

# FINDING TIME



## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Before saves the Israelites, they fear for their safety. They even think it would've been better to go back to the way things were when they were slaves in Egypt!

- When have you wanted to turn back the clock and go back to “the way things used to be”? When have you preferred what was safe over what was right? Why would a person want to go back to something that wasn't good for them?
- Moses reminds the people that God is with them. When have you needed to be reminded that God was with you and “had your back”?
- Do you believe in miracles? When have you seen God provide a way when it seemed like there was no hope?
- God saves the Israelites from an army that is about to kill them. God saves them from the same ruler and the same army that held them in slavery in Egypt. What does this story tell you about God's concern for justice?
- How is God at work in the world, standing up for those who are hurting or oppressed today? What might God call you to do when you see injustice?

When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, the minds of Pharaoh and his officials were changed toward the people, and they said, "What have we done, letting Israel leave our service?" So he had his chariot made ready, and took his army with him.

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, 'Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." But Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still."

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic.

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained.