



## LESSON 2 FOR LEADERS

### INVITATION

**We invite you to pause, listen, and shift your gaze toward the Father ...**

#### LESSON AT A GLANCE

**WONDER TRUTH:** God Rescues His People

**SCRIPTURE:** Exodus 13–15

**WORD OF WONDER:** Psalm 77:12

Maybe this has been one of those weeks for you.

You know, a week that showed up carrying a conflict with your spouse or friend. An unexpected budget-busting bill. A nagging cough, sputtering car engine, maybe a misplaced pair of glasses.

Or perhaps you hit the jackpot and absolutely everything that could go wrong did go wrong ... twice.

However tough your week, it probably pales compared to what Moses found in his week: the Red Sea at his back and an Egyptian army thundering at him from the front. Worse, he was surrounded by people screaming for him to do something.

Read Exodus 14.

The good news for Moses is the same good news we have for you: God rescues His people. Maybe not on their timeline, and maybe not in the way they expect, but He never fails to come through.

That broken tooth (thank you, peanut brittle) doesn't lessen His love for you. The exploding microwave? You won't be warming up leftover lasagna anytime soon, but there's still a spot for you in heaven.

In all the most important ways, you can stand with Moses, who looked at oncoming chariots and said this to his people: "Don't be afraid. Stand firm. You will see how the Lord will save you today" (Exodus 14:13).

As you prepare this lesson for your kids, remember to ask the Holy Spirit to let its truth sink deeply into your heart too.

The Lord rescues those who stand with Him.

Including you.

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**DID YOU KNOW?**

**FOUNDATION BUILDING BLOCKS**

**WHO?**

God worked through Moses to lead the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt. Soon after, Moses received the law from God on Mount Sinai, along with instructions for the construction of the tabernacle. Moses led the Israelites in the wilderness for 40 years.

**WHAT?**

God led the Israelites out of Egypt, through the desert to the Red Sea. Then Pharaoh chased after God's people with his army, but God parted the sea so the Israelites could escape on dry ground. Then the waters came back and swept away Pharaoh's army.

**WHERE?**

The exact location of the Red Sea crossing is unknown, but many scholars favor the Bitter Lakes region north of the Gulf of Suez, the northwestern branch of the Red Sea. The Bitter Lakes may have been connected to the Red Sea at the time.

**WHEN?**

The exodus happened approximately 400 years after Jacob's family came to Egypt. Following the exodus, the Israelites spent 40 years wandering in the desert after failing to trust God before taking possession of the Promised Land.

**CONNECTING TO GOD'S BIG STORY**

The Red Sea crossing demonstrates God's power to deliver His people and foreshadows the even greater deliverance made possible at the cross. In the exodus, God brought His people from slavery to freedom. At the cross, Jesus brings us from death to life.



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## LESSON 2 EARLY CHILDHOOD

### Ball Rescue

**SUPPLIES:** ball

Have kids gather on one side of the room. **In God's big story today, we will learn how God rescues His people, the Israelites. Rescue means to save. Let's pretend that this** (point to the ball) **is one of God's people who needs to be rescued. We need to get it to the other side of the room.** Invite the kids to push the ball to the other side of the room. They can use their hands or feet to make the ball go.

God rescued His people in an amazing way. We'll learn all about it in our story today.

Our Wonder Truth today is **GOD RESCUES HIS PEOPLE.**

Tell the kids to do the following motions while you repeat the Wonder Truth. Older toddlers can say the words with you as they do the motions.

**GOD**—*Point up.*

**RESCUES**—*Hold arms out to sides, then pretend to scoop something up, like rescuing.*

**HIS PEOPLE.**—*Point to yourself.*



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### Prayer of Invitation

Before entering into God's big story, lead kids in a prayer of invitation. Use the prayer here or your own words: **God, we thank You for this chance to be together today and discover more from Your Word. Help us to trust in You and Your great love for us. You are our rescuer—help us learn what You want us to know about how You want to rescue us. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

### God's Big Story

Pull out the Bible

Ask: What is this called? The Bible

Ask: Why is the Bible special? Because it is God's word. Everything in it is true. It really happened.

**Tell the Bible Story**

The Beginner's Bible, pages 111-115

The Red Sea

### Word of Wonder

#### **WORD OF WONDER**

**I will spend time thinking about everything you  
have done.**

—Psalm 77:12