

THE RED SEA

BEFORE



AFTER



T H E R E D S E A

Sketchboard title: "God is Awesome!"

Text: Exodus 5-7, 11:1,4-7, 12

Introduction: Do you believe in God? How do you know there is a God? What is the evidence? One of greatest evidences is God's creation. The creation declares the glory of God (Psalm 19:1) All around us we see God's wonders.

The wonders that man did not create and cannot create. Mankind cannot create life out of non-life. Man cannot do this, but God did. How do we know? The reason is this type of creation is above the capacity of man. Many call this a miracle. And in deed in many ways it is a miracle. But what really is a miracle? Here is a good definition of a miracle:

"A special act of God in which God chooses to do something that would not happen in the normal course of the physical laws he established." New Tribes Mission Book 3, page 130

Who can name of the miracles we saw in the last lesson that God did?

Well, today we are going to see God again do some of the most amazing miracles ever recorded in history.

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Because of the terrible judgments and plagues God sent upon Pharaoh and the Egyptian people, Pharaoh let the Israelite people go without a fight (Exodus 12:31).

By this time in Israel's history, people guess that the population of Israel was around two and half million people.

This mass exiting out of Egypt is where we get the name Exodus from in the Bible.

God led them every step of the way by appearing to them in a cloud in the day and a pillar of fire by night (Exodus 13:17-21)

After the Israelites had left, the Pharaoh got mad and changed his mind about the Israelites leaving. So, he got his best fighting men together and chased after the Israelites (Exodus 14:5-7) When Pharaoh had caught up the Israelites, by this time they were approaching a large body of water called the Red Sea.

1. Draw in some of Israelite people standing behind Moses

The people became terrified and said, "It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the dessert!"

What stubborn people! Think about all that God and Moses had done for them so far.

Theme: The sinfulness of man

Despite the stubborn hearts and the lack of faith of the Israelites, God once again was going to show Himself to be great and awesome.

Moses said to the people, *"The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still"* Exodus 14:14

Moses then went to water and raised his staff over the waters

2. Draw in Moses raising his staff over the waters

When Moses did this, a powerful wind from the east came in and drove the waters back and raised them up like a wall for the Israelites to pass through (Exodus 14:21-22).

3. Draw the waters going up forming the parting of the Red Sea (This may take a minute to make is look good. Make sure the higher waves are closer and the smaller waves are farther back for the correct perspective look. Also, make sure the Red Sea water is the "dry brush" or "light" effect so when you use the brush for the waves parting is looks better and when you paint over the water for the dry land. Tell the story as you paint the waters dividing)

Not only did the waters part, but the wind made the ground dry so they could pass through the Sea safely with all their personal items.

4. Draw in the dry ground (use brown or yellow paint)

All the two and a half million Israelites got safely across on dry ground (Exodus 14:29).

But with hardened hearts, Pharaoh and all the Egyptian army decided to go after the Israelites following them into the Red Sea. God then told Moses to once again raise his staff on the other side of the Red Sea, and the waters closed on the Egyptian army

5. Draw in the water going back over the dry ground (This not in the picture. This is your choice if you want to draw the waters going back over the dry ground)

The Bible says because of this *"Not one of them survived."* Exodus 14:28

Talk about this theme: Does God have a right to judge? Man is the creation, God is Creator. What is the penalty for sin?

What does all this say about God?

6. Draw in the title: "God is Awesome!"

Did God do the...

7. Paint over the word "Miracle"

Of parting the Red Sea or did Moses? It was all God. Moses was just a tool or an instrument in the hand of God.

Where was God taking the Israelites?

8. Paint over the word "Canaan"

God had taken Israel out of Egypt and bringing them to Canaan which is what is called the promised land. The promised land would be a place flowing with milk and honey; meaning it would be a very prosperous place for all their needs

Theme: The goodness of God

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Once they got to the other side of the Red Sea and started traveling, they were not in the promised land yet, they were in the desert. In the desert there is not much in the way of supermarkets. There was no food! What was Israel to do?

God wanted them to trust in Him. But because our hearts are sinful, it is our nature to sin and rebel against God. So, the Israelites complained to Moses about being out in the desert and having no food. They said things like...

"We should of died by the Lord's hand in Egypt!"

"...have you brought us out here to die?"

9. Draw in the heads or crowds of people outside the tents

Again, this showed their sinful and stubborn hearts (Exodus 16:1-3). This is also a picture of our hearts as well. God had shown Himself much to them. They should of by now trusted in His power and goodness.

Despite their complaining, God told Moses that He would rain down bread from heaven. When this bread would come, God gave Moses special instructions on when to eat it and how much.

The next day the Israelite people came out of their tents in the desert and found bread that tasted like honey for them to eat. God also gave them meat (Exodus 16:13-15,25)

10. Draw in the bread on the ground in front of the Israelites.

This was another miracle! God is Awesome!

The Israelites traveled in desert again and soon realized they had no water. Instead of trusting God, they complained by saying...

"Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?"

Exodus 17:3

The people actually got so angry that Moses was afraid of his life! (Exodus 17:4).

So, God told Moses to take his staff and some of the elders of Israel...

11. Draw in the elders of Israel (heads, arms)

12. Draw in Moses with his staff hitting the rock and go to a rock, and strike the rock and water would come out for the people. Moses did as God said and by faith struck a rock and water came gushing out!

13. Draw the water coming out of the rock flowing down to the people in the camp

What was this? Another miracle? Can water really come from a rock. No, of course not. But with God, anything is possible. Why because He is the Creator!

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Themes to Communicate in this Lesson:

- God is Powerful
- God is good
- God is a Judge and has the right to judge sinners
- Man is sinful as seen in the people of Israel and today

