

ELEMENTARY (4-7)

11. God makes a way

The escape from Egypt and how that whispers Jesus' story.

Memory Verse

'Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'" John 14:6 NIV

Story Time

Read 'God makes a way' (pages 92-99 in the Jesus Storybook Bible) or watch the video on our website.

Understanding the Story

Talk this through with your kids:

When there was no way out, God made a way. The Israelite people were trapped with no escape within their power. That sounds a bit like the terrible lie. People are trapped by the terrible power of sin with nothing they can do on their own to free themselves. But just like God made a way to rescue the Israelites from the Egyptians, God made a way for an even greater rescue. God made a way to rescue us from sin.

Every story in the bible points us to Jesus because He is the rescuer. The Israelites were led to the sea and then God made a path through the water. In a similar way, the bible leads us to Jesus and through Him we have a path through the impossible and a way back to God. The bible tells us that Jesus is the way the truth and the life - the only way back to God. We can trust Him to be our rescuer.

Digging a little deeper:

Jesus being 'The Way' might sound a little complicated, because we can't physically see Him!

In our story, God's people were following a cloud and a pillar of fire - it was something they could see. The cloud and the fire were a reminder that God was with them, always, and they could trust Him. We don't have a cloud and a fire floating around, but we do have another reminder. After Jesus said he was the way, truth and life in the bible, he made a promise. John 14:15-20, Jesus promises that He will be with us, and the Holy Spirit will live in us.

Questions to get you talking:

- Have you ever needed rescuing?
- Have you ever been lost?
- How deep do you think the sea is?

Activities in your box

- **Colouring Sheet** – You'll need the colouring sheet from your box.

- **Paper Plate Maze** Using the plate and marble from your box and things from round the house (the recycle bin is a great place to look for supplies!) Create a maze on the paper plate (use the picture for ideas.) Can your marble find its way through the maze?



- **Growing Sea Creatures!** Place them in water and watch them grow. A fun reminder of today's story and the Israelites walking through the sea! What creatures do you think they saw in the towering walls of water?