

Splinks for January 8th - January 14th

1

Red Sea Role Play

Act out the story of the Israelites' escape from the Egyptian army. Assign parts (Narrator, Moses with a rod, Israelites, Egyptian army, two people to be the Red Sea which will part and then come back together when the army comes through). If you have a smaller family, act it out in scenes and have the same people play different parts. Read Exodus 14:3-31 aloud as the actors do what you say.

Talk about it:

How do you think you would have felt if you had been there before and after the Red Sea parted?

What does this story teach us about God? (He is all-powerful, He can be trusted, He is watching over His people, etc.)

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2

Psalm 118:6

Students are learning Psalm 118:6, a GREAT verse to memorize and say when you feel afraid.

Ask:

The Israelites had been delivered from slavery, but faced the Red Sea in front and the Egyptian army was approaching from behind.

How do you think they felt? (Scared, hopeless, worried, etc.)

What did God do for them? (He parted the Red Sea so they could walk through it on dry land. When they passed safely through, He then brought the water together and the Egyptian army drowned.)

What makes you feel afraid?

Why do we not need to be afraid? (The Lord is on our side)

Why is it hard to trust Him? (We can't always see Him, we are not sure what He is going to do, etc)

Pair up and bat a balloon (or toss a ball or small stuffed animal) back and forth saying a word of the verse as you hit the balloon. Change partners and review the verse several times.

Say thank you to God for being on our side and for protecting us.

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3

Replace It

Teach your kids the "replace it" principle. Instead of just saying, "don't think about it, don't be afraid," **REPLACE** those fearful thoughts with faith-filled thoughts. We can find faith-filled thoughts/statements in the Bible. (Read Romans 10:17.)

Ask each family member to think of one situation where one might feel afraid and write it on a slip of paper. Put the slips in a bag and take turns drawing out a slip. Think of true statements

about God (**God is with me; God loves me; God is for me; God wants to help me; God has all power; etc.**) or find an actual Bible verse that would build trust in God in that situation. Take it a step further and write the faith statements on slips of paper; keep them in a jar so they can be pulled out and read when needed.

*A good website to help you find verses is <http://www.biblegateway.com>. You can type in a word and it will bring up all the verses with that word in it.

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