, but no matter how tough things seem, nothing is too hard for God. He can give the help and solutions needed to anyone, anywhere, if they pray and believe that He can.

After the Israelites left Egypt, Pharaoh decided that he wanted the people to come back to work for him again—and not go off taking a trip!

He sent many of his people to get them to return. This seemed to be a problem for the travelling team, because in front of them was the big Red Sea.



They were stuck and couldn't go any further. God had a plan, and told Moses to stretch out his hands and rod over the water.

The amazing miraculous solution began. A strong wind blew and blew, and everyone was in for a surprise.

Can you imagine camping beside a large lake, and after a time of strong wind there is then a pathway right through it, and you can walk, or bike, or drive over to the other side? That's the surprise they all got! God had made a pathway straight across the Red Sea with the water standing up on either side of it. The Israelites walked to the other side on the dry sea bed!

God got them safely across the Red Sea, and then closed up the water again. It was so amazing! It was time to praise God with songs and instruments! They were so happy to see the power of God helping them. They were then able to continue their journey, with a God who could do anything to lead and care for them.

Activity

*Experiment with water! Use a deep tray and fill it with water. Try to push the water out of the way with your hands to make a clear dry place. Put your fist in the water and remove it to see if it makes a hole. Try to gather the water to one side. Grab handfuls of water and try to stack it like blocks to clear a spot in the middle of the water-filled tray. These things are not possible, as water takes on whatever shape it's in. It was an amazing thing to see God doing the impossible by clearing the water away and stacking it up!

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A few days after all the Israelites had left Egypt, news came to Pharaoh saying the people he'd allowed to leave were continuing to travel further away. They showed no intentions of returning.

It was more than just a "feast in the wilderness." It was a start to a new life. It was good that they had decided to obey God and leave right away when they were told to, as Pharaoh had changed his mind again and wanted the Israelites back in Egypt.

How did they know where to go, and what was the best route to travel? God took care of that. During the day He placed a big cloud ahead of them to lead the way.

The big team followed the cloud. When it stopped, so did they. God was right there helping them and leading them through each part of the journey.

At night God placed a pillar of fire instead of a cloud. It gave light and warmth, and a wonderful sense of God's close, loving care and protection.



Pharaoh and his team, who came to find the Israelites, discovered that God could do even more amazing things than they imagined possible. At first the Egyptians thought they were strong and could have whatever they wanted, but when met with the power of God, their abilities were nothing in comparison.

God told Moses to stretch out his hands and rod over the Red Sea. What would happen this time? A strong wind began to blow, and kept on blowing, and after awhile the sea was no longer in their way! Instead, there was a dry, large pathway all the way through it to the other side. The water stood upright like walls on either side. It was like one very big, long and wide amazing hallway or corridor!

The travelling team, surprised and delighted by this wonderful solution and way of escape from their pursuers, got going and walked on and on through to the other side, on the very seabed!



Then Pharaoh's men decided to do the same, but things didn't go so well for them. Have you ever tried to pull a wagon without any wheels? Well, as they were galloping down this amazing new pathway, God slowed them down by simply removing their chariot's wheels.

All the children of Israel made it safely to the other side of the Red Sea. Then it was time to close up God's specially made passage way, and the waters returned to their former place. The Egyptians never reached the other side. They got very, very wet for sure.

Someone looking over the Red Sea then, who didn't see what had just happened, may never have guessed that there had been dry land there just a while before. It looked just like it always had before—just one big sea.

Moses and all the people burst forth into a jubilant, triumphant song, telling of the power of God and how He had helped them and protected and provided for them. Some of the words of the song said, "The Lord is my strength and song! The Lord shall reign forever and ever!"

Moses' sister, then in her 80's, was still pretty lively, and inspired many to pull out their instruments and sing, dance, and praise the Lord for the amazing miracle that had just transpired. All the people were in awe at how great the power of God was. If God could do that, He could do anything!

Let's Talk About It

*Has something ever seemed "impossible" to do, or to have happen, but then God did a miracle—for you or others? Tell about it.

*It's easy to notice wonderful and amazing events in our lives that the Lord does, and to praise Him for it. Can you think of some things that aren't quite as noticeable, that the Lord is doing for you, that you can be glad about? How about a safe trip in the car? Or the fact that your body can still move, walk and run? Think of some things now and talk about them.

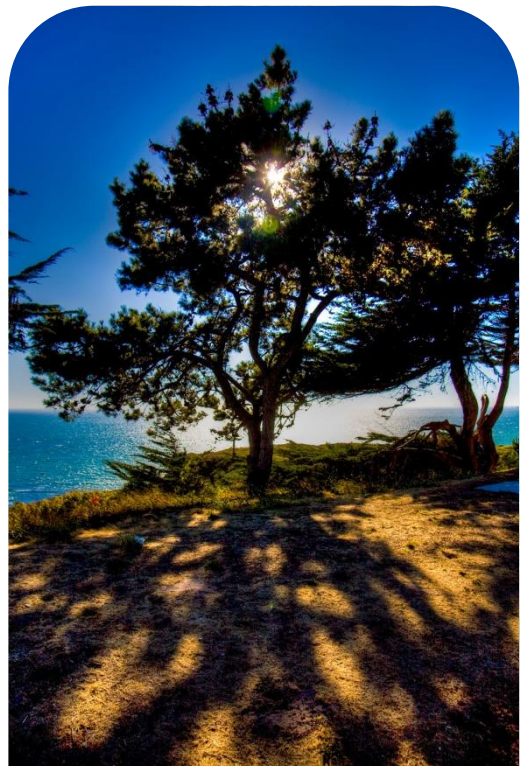
Activity

*Make a tray scene, with sand or dirt for a pathway, tin foil for the walls of water on the sides of it, and toy people and animals walking on the path through the sea.

Fountain of Faith


Deuteronomy 33:25 Thy shoes shall be iron and brass; and as thy days, so shall thy strength be.

Joshua 1:5 There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.



A Path to Praise About!

Connect and Communicate



*Give each person a pen and small piece of paper, and have each person write one word or draw something simple on it. You could suggest types of words for each one to write, if you'd like (verb, name, job, exclamatory word, colour, size, household item, etc).

After each one puts their word or picture on their paper, all papers are put in a stack. Spin a bottle or choose a player for the next part. He or she takes the stack and offers a praise and prayer for the day using each of the words written or depicted on the papers, threading them into their prayer. The game can be repeated if desired.

Study Fun

Highlight: The words in the verses below that talk of the Lord saving them. (For example: redeemed, salvation, triumphed, etc.)

Copy: On to a whiteboard/chalkboard/paper some things the Lord did, does, and is. (For example: reigns, divided, guided, etc.)

Count: The times the words water or sea are mentioned in these verses.

Exodus

14:10 And when Pharaoh drew nigh, the children of Israel lifted up their eyes, and, behold, the Egyptians marched after them; and they were sore afraid: and the children of Israel cried out unto the Lord.

14:13 And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will shew to you to day.

14:15 And the Lord said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward:

14:16 But lift thou up thy rod, and stretch out thine hand over the sea, and divide it: and the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea.

14:18 And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gotten me honour upon Pharaoh, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen.

14:19 And the angel of God, which went before the camp of Israel, removed and went behind them; and the pillar of the cloud went from before their face, and stood behind them:

14:20 And it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel; and it was a cloud and darkness to them, but it gave light by night to these: so that the one came not near the other all the night.

14:21 And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the Lord caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided.



14:22 And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry ground: and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left.

14:23 And the Egyptians pursued, and went in after them to the midst of the sea, even all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen.

14:24 And it came to pass, that in the morning watch the Lord looked unto the host of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and of the cloud, and troubled the host of the Egyptians,

14:25 And took off their chariot wheels, that they drave them heavily: so that the Egyptians said, Let us flee from the face of Israel; for the Lord fighteth for them against the Egyptians.

14:26 And the Lord said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand over the sea, that the waters may come again upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen.

14:27 And Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to his strength when the morning appeared; and the Egyptians fled against it; and the Lord overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea.

15:1 Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this song unto the Lord, and spake, saying, I will sing unto the Lord, for he hath triumphed gloriously.

15:2 The Lord is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation: he is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt him.

15:8 And with the blast of thy nostrils the waters were gathered together, the floods stood upright as an heap, and the depths were congealed in the heart of the sea.



15:13 Thou in thy mercy hast led forth the people which thou hast redeemed: thou hast guided them in thy strength unto thy holy habitation.

15:18 The Lord shall reign for ever and ever.

15:20 And Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances.

15:21 And Miriam answered them, Sing ye to the Lord, for he hath triumphed gloriously.

Activity

*Play a blowing game: Use a ball of cotton, tissue, or a light-weight ball, and straws. Place the cotton ball on a table, and have everyone stand around it with their straws. Then try to blow the ball off the opposite side of the table, without letting it fall off the edge near you.



Proverbs to Ponder #3

Praise

1Chronicles 16:31-33a Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice: and let men say among the nations, The Lord reigneth. Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof: let the fields rejoice, and all that is therein. Then shall the trees of the wood sing out at the presence of the Lord.

*Act out being an object of nature and say something that you could be thankful for if that part of God's creation could talk in words and have a way to praise Him verbally.

Proverbs 3:21 My son, let not them depart from thine eyes: keep sound wisdom and discretion:

Proverbs 3:22 So shall they be life unto thy soul, and grace to thy neck.

Proverbs 3:23 Then shalt thou walk in thy way safely, and thy foot shall not stumble.

Proverbs 3:24 When thou liest down, thou shalt not be afraid: yea, thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall be sweet.

Proverbs 3:26 For the Lord shall be thy confidence, and shall keep thy foot from being taken.

Proverbs 3:27 Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it.

Proverbs 3:28 Say not unto thy neighbour, *Go, and come again, and to morrow I will give;* when thou hast it by thee.

Proverbs 3:30 Strive not with a man without cause, if he have done thee no harm.

Proverbs 3:35 The wise shall inherit glory: but shame shall be the promotion of fools.

Proverbs 4:5 Get wisdom, get understanding: forget it not; neither decline from the words of my mouth.

Proverbs 4:6 Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee: love her, and she shall keep thee.

Activity

*Paint a night-time picture of something that gives you comfort to look at. (It could be a picture of Jesus, or a starry sky, or an angel guarding a sleeping child, or a tent pitched at night, etc.) Write or print the verse, or part of the verse, Proverbs 3:24 below the picture. Frame it or post it somehow, to remind you of the promise written on it when it's time to sleep.



Topic Treasures — Faith and Not Fear

Study Fun

Highlight: The Lord's faith-building instructions mentioned in the verses.

Copy: A verse of your choice on to a card, to keep handy in your bag, pocket, under your pillow, or to post up, to remind yourself of it often.

Count: How many times "God" or "Lord" is mentioned in these verses below.

Deuteronomy 31:6 Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the Lord thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

Joshua 1:9 Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

Psalms 27:1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Psalms 34:4 I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.

Isaiah 41:13 For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee.

Psalm 46:1-3 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah.

Psalm 56:3 What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee.

Isaiah 12:2 Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation.

Mark 5:36 As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid, only believe.

2 Timothy 1:7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.



Daily Diary

*Write the verse Psalm 56:3: "What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee." List under it some things that you are afraid of, or some situations that you can imagine feeling afraid in. Remember this verse to give you faith!