

Go with God

Exodus 14:19-31

Having been permitted by Pharaoh to leave Egypt and led by God to the edge of the Red Sea, the Israelites are then pursued by the Egyptian army. Miraculously, God parted the water, the Israelites crossed safely, and the Egyptian army was wiped out by the returning waters – a display of God's power and faithfulness.

Read this week's passage:



Pray



How many refugees are there in the world? What are they fleeing? Where will they go? Research these questions and pray for the people you meet in the process.

Write

Either watch the film *Prince of Egypt* [PG] or just the Red Sea clip. Write a review for how well it matches the Biblical account



Research

Look up where the Red Sea is on a map and find out some facts about it, e.g. why is it called the Red Sea?



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Living Scripture

'Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.' Exodus 14:31

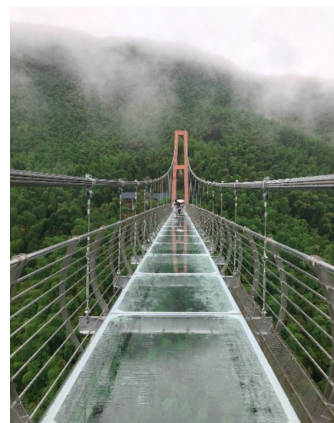
Throughout Exodus, we see the Israelites struggling to hold faith in God as they face many hardships and difficulties. Again and again, God reaches out to help them and their trust is restored.

There may be hardships in our lives that make us feel unsafe or trapped. We may encounter seemingly insurmountable barriers in front of us. Perhaps these barriers make it harder to trust in God; we may feel abandoned or alone. Or we may have seen God's hand at work when a situation changes, possibly through the help and support of others.

Where can we see signs of God's power and love for us that help us to keep trust and faith? Remembering these signs, in our own lives or in the lives of others, can help us maintain faith when life seems impossibly hard. Going with God isn't always easy; sometimes, we need to step out in faith, trusting that God will create a safe path in front of us, even when it isn't obvious.

First impressions

- Would you be willing to walk on this bridge (Zhangjiajie Grand Canyon Glass Bridge, China)?
- When have you stepped out in faith?
- How can you encourage others on their journey with God this week?



Pray

Help us, God, to go with you, knowing you're leading us: out of bad choices and into good choices, out of fighting and into peace, out of hate and into love. Help us to know you with us, walking alongside us in all of life. Amen.



Remember

Draw round your feet onto card, cut out and decorate, making a hole in the top for ribbon to hang. Label one 'Courage' and the other 'Dancing'. Hang them where you keep your shoes to remind you to take a 'step of courage' with God when you need to be brave, and to take a 'dancing step' to celebrate joyful times.