



Parting the Red Sea!

God makes a way when there is NO way!

Story #16 | Ages 4–10 | Exodus 13–15

1 God Leads the Way!

Scripture: Exodus 13:17-22 | Theme: God goes before us

☁ The Pillar of Cloud



God had a **PLAN** for His people.
But it wasn't the **SHORT** way.
It was the **LONG** way — through the **WILDERNESS**.
Why? Because God knew them.
He knew they would get **SCARED** of the Philistines.
He knew they weren't **READY** for war yet.
So He led them gently. Slowly. Carefully.
And how did He lead them?
With a **GIANT PILLAR OF CLOUD**!
It looked like a tall white tornado in the sky!
When the cloud **MOVED**, the people packed up and followed.
When the cloud **STOPPED**, they set up their tents.
God was their compass. Their GPS. Their guide!

"And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them along the way." — Exodus 13:21

☁ Cloud Follower Game

Make a paper cloud on a stick. Have a parent move it around the room. Follow it! When it stops, you stop. That's how God led His people!

🔥 The Pillar of Fire



When the sun went **DOWN**...
The cloud did something **AMAZING**.
It turned into **FIRE**!
A tall, warm, glowing pillar of flame!
It gave them **LIGHT** in the scary desert night.
It kept them **WARM** when it got cold.
And **NO** enemy could sneak up on them!
The fire was **PROTECTION**.
The fire was **PRESENCE**.
God didn't just **SEND** them.
He **WENT** with them!
Every step. Every day. Every night.
He was their **LAMP** and their **SHIELD**.

"And by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, that they might travel by day and by night." — Exodus 13:21

💡 Tiny Truth

God doesn't just show us **WHERE** to go — He **GOES** with us! He is your light in the dark!

💡 Light in the Dark

At bedtime tonight, turn off the lights and use **ONE** flashlight. Walk across your room. God is like that light — always showing the next step!

2 Trapped!

Scripture: Exodus 14:1-14 | Theme: When problems look impossible

At the Red Sea



God told Moses to camp by the **RED SEA**.

The biggest body of water they had **EVER** seen!

Blue water stretching to the **HORIZON**.

No boats. No bridge. Nowhere to go.

But that wasn't the worst part...

RUMBLE. RUMBLE. RUMBLE!

Dust clouds on the horizon!

Horses! Chariots! **SOLDIERS!**

PHARAOH had changed his mind!

He wanted his **SLAVES** back!

The Israelites were **TRAPPED**.

Sea in front. Enemy behind. No escape!

Like a mouse stuck in a corner!

Cornered!

Stand in a doorway. Pretend the doorframe is the sea and the wall behind you is the enemy army. How does it feel to have **NO** way out?

Don't Be Afraid!



The people started to **PANIC!**

THE PEOPLE SAY:

"Moses! Did you bring us here to **DIE**?! There weren't even enough graves in Egypt!"

THE PEOPLE SAY:

"We should have stayed **SLAVES**! At least we were alive!"

They were **SO** scared. **SO** angry.

But Moses stood **TALL**. He raised his hands.

MOSES SAYS:

"Do **NOT** be afraid! Stand firm! The **LORD** will fight for **YOU**!"

Then God said something amazing:

GOD SAYS:

"The **LORD** will fight for you, and you have only to be silent."

God had a **PLAN**. He **ALWAYS** has a plan.

Even when it looks like there's **NO WAY OUT**.

Tiny Truth

When you're scared and there's no way out — **STAND STILL** and watch what God will do!

Stand Firm!

When you're scared, plant your feet wide like a superhero. Say out loud: "God fights for me!" That's "standing firm!"

3 The Impossible Path!

Scripture: Exodus 14:15-22 | Theme: God does what no one else can do

The Strongest Wind



God said to Moses:

☀ **GOD SAYS:**

"Why do you cry to Me? Tell the people to GO FORWARD!"

☀ **GOD SAYS:**

"Lift up your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea."

Moses walked to the edge of the water.

ALL the people were watching.

Hearts were POUNDING!

Moses raised his wooden staff HIGH in the air...

And then — **WHOOSH!**

God sent the STRONGEST wind EVER!

An **EAST WIND!**

WHOOSH! WHOOSH! WHOOSH!

It blew ALL NIGHT LONG!

The water started to MOVE!

This wasn't magic. This wasn't a trick.

This was the **GOD OF THE UNIVERSE!**

Wind Power!

Blow on a cup of water as hard as you can. See the waves? Now imagine God blowing hard enough to push back an ENTIRE SEA!

The Sea Splits!



The water PUSHED back!

Not a little wave. Not a ripple.

The sea **SPLIT** right down the middle!

Water stood up like **TALL WALLS** on both sides!

You could see **FISH** swimming in the walls!

Coral! Seaweed! It was like a giant aquarium!

And in the middle — **DRY GROUND!**

Not muddy. Not squishy. **DRY** as a desert road!

A **PATH** through the **IMPOSSIBLE** sea!

God made a **WAY** where there was **NO WAY!**

Only God can do the **IMPOSSIBLE!**

"And the waters were awall to them on their right hand and on their left." — Exodus 14:22

Tiny Truth

Nothing is **impossible** for God! Not a sick body. Not a broken family. Not a scary problem. He makes a **WAY!**

Your Impossible Path

Draw a big wave. Draw a road through the middle. Write one "impossible" thing you need God to fix. He **CAN** do it!

4 Walk Through & Celebrate!

Scripture: Exodus 14:23-15:21 | Theme: God brings us safely through

Walking Through Water Walls



Can you imagine?
Stepping onto the dry ground between two WALLS of water?
Mamas holding babies. Dads leading donkeys.
Grandmas and grandpas walking with canes.
Little kids looking UP at the towering water!
"Wow! Look at that FISH!"
"The water is STANDING UP!"
Thousands and thousands of people walking through!
But the Egyptian army tried to follow...
Their chariot wheels got **STUCK** in the mud!
Their horses **PANICKED**!
They knew this was GOD'S power!
They wanted to RUN away!
But it was too late.
God was protecting His people!

Water Wall Craft

Stand between two chairs with blue streamers hanging down like walls of water. Walk through! You're just like the Israelites!

Safe! Free! Singing!



When ALL the Israelites were safely across...
Moses stretched out his hand one more time.
WHOOSH! CRASH! SPLASH!
The water walls **COLLAPSED**!
The sea swallowed up the entire Egyptian army!
Chariots, horses, soldiers — **GONE**!
Pharaoh would NEVER chase them again!
The Israelites were **FREE**! Really, truly FREE!
And they **SANG**! Oh, how they SANG!
Miriam grabbed a tambourine and **DANCED**!

MOSES SAYS:

"Sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed gloriously! The horse and his rider He has thrown into the sea!"

God made a **WAY** when there was **NO WAY**!
He brought them **THROUGH**!
And He will bring **YOU** through too!

"Who is like You, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like You, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?" — Exodus 15:11

Tiny Truth

When God brings you through something hard, **CELEBRATE**! Thank Him! Dance! Sing! He deserves ALL the praise!

Victory Dance!

Put on your favorite song and do a "Thank You God" dance! Spin, jump, and celebrate — just like Miriam!

5 Create, Play & Talk Together!

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Build a Red Sea Diorama

1. Use a shallow box or paper plate as your base.
2. Put sand, dirt, or brown paper in the middle for dry ground.
3. Tape strips of BLUE tissue paper or plastic wrap to stand up on both sides like water walls!
4. Draw and cut out little Israelites (stick figures work great!) walking down the middle.
5. Add Egyptian soldiers behind the water, ready to get washed away!
6. Say: "God makes a WAY where there is NO way!"

Cloud & Fire Mobile

1. Cut two cloud shapes from white cotton balls glued to cardboard.
2. Cut two flame shapes from orange, red, and yellow tissue paper.
3. Punch holes and hang them from a hanger with string.
4. Write on each one: "God GOES with me!"
5. Spin it! Remember: God leads by day (cloud) and protects by night (fire).
6. Hang it above your bed as a reminder that God never leaves!

Sing to the Tune of "Row, Row, Row Your Boat":

*"Walk, walk, walk we go,
Through the sea so dry!
Walls of water, left and right,
God made a WAY — Oh my!"*

Family Discussion Time

1. Have you ever felt TRAPPED with no way out? How did God help you?
2. The pillar of cloud and fire went WITH the people. How does God "go with" YOU?
3. God took the LONG way through the wilderness because He knew what was best. Why is it hard to trust God's timing?
4. The Israelites were scared EVEN AFTER God rescued them from Egypt. Why do we sometimes forget God's power?
5. Miriam SANG and DANCED when they were safe. What is something God has done for YOUR family that you can celebrate?
6. "God makes a way when there is NO way." What's one "impossible" thing YOU need God to do right now?

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The sea was deep, the danger near,
The enemy was closing in,
But God blew wind both strong and clear,
And made a way where none had been!
No matter what you're facing now,
Just trust in Him — you'll get through!
He parts the sea. He shows you HOW.
He makes a WAY — He'll carry YOU! 🌊🔥🌟

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