

Through water you saved your people, Israel, from slavery in Egypt and through water you led them into the promised land. Bring us your healing and your salvation as you have promised to do throughout the generations of those who have trusted in you. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Water is foundational to the salvation work God does throughout scripture, but particularly in the Old Testament.

Day 1 Read Exodus 1:22-2:10

1a. Why did Moses' mother feel she had to hide or "give up" Moses?

b. Ironically, to save him from that fate, where did she put Moses?

2. How is Moses discovered/saved?

3a. Irony is an inconsistency between what you expect should happen and what actually happens. How is this story of Moses and his mother rich with multiple ironies?

b. Why does Pharaoh's daughter name Moses as she does?

Day 2 Exodus 14:1-31

4. In Verse 3 what are we told is the condition of the Israelites shortly after having been rescued by God from slavery?

5. In the following verses, how does God get the people moving? What barrier stands in their way? How do the people respond when this challenge presents itself?

6a. How does God save his people yet again?

b. How does this "salvation" remind us of the Noah story?

Day 3 Read Exodus 17:1-7

7a. The Israelites are now on the other side of the Red Sea and in the wilderness. What do the people want now?

b. What is their specific complaint to Moses/God?

8. What does Moses/God do to meet the people in their complaining?

Day 4 Read Joshua 3:1-17

9. The Israelites have now wandered for 40 years in the wilderness and Moses has died. Joshua now leads them and they are about to cross into the Promised Land.

a. Why was it important for the ark (containing the tablets of God's covenant with them) to lead the people?

b. What was the condition of the Jordan at that time?

c. What happened when the priests carrying the ark set foot in the water?

10. Thinking back to the Red Sea Crossing . . . what is significant that we have yet another water crossing into the promised land?

Day 5 Read 2 Kings 5:1-19a

11a. Naaman was an Aramean warrior who was sick. What was wrong with him?

b. Who was it that told Naaman that he could maybe be healed? What was her suggestion?

12a. How does it come about that Naaman is healed?

b. How does Naaman now feel about the Lord now that he was made well in the waters of the Jordan?

Day 6 Read Psalm 23

13. Psalm 23 is one of the beloved Psalms in all of scripture. The talk of the Lord leading us "beside still waters" is a calming, peaceful image and it is one of God's protection and salvation. What have you learned about water and salvation in this week's lesson?