

KEY VERSE

Exodus 14: 15-31

“the people feared the Lord and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant”

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Moses
God helps his people
escape



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KNOW WHAT:

- Today we are continuing our series on the life of Moses, a famous Israelite who led God's people to freedom. So far we have heard about Moses as a baby, how he met God in a bush that didn't burn and about the plagues which proved God's power to Pharaoh, a stubborn ruler in Egypt, who eventually let the Israelites go. This week we hear about how God used Moses to lead the Israelites to freedom.
- When Moses led the people out of Egypt, God guided them by a pillar of cloud during the day and a pillar of fire during the night.
- As they escaped, Pharaoh changed his mind, and chased God's people. They were trapped between the Red Sea and Pharaoh's advancing army. God protected his people.
- God told Moses to lift up his hand over the sea. God drove back the sea, and Moses and the people walked to safely on dry land, but when the army advanced into the sea, the waves returned, ensuring Moses and his people were safe.

SO WHAT:

- God guides his people, and sometimes that guidance is in miraculous form.
- God protects us, even when situations seem impossible.
- God helps us find ways around obstacles which appear immovable, he ensures we are safe and provided for at just the right time.
- God provides, God protects, God rescues.

NOW WHAT:

- Let's trust in God for his guidance and protection.
- Let's ask God for his help when we come across seemingly immovable obstacles in our life.

BEN'S BLOG

Imagine the scene... It's pitch black at 5 a.m. and my flight leaves in just less than 30 minutes. I'm lost somewhere near Manchester airport after dropping off a hire car and following my father's instructions to get to the airport. Frustratingly, since my father finished working at the airport, someone has built a new railway line cutting across the path that he sent me down. Worry not - I've got sat nav in my pocket which also has walking routes on it. As I look to it for direction, it tells me it's a 32 minute walk across the nearest bridge to get to Terminal 3. Ignoring the warning signs not to trespass I decided that this obstacle in my way was not going to stop me. So down one muddy embankment I scrambled, across the railway line I hopped, and up the other muddy embankment on the other side before jumping over a couple of fences, and I made it! I was the last person through security the last person to board the plane and with three minutes to go I got there.

We all face obstacles in our life. Some of them are to do with relationships others to do with money and still others to do with employment or family situations. But whatever obstacle we face, we trust in a God who can move the immovable. Imagine how Moses would have felt as he and all of God's people stood on the shore of the Red Sea watching the Egyptian troops advancing against them, certain of their impending recapture or perhaps death. Imagine the relief when they trusted in God and God acted miraculously moving what stood in front of them.

This week in Foundation we consider how God guides, God protects and God rescues. Whatever you're facing this week, remember we trust in a God who guides us in his ways, protects us from things which might harm us, and rescues us from things that seem impossible. Let's put our trust in him.