



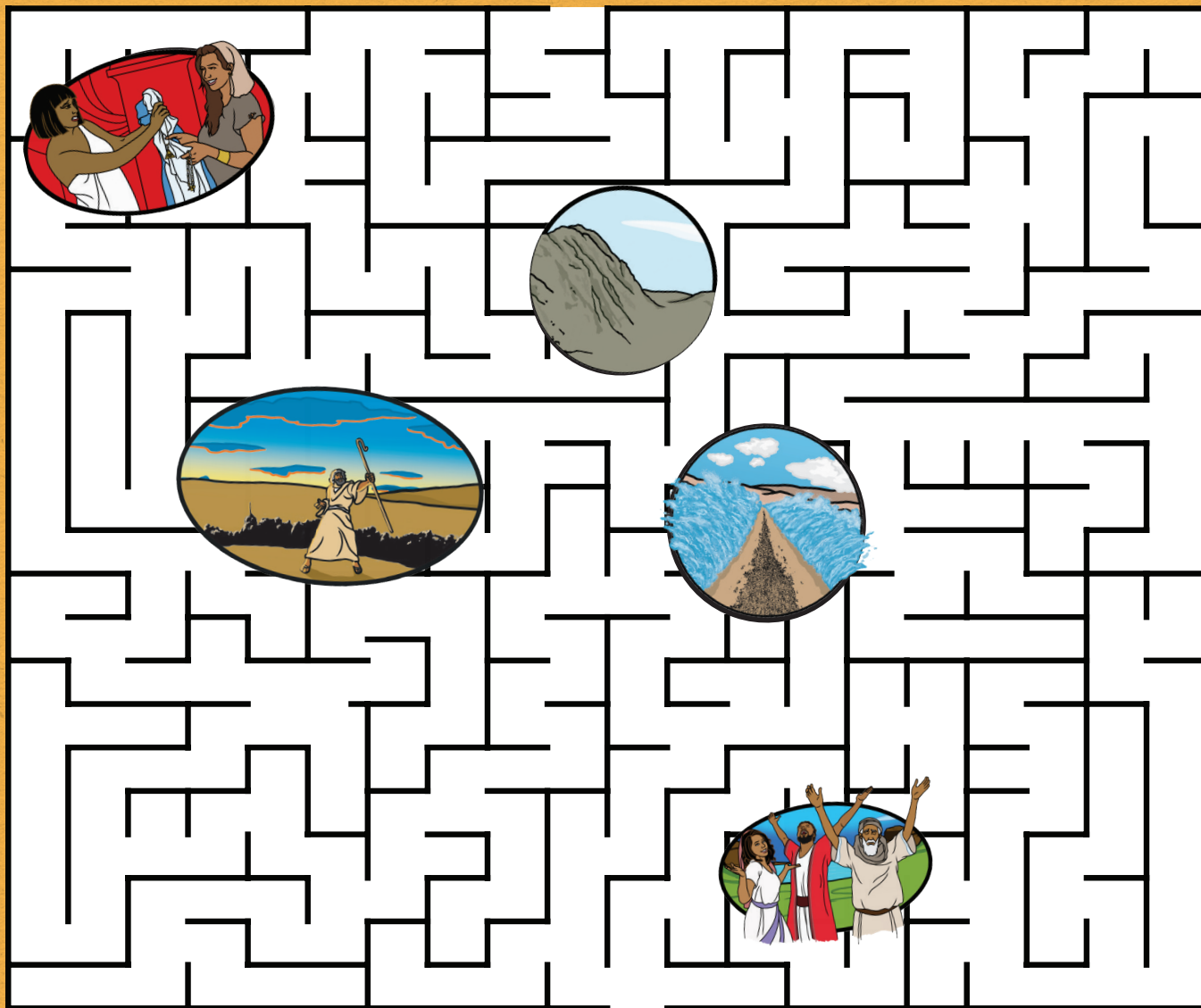
Grades 4-5 • Lesson 55

God Parts the Red Sea

Genesis 15:13-14; Exodus 12:35-36, 13:17-22, 14:5-8

Follow the path from Egypt to the Wilderness to see what God did to protect and provide for his people along the way.

Egypt



Wilderness

Name

Memory Verse

Unscramble the words to complete the verse.

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for I am with you; be not

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yesdmida

for I am your God; I will

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you, I will help you, I will

_____ you with

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my _____

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right hand.

Isaiah 41:10

What You Heard *In the Word*

- God was faithful to the promises he made to free Abram's descendants, the Israelites, from slavery in Egypt.
- God provided possessions and protection for his people. He parted the Red Sea so they could escape Pharaoh and his army, who were destroyed when they tried to follow the Israelites through the sea.

OutWord *For Family Discussion*

Suppose your friends are talking about Moses and how he led the Israelites across the Red Sea on dry ground. They make it clear to you that they just don't believe anything like that could really happen. **What can you tell them?**

First of all, Moses couldn't have done it. But because he had God's help, I know it is true. You see, it wasn't Moses who parted the Red Sea, but God! God had promised to protect the Israelites, and he was keeping his promise. God is so powerful he can do anything he wants, even divide the sea and dry up the mud. Because the Bible tells us what happened, I believe it!



HomeWord *For Parents*

Hundreds of years before the Exodus, God told Abraham that his descendants would go into slavery and then “come out with great possessions” (Genesis 15:14). Following the final plague on Egypt—the death of the firstborn, Pharaoh agreed to let the Israelites go. As this huge group of former slaves (some estimate more than 2 million) left, these words came true as they plundered the Egyptians, taking gold and silver jewelry and clothing (Exodus 12:35).

As the Israelites approached the Red Sea, Pharaoh came after them. With the formidable Egyptian army in pursuit, the Israelites became afraid and began to complain to Moses, blaming him for the danger. But God showed his faithfulness and provided them with safety. He parted the sea, and they crossed on dry ground (Exodus 14:21–22). When the Egyptians pursued them into the sea, God caused the waters to return, drowning the entire army (Exodus 14:28). God showed himself faithful, and his name was exalted (Exodus 14:30–31). Israel saw God's amazing power and faithfulness.

For many years, scholars have disagreed over the exact location of the Israelites' crossing, and thus the site of the drowning of Pharaoh's army. This issue continues to be debated, but keep in mind that the crossing of the Israelites is not in question—just the exact location. We can trust God's Word when it speaks of historical events, and we can believe it!

