

Red Sea Role Play Script

Roles: Moses, Pharaoh, Israelites, Egyptians

Scripture passage: Exodus 14

Props:

- ☐ Pillar of Cloud Lesson Illustration
- ☐ 2 or more large blue tablecloths/sheets
- ☐ Chairs (at least 8)
- ☐ Optional costumes: robe and staff for Moses, crown and toy sword for Pharaoh

Choose students to be Moses and Pharaoh. If available, give Moses a staff and a robe and Pharaoh a crown and a toy sword. Divide other students into two groups of Israelites and Egyptians.

Have students help you collect chairs and set them up in two rows about four feet apart with the backs of the chairs facing each other, forming a path between the rows. Drape one blue tablecloth or sheet over the backs of the chairs in each row. (These will be the walls of water when the Red Sea is parted.)

Point out areas on opposite sides of the room. This will be the Red Sea, and over there is Egypt. You will all begin in Egypt. Moses, you'll lead the Israelites. Pharaoh, you'll lead the Egyptians. Remember to stay with your group. Have students go to the Egypt side of the room.

We'll begin with Pharaoh talking to Moses after the tenth plague. Have Pharaoh and Moses face each other.

Pharaoh told Moses, "Go! Leave Egypt!" Let Pharaoh repeat the line. Have Moses go to the Israelites.

So Moses and the Israelites packed as fast as they could. Then they left Egypt! Direct Israelites around the room to the Red Sea, stopping by the chair pathway.

After they left, Pharaoh said to his people, "Why did we let our slaves go? Let's chase them and bring them back!" Let Pharaoh repeat the lines. Have Egyptians pretend to drive chariots and ride horses around the room, but stop before catching up to Israelites.

Meanwhile, Moses and the Israelites came to the Red Sea. When they looked behind them, they saw Pharaoh and his army coming toward them. They were trapped with the Red Sea in front of them and Pharaoh's army behind them!

Pharaoh shouted, "We have them now!" Let Pharaoh repeat and wave his sword.

The Israelites were so afraid! Have Israelites look at the Egyptians and act scared.

Moses said, "Do not be afraid. The Lord will fight for you." Let Moses repeat the line.

Then Moses prayed and asked God for help. Have Moses fold hands in prayer.

God answered Moses and told him to lift up his staff and stretch his hand over the sea. Have Moses stretch out his staff/hand toward the rows of chairs.

Moses obeyed, and when he did, God split the sea in two! In the middle was a path of dry ground. Point to the chair pathway you created.

The Egyptians caught up to the Israelites at the Red Sea. Have Egyptians go to the Red Sea.

But God moved the pillar of cloud between them so the Egyptians couldn't come any closer all night long. *Have an Israelite hold up the pillar of cloud illustration between the Egyptians and the pathway.*

The Israelites quickly walked through the sea on dry ground! They had a wall of water on their right and on their left. Israelites, go through the path to the other side! *Wait for them to go through the pathway.*

Once they were safely to the other side, God moved the pillar of cloud. *Have student with cloud illustration move out of the way and rejoin the group.*

Pharaoh saw the Israelites on the other side of the Red Sea. He said, "There they are! After them!" *Let Pharaoh repeat the line.*

The Egyptians chased after the Israelites, but God had a plan to stop them. After the whole army started down the path, God made the wheels on their chariots clog up so they wouldn't work right. The Egyptians panicked! *Tell Egyptians to go into the path between the chairs slowly and act like they're falling or having a hard time walking.*

Then God told Moses to stretch his hand over the sea again. *Have Moses stretch out his staff toward the chair pathway.*

When he did, the two walls of water rushed back in and drowned all the Egyptians! *Have a few Israelites help you grab the sheets/tablecloths from the backs of the chairs and drop them over the Egyptians trapped between the chairs.*

The Israelites rejoiced and praised God for rescuing them from the Egyptians! They were saved! Moses and all the people sang a song of thanks to God. Israelites, dance and sing! *Let them do so.*

Great job acting out the miracle at the Red Sea, everyone! *Have students put chairs back and return to their seats.*