

LESSON OVERVIEW

Big Idea: God saved his people just like he promised

Key Question: How has God saved us?

Memory Verse: He reached down from heaven and rescued me; he drew me out of deep waters **Psalms 18:16**

Overview: Today, we're finishing our series about the life of Moses. We've already learned that he was born during a difficult time in history for the Jewish people. They were slaves in Egypt with no hope. But, God had a plan to rescue his people through a little boy named Moses. We also learned that Pharaoh's daughter adopted Moses and raised him as a prince in Pharaoh's palace. But, Moses never forgot where he came from, and he knew he had to do something to save his friends and family from slavery. Last week, we learned about a strange twist in the story. Moses was kicked out of Egypt because of a crime he committed. He was no longer in a position to help the Jews, or so he thought. God appeared to him in a burning bush and told Moses that he still had a plan to save the Jews from slavery and Moses was the guy to do it. We learned that Moses was scared but he chose to trust and depend on God. Today, we're going to finish the story by learning how God finally fulfilled his plan and rescued the Jews from Egypt. Moses returned to Egypt and pleaded with Pharaoh to let his people go. But, Pharaoh refused. It took a lot of asking, and a lot of punishments, before Pharaoh finally decided to let the Jews go. Moses led them out of Egypt. But, Pharaoh changed his mind and chased after the Jews all the way to the edge of the ocean. Then, God did one of the coolest miracles ever-he parted the waters and saved them from Pharaoh and his army. This proves that God had a plan and no one was going to stop it!

CLASSROOM AGENDA

- 5 min **PLAY:** Begin working on Activity Page #1.
- 5 min **WARM UP:** Have you ever needed to be rescued from danger? Where were you? What happened?
- 5 min **PREVIEW:** Write out the Big Idea and Memory Verse and Key Question on a whiteboard. Have the kids copy it down on Activity Page #1. (if applicable)
- 20 min **LARGE GROUP:** Gather for songs and videos with other kids. Then return to small group to finish this guide.
- 5 min **RECAP:** Read the **Lesson Overview** from the Teacher's Guide to the class and then **answer** the KEY QUESTION.
- 5 min **EXPLORE:** Read [Isaiah 56:1](#). What are some examples of things that are right and good? Who is this verse referring to that was coming to the rescue?
- 10 min **PLAY:** Do the group activity from Activity Page #2.
- 5 min **CLOSE:**
 - What was your favorite part of the story of Moses?
 - Share prayer requests and pray as a class.

TEACHER TIPS

Don't forget that you set the tone for your kids. Smile. Have fun. Pursue God together.

Allow each kid to share. The point: When we are in danger, we need help. The Jews needed to be rescued and God helped them.

Answer: God has saved us from our sins. The Bible says that our relationship with God was broken due to sin. We needed someone to fix it for us. That's why Jesus came. He came to die for our sins on the cross to save us. And, we get to live with God in heaven some day!

Bonus Questions: Why do we need Jesus? What is sin? **(going our own way, instead of God's way)**
4-5th: Why was Jesus qualified to pay for our sins? **(because he is God so he is perfect)**

Anything that is right and good can be found in the Bible. Things like: God wants us to obey him and our parents, forgive others, love others, help others, and don't lie. Here's something really neat about this verse. It was a prophesy, meaning it talked about something that hadn't happened yet. This verse is talking about Jesus coming to save us from our sins long before anyone had even heard of Jesus. Just like we see in the story of Moses, God has always had a plan to rescue his people- the Jews from slavery and us from sin!

Allow each kid to share.

ACTIVITY PAGE #2

Classroom Activities K-1st

Option #1

Parting the Red Sea Popsicle Stick Craft

- Give each kid a pre cut Parting the Red Sea template (**pg 5**)
- Give each kid a popsicle stick
- Have kids color the picture
- Have kids tape the picture to the popsicle stick
- As they work, remind them that God saved the Jews by parting the Red Sea. Remind the kids what the name Moses means, "drawn out of water". God ends up drawing the entire Jewish nation out of water! And, God has saved us, by sending Jesus to die for our sins.

Supplies needed

- Parting of Red Sea template (pg 5), pre cut, one per kid
- popsicle sticks, one per kid
- tape
- crayons

Bonus Activity:

Play the **Silly Memory Verse game**.

Say the memory verse as a class. Say it again while **jumping** up and down. Say it again **spinning** around

Option #2

Parting the Red Sea Balloon Race

- Tape the memory verse template (**pg 6**) to the center of a wall
- Divide the class into two teams and have them choose either the right or left side of the verse where they will eventually tape their balloons
- Place the blue balloons under the verse on the floor
- Ask a question from below. First team to raise their hands gets a chance to answer. If correct, they get to take a balloon and tape it to their side of the wall (teacher can give kids a piece of tape)
- Team with the most balloons on their side wins

Questions:

1. Who have we learned about in this series? (Moses)
2. Who appeared to Moses in a bush? (God)
3. Who were the Jews running from? (Egyptians, Pharaoh)
4. Is the memory verse from the OT or NT? (OT)
5. How many punishments did Pharaoh get? (10)
6. What was the last miracle God did to save the Jews? (parted sea)
7. Who died for our sins? (Jesus)
8. What is the book full of God's words? (Bible)
9. From what book in the Bible is our memory verse found? (Psalm)
10. What is the Big Idea today? (see board or Teacher Notes)

Supplies needed

- memory verse template (pg 6), one per class
- tape
- 10 blue balloons per class

Bonus Activity:

Play the **Telephone Game**

Have kids sit in a circle. Whisper the **Big Idea** in the ear of one child. Have them whisper to the person on their right. Continue around the circle. Have last person say out loud the message they heard.

1 Discover Truth

Watch this week's lesson video as a family (see link above) and fill in the blanks.

1. Moses had to tell _____ to let the Jews go.
2. It took _____ punishments before Pharaoh finally let the people go.
3. God _____ the Red Sea and let Israel _____
4. God _____ his people just like he _____.

2 Talk about it

Answer these questions together as a family.

1. Have you ever needed to be rescued from danger? Where were you? What happened?
2. Why do you think it took so many punishments to get Pharaoh to obey God?
3. What do you think the Israelites did to celebrate their release from slavery?
4. What do you think the Israelites were thinking when the Egyptians started chasing them?
5. Why do you think God chose to rescue the Israelites by parting the Red Sea?
6. Read [Isaiah 56:1](#). What are some examples of things that are right and good? Who is this verse referring to that was coming to the rescue?

3 Live it out

Memorize this week's Bible verse:

"He reached down from heaven and rescued me; he drew me out of deep waters"

Psalm 18:16

Bonus: Read these additional passages as a family this week

- Read [Psalm 91:14-15](#). How can we talk to God?
- Read [Nahum 1:7](#). Refuge is a fancy word for a safe place. How has God helped you in hard times?
- Read [Colossians 1:13](#). Who is God's dear Son? What is his kingdom?

Parent Signature _____

Learn the 3 basic truths of the Christian faith in the [Foundations for Kids](#) series.



ACTIVITY PAGE #1

K-1st Grade

Kids

BIG IDEA

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KEY QUESTION

How has God
saved us?

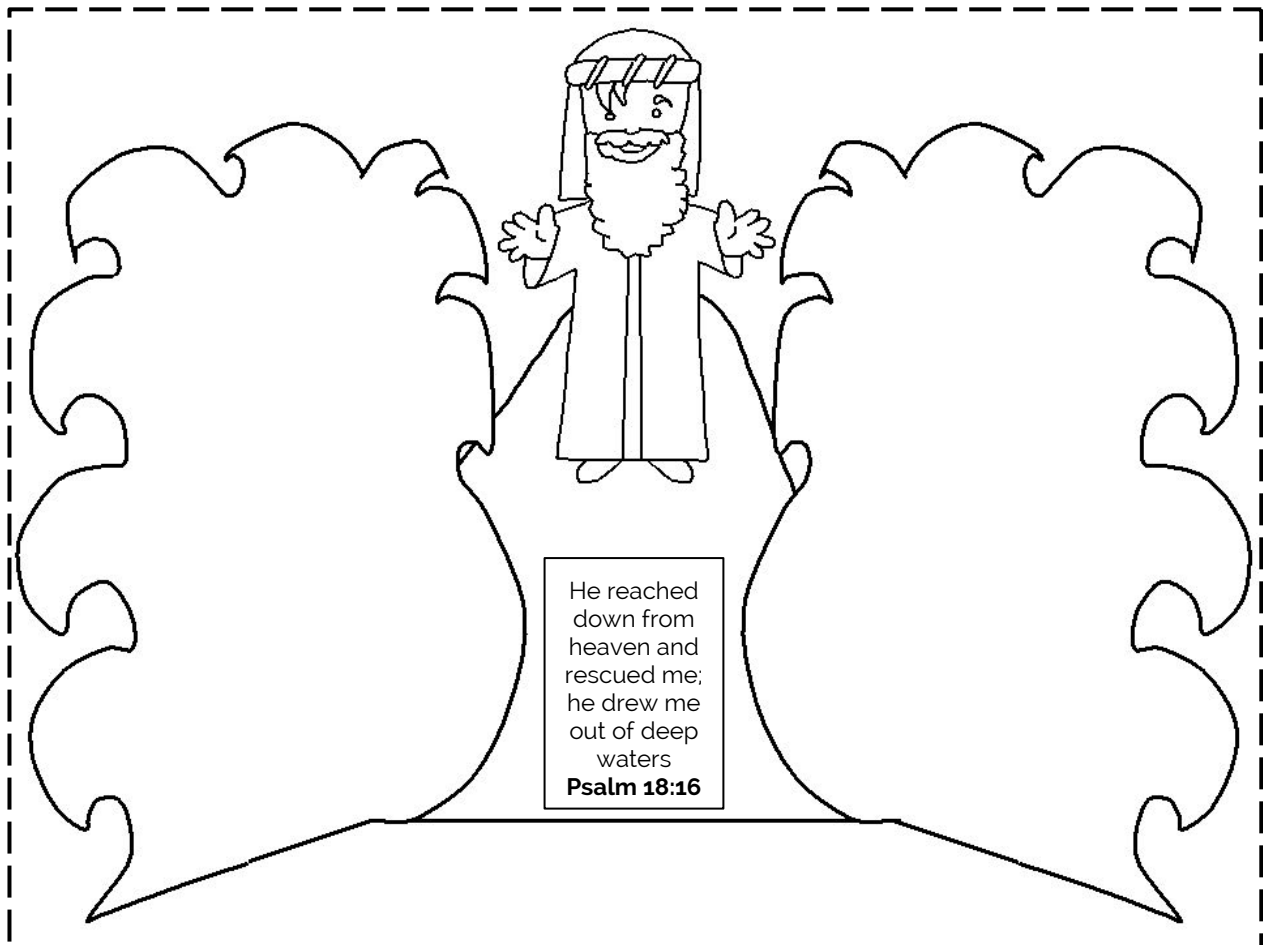
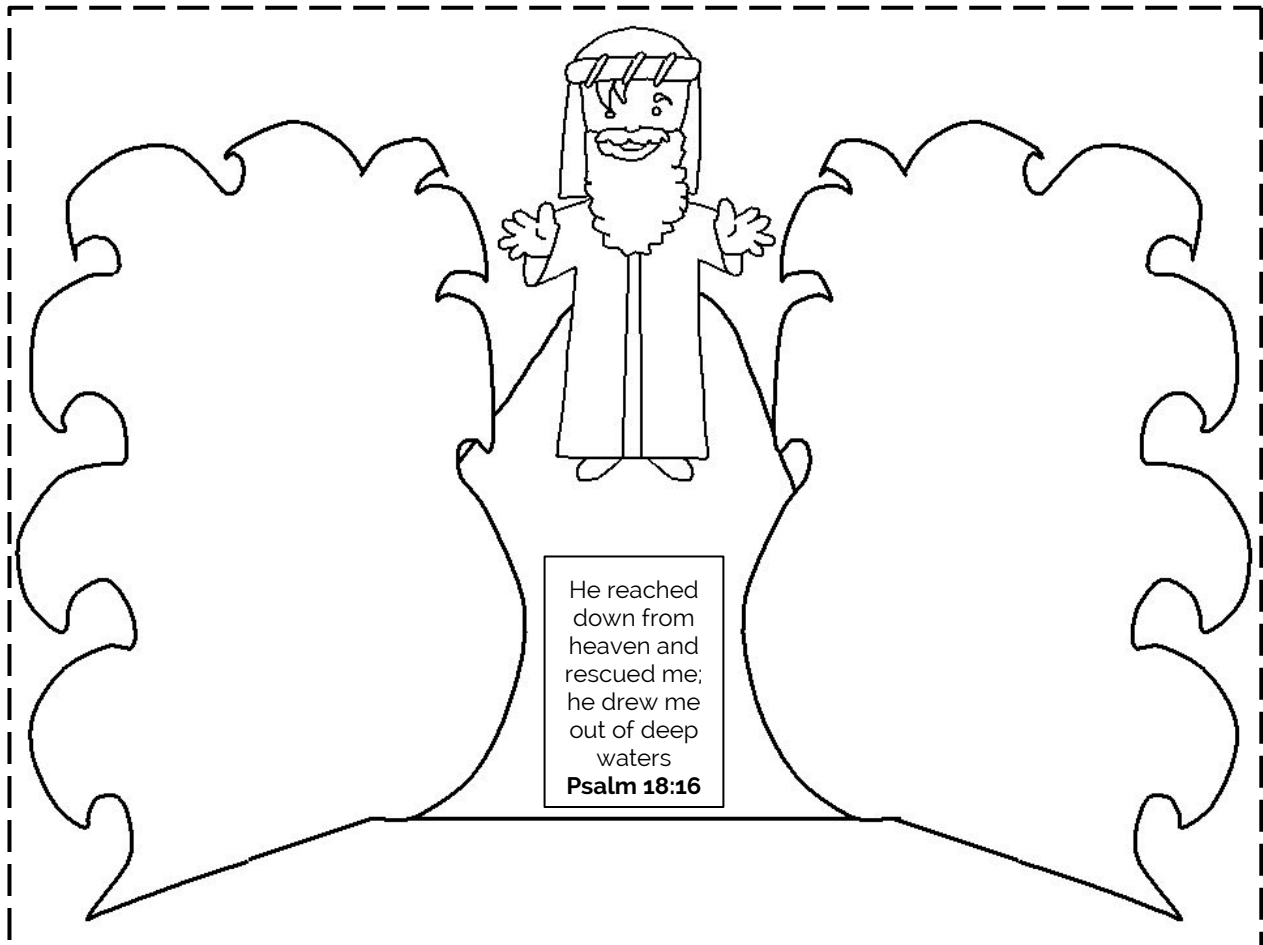
MEMORY VERSE

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Color the picture





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