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the king shouted. "Get the horses and chariots. Let's bring them back. I want them back –NOW!"

The king and his soldiers were going to make the Hebrew people come back. Can you believe that king?

Now Moses and his people were happy to be away from the mean king and on their way to a new home. God sent a big cloud for the Hebrew people to follow all day long.

Then, at night God sent a pillar of fire to light the way for them. Only our God could do that!

The Hebrew people were tired after so much walking. God told Moses to tell the people to set up their tents by the sea. They needed to rest for awhile.

But, before long, one of the Hebrew people shouted, **Look! The king's army is coming after us!**

The Hebrew people were so afraid, and they began to cry out to God. **"We'll be killed! We should have stayed in Egypt. The army is coming."**

But Moses trusted God and said to the people, ***"Don't be afraid. The Lord will keep us safe."***

The king's army was getting closer and closer. What would God do now? Moses had learned to obey God even when he didn't know God's plan. He knew that God had chosen him to lead the Hebrew people. God would keep them safe.

God told Moses to stretch his hand out over the water. Moses obeyed God and when he stretched his hand out, the water went back on each side and stood still like two big walls, There was a dry path right between those big walls of water! Our God is so strong! Then, God moved a black cloud in front of the mean king's army. It was so dark they couldn't see where they were going. So, they decided to just go to sleep for the night.

All night long while the king's army was sleeping, Moses and the Hebrew people walked across the sea on dry land. They didn't even get their feet wet, and not a drop of water fell on them! No king's army is bigger than our God!

The next morning, the king's army saw that the Hebrew people had crossed the sea! By now, you would think that the mean king and his army would KNOW that God was keeping His people safe. No one but God could roll back the sea and make the water stand still. But, "On no," the king still wanted those Hebrew people back! That army thought they could march right through the sea on dry land too.

“Follow them,” the leader of the army shouted, and the army marched right into the sea on dry land. “We will get those Hebrews soon with our fast horses and chariots,” the army thought.

But God had other plans. Moses was obeying God, and God was taking care of His people. God made the wheels fall off their chariots, and they were trying to drive without any wheels. They were bumping into each other and the army was in BIG trouble! **“Let’s go back.”** the finally said. “Their God is taking care of them. He has helped them cross the sea, We will surely lose.”

The army turned around and started back, but before they could get out of the sea, God spoke again. **“Stretch forth your hand, Moses.”** Moses obeyed God quickly and the waters fell down on the army. All the army and all their horses and fine chariots were washed away out into the sea.

God watched over His people and kept them safe. No king or all his armies can ever stop God. He had a plan for Moses and the Hebrew people.

Moses obeyed God, and the people knew they had a good leader.

We are glad that God keeps us safe, too. God loves us and watches over us just like He did those Hebrew people. He has special plans for us, too. We must trust Him and wait to see what they are.

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ACTION

The Red Sea Run (From Exodus 14:10-31)

Let's pretend we're Moses and the Israelites. We want to get out of Egypt-FAST!

Here we go! (Turn and look behind.)

Oh No! Here comes Pharaoh's army! (Slap hands on thighs like galloping horses.)

Yikes! We're scared! Keep running! (Pretend to run and pant.)

Now look ahead! (Hands over eyebrows scouting ahead.)

Oh, no! Water! Just one big sea of water. Nowhere to run. Nowhere to hide.

Help us, God! (Fold hands in prayer.)

What should we do? We're trapped. We can't swim!

We can't fight an army!

We're scared. God, we need you.

Stop. (Stop running and stand still.)

Watch Moses. He's lifting his staff, that great big stick. (Pretend to lift a heavy stick.)

Whoa!

See what God is doing? What's happening?

That water just split in half, like this! (Bring arms forward, then open wide.) Swoosh! Whoosh! Now we're got a place to run!

Come on! Let's go between the water walls. (Pretend to run.) Yea! We made it across the watery sea, high and dry as dry can be! Whoopee!

Oh, no!

Look behind you! (Turn and look behind.)

Here they come! The soldiers in their chariots want to use our dry path, too. (slap thighs to make sounds of approaching horses.)

But God won't let them catch us. No! They can't hurt us.

Look! The water is falling! It's swooshing back together again. (Bring widened arms back together. There's no more dry path. It's a watery sea. Hooray! (Clap and cheer.)

God won't let the soldiers get us! We're safe! We don't have to worry. God will take care of us!

Thanks, God! You're great!) Hold arms up in praise.)

You opened the sea to let us through. There's no one else as great as you!

Optional: Let's dance! (Hold hands and dance in a circle as Miriam did.)

CROSSING THE RED SEA

(EXODUS 14)



“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.”
EXODUS 14:21



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