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*The people of Israel pass through the Red Sea.*

## GOD FREES HIS PEOPLE

*Exodus 5:1—14:1*

**M**OSES and Aaron went to Pharaoh to ask him to let God's people go free, but Pharaoh would not listen to them.

So God sent a series of plagues to force Pharaoh to let His people go free. He turned the water into blood; He sent frogs and flies; the cattle became sick; and all kinds of terrible things happened. Yet, Pharaoh would not let God's people go free.

God sent one last plague, so terrible that it would force Pharaoh to let His people go. He killed all the firstborn

in the land. But He protected all the firstborn of Israel from harm.

Finally, Pharaoh let the people of Israel go free, but soon he changed his mind and followed them with his army. Moses and the people were trapped between Pharaoh's army and the sea.

God had Moses raise his arms over the Red Sea, and it split in two, leaving a path of dry land. All of Israel crossed over the Red Sea on dry land, but when Pharaoh's army was in the middle of the sea, God caused the sea to return to its place and it covered Pharaoh and all of his army.



*The centurion asks Jesus to heal his servant boy.*

## THE CENTURION

*Matthew 8:5-13; Luke 7:1-10; John 4:46-54*

**A**S Jesus was entering the city of Capernaum, He was met by a centurion, a Roman army official who was in charge of 100 soldiers.

The centurion said to Jesus, "Sir, my serving boy is at home in bed paralyzed, suffering painfully." Jesus said to the centurion, "I will come and cure him." But the centurion said to Jesus, "Sir, I am not worthy to have You under my roof. Just give an order and my boy will get better." The centurion explained to Jesus that he

knew what it meant to give an order. He could say to one soldier, "Come here," and the soldier would come. He could say to another, "Go there," and the soldier would go.

Jesus turned to the Jews who were following Him and said to them, "I assure you, I have never found this much faith in Israel."

Jesus then said to the centurion, "Go home. It shall be done because you trusted." When the centurion arrived home, he found that the servant had been healed that very moment.