

Games – Week of 7/6

Bible Point: God is with us, so...trust God!

Bible Story: The Israelites cross the Red Sea.
(Exodus 14:1–15:21)

Key Verse: “God answered, ‘I will be with you.’ ” (Exodus 3:12)



Ready for a miracle that's exciting enough for any modern-day motion picture? Led by Moses, nearly 2 million Israelites fled Egypt after enduring 400 years of slavery. God guided his people with a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire at night. We can only imagine what that looked like! Yet within days, the people found themselves backed against the sea, with mountains on two sides and an army of enraged Egyptians bearing down on them.

“It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!” they cried. Moses reassured the Israelites, “Just stand still and watch the Lord rescue you today.” Translation: “Hang in there! God's here, and he's going to do something unforgettable!” That's putting it mildly. A mighty wind blew, the waters parted, people poured across the dry path. Chariots rumbled, wheels stuck fast, the waters roared back into place. God's presence and power freed the Israelites, launching them on an incredible journey of faith.

Have you ever felt like the Israelites? How many times have you faced overwhelming odds? Think of a time when your back was against the wall, with no way out. God was there. God didn't leave you to face the army alone. He's always with us, parting the water, making the wind blow, drying the path ahead of us. All he asks us to do is be still and wait for his timing. While we may not see God in a pillar of fire like the Israelites did, we do witness God's hand in everyday life. Use today's lesson to help sense God's presence and take a step forward in your own incredible journey of faith.

Gather the following supplies:

- 1 bucket about half-filled with water
- 1 large sponge, such as used to wash a car

Game: Cone Heads

1. Drop the sponge into the bucket.
2. **Say:** *Back in Egypt, we served a king called a pharaoh. All the pharaohs were really rich and loved to give fancy feasts and celebrations. At these parties, Egyptian men and women wore perfumed cones of scented fat on their heads. As a feast went on, heat melted the fat, which released a scent over the person wearing it. Sweet...but messy! Let's see how you'd do at one of Pharaoh's fancy feasts.*
3. Line up behind a bucket. Pretend the wet sponges are perfumed cones. One at a time, have the first person in line put a wet sponge on his or her head (give the sponge a squeeze so it's not too drippy). Have them walk across the room and back—without the sponge falling off. If it does fall off, they can pick it up and put it back on.
4. When the first walker gets back to their bucket, have them high five the next one in line and say God is with us, so...trust God!
5. Continue until everyone in line gets to walk while wearing a wet sponge. Try again, walking faster and faster each time. You can even change the high five to a fist bump, hug, or other silly action.

