



Say Cheese

Crossing the Red Sea

BIG IDEA: God is so, so powerful.

BIBLE BASIS: Exodus 14

KEY VERSE: "Great is our Lord. His power is mighty." Psalm 147:5

☆ PLAY TIME ACTIVITY

A MIGHTY WIND

Supplies: 20–30 pom-poms (preferably blue), drinking straws (1 per child), tape

Preparation: Place two parallel lines of tape about 4–5 feet long on the floor or table. The lines should be about 1 foot apart from each other. Scatter the pom-poms on the floor or table in-between the tape lines.

Directions: Divide the children into two teams. Have each team sit behind one of the tape lines so that the teams are facing each other. Give each child a drinking straw. When you say "go," have the children race to blow the pom-poms across the tape line and onto the opposing team's side. Once a pom-pom has crossed the line, it may not be blown back to the other side. When all of the pom-poms have been blown out from between the lines, count to see which team blew the most pom-poms to the opposing team's side. Announce a winner, then play again.

Say: During our game, we used the wind to divide these pom-poms. In our true Bible story for today, God uses a powerful wind to divide something MUCH bigger and heavier. When we find out what it is, we're going to see that **God is so, so powerful.**

Question: What is your favorite thing to do on a windy day?

☆ SMALL GROUP ACTIVITIES

DISAPPEARING FEAR (Application Activity)

Supplies: Plastic bin, disappearing paper, pens or markers

Directions: Fill the plastic bin about halfway with water. Give each child a piece of disappearing paper and a pen or marker. Tell the children to think of something they are afraid of and write or



draw it on their piece of paper. When everyone is finished, encourage the children to show their drawing and tell about it. Next, lead the children in a prayer. Ask God to use His power to help make the children's fear disappear. After the prayer, invite the children to place their paper in the water and watch it disappear.

Say: That's what happens to our fears when we pray to God. He makes our fears disappear. God is so, so powerful. He can help us whenever we're afraid.

Question: Have you ever prayed to God when you were feeling afraid? What happened after you prayed?

RED SEA DIVIDED

Supplies: Plastic bin, towel (1–2 per group), cups (2 per group)

Say: In our true Bible story for today, God used a powerful wind to divide the Red Sea into two. We're going to see if we can do the same thing to this bin of water. It's a lot smaller than the Red Sea, so it should be a lot easier.

Directions: Fill the plastic bin about halfway with water. Allow the children to take turns trying to blow the water into two parts. Ask the children to keep the water in the bin as much as possible. Before each child gets a turn, though, they must say, "**God is so, so powerful.**" After trying to blow the water into two parts, challenge the children to use their hands to separate the water. After using their hands, challenge the children to use some cups. After using cups, ask the children if they can think of any other way to divide the water into two.

Say: Even though this bin of water is way smaller than the Red Sea, we still couldn't divide it into two. God is so much more powerful than we are. He can do anything because **He is so, so powerful.**

Question: What are some other things you think our powerful God can do?

KEEP IT UP (Bible Memorization Activity)

Supplies: Balloon (1 per group)

Say: Did you know that everything in the Bible is true? It's true, it's true, the Bible is true! Let's say that together. (*Repeat with children.*) We're going to play a game that will help us remember today's true Bible verse, but first, let me remind you what the Bible verse says.

"Great is the Lord (*pump open palms upwards two times*). His power (*put fists together in front of you, then explode hands outward*) is mighty (*flex muscles*)." Psalm 147:5 (*extend hands like you're holding a book*).

Directions: Practice the verse together several times. Next, have the children stand in a circle. Toss the balloon into the air and tell the children to keep it from touching the floor by hitting it into the air. Each time a child hits the balloon, have the group say one word from the memory verse. (They do not have to do the hand motions.) Challenge the children to keep the balloon in the air for as long as it takes to get through the verse. If the balloon touches the ground before



the verse is over, tell the children they have to do a silly dance. Continue playing until the group has successfully recited the verse several times.

BIBLE BONKERS (Bible Story Review Activity)

Supplies: Bible Bonkers Game Cards (1 set per group), paper and pen

Directions: Divide your group of children into two teams. Spread the Bible Bonkers Game Cards face down between the two teams. There are three different types of cards: question cards, action cards, and a Bonkers card. Choose a team to draw a card first. If a question card is drawn, the team must answer the Bible review question correctly. If an action card is drawn, the entire team must perform the action. If the Bonkers card is drawn, the entire team must do a silly “Bonkers” dance. If the team answers the question correctly or successfully performs the action, give them the number of points indicated on the card. If they answer incorrectly or draw the Bonkers card, no points are given. Continue taking turns until all cards have been used. When finished, add up the points and announce a winner.

COLORING SHEET AND SNACK TIME (GO! Deeper Activity)

Say: God is so, so powerful. He can do anything. He can even forgive us when we do or say bad things. Let’s say a prayer to God and ask Him to forgive us.

Prayer: Begin by asking if any of the children would like to pray. Allow any children who want to pray the opportunity to do so. When they’re finished, close the prayer by asking God to forgive you and the children for their bad choices. Thank Him for His forgiveness.

Question: What did today’s true Bible story teach you about God?

Question: How does it make you feel to know that God is so, so powerful?