

# Explorers - Together @ Home



## Big Idea – God destroys his Enemies

God guides his people to safety and destroys the Egyptian army. This convinces his people that they can trust him for their freedom.

God's people can trust him to always act to rescue them by defeating their enemies. He has done this for us in the cross and resurrection of Jesus.

## READY? Let's Pray!

Dear God, please help us today as we learn more about you.  
AMEN

### You could...

Watch this clip from 'The Prince of Egypt' that visualises this epic story.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=avShZS2GJM&ab\\_channel=SchubertAloysius](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=avShZS2GJM&ab_channel=SchubertAloysius)

## Bible Story – Exodus 13:17 – 14:31

This story is loaded with drama and you want to try and convey the sense of this when you tell it. The children need to understand that the Israelites were trapped – between mountains, the sea and the Egyptian army – their situation seems hopeless.

Gather some props to tell the story: two blue bedsheets, or towels used for water, a white shirt can represent the pillar of cloud.

Tell the story from a Children Storyteller bible or by using the International Children Bible online. This is a gripping story to tell. The key points in the story are:

13:18 – Israel leaves Egypt, ready for battle.

14:5 – Pharaoh changes his mind and chases after them using chariots.

14:12 – The Israelites are cornered, and they panic.

14:13 – Moses tells them to stand firm and trust God.

14:19 – The pillar of cloud moves from being ahead of them to behind them. This prevents the Egyptians from seeing them.

14:21 – Moses parts the Red Sea. Hold up the two blue sheets to create a passage for children to pass through.

14:22 – The Israelites cross.

14:23 – Egyptians follow.

14:24 – God throws Egyptians into confusion and their chariots get stuck.

14:27 – Moses stretches out his hand and the Lord brings the water down onto the Egyptians. The blue sheets close in over the Egyptians.

14:31 – Israelites acknowledge God's power and put their trust in him.



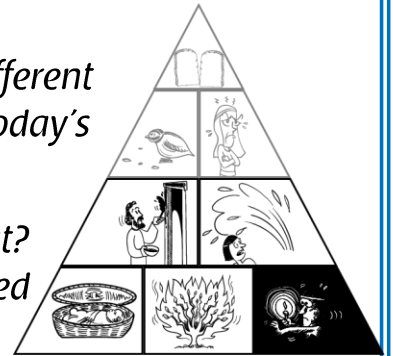
**Activity Time** – Choose any combination of **Game**, **Craft** or **Song** that works for you. **Don't miss out on Round Up or Prayer!**

### Craft...

### Overview Picture

This term each week we are making an Overview Picture with a different part of the pyramid to decorate however you want! You will find today's piece on page 3 of this session.

Can the children remember what the first four pictures are all about? Add the fifth picture, the destruction of the Egyptians army in the Red Sea



### Game...

**Be Still!** Mark one side of the room as 'slavery' and the other as 'freedom'. Get a strong sheet, towel or duvet cover. One at a time, the children can be transferred to freedom, by carrying them on the sheet.

Explain that in this game the children just had to lie still! The others did all the hard work, taking them to freedom. Point the children to 14:14 where God tells the Israelites that they will win, they just have "to be still". Imagine being saved without doing anything!

### Song... Every Step - Nick & Becky Drake

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nZBhKp5HwE>



### Round Up

You could have mini pictures (just rough sketches with stick men would be fine) of the key events of this episode, and the children have to start by putting them in the correct order.

When you finish putting the pictures together, link the story of God rescuing the Israelites, with Jesus rescuing us. Show the children how, though it was in a different way, today's story shows how God has always loved his people and God's people can trust him to always act to rescue them by defeating their enemies. He has done this for us in the cross and resurrection of Jesus.



**Prayer:** It should be clear to the children from this lesson that just like the Israelites, we can do nothing to save ourselves. All Israel needed to do was trust God to do what he had said he would do, we need to do the same. Think about some of the things that people trust in for rescue instead of what God has provided in Jesus. Write these on pieces of paper or have simple pictures.

Choose one and pray, thanking God that they don't need to do that thing to be rescued because Jesus has done everything.

*Pray a simple prayer of thanks to close.*

