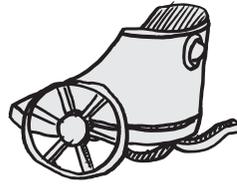


EXODUS



When the Israelites were persecuted and oppressed as slaves by the Egyptians, God heard their cries and responded. Led by Moses, the Israelites walked to freedom from slavery across the Red Sea.

The **chariot** is a reminder of God's power. Pharaoh forced the Hebrew people into slavery, but the Egyptian army and their chariots were no match for God and God's plan to free the Israelites.

Exodus 14:21–30

After escaping Pharaoh, Moses and the Israelites found themselves trapped between an approaching Egyptian army and the Red Sea. At God's command, Moses lifted his hand, and the Red Sea parted. The Israelites stepped into the path between the walls of water, and walked across the sea on dry land. God was with them!

Check out these other Bible passages that connect with the theme of Exodus!

- > **Psalm 114:1-8** Just how powerful is God?
- > **Numbers 14:2-4** How did the Israelites thank God for saving them from Egypt?
- > **Hebrews 11:23-29** Why is Moses' faith a big deal?

Talk about it!

Use these questions to connect with each other.

- > If you were an Israelite, what would you have said to Moses as Pharaoh's army approached?
- > When have you taken a leap of faith?
- > When has fear kept you from something?

What are preteens thinking?

Life with God is good, but it's not always easy. Kids this age might see faith as only something that makes them "better," not something that will challenge and unnerve them.

Try this!

When we're afraid, God responds, giving us the power to overcome our fears. Write a fear on a piece of toilet paper, then flush it. God flushes away the power of our fears to make us brave!

Prayer

God, please deliver us from our struggles and lead us to take a leap of faith. Amen.