

30 Second Thought



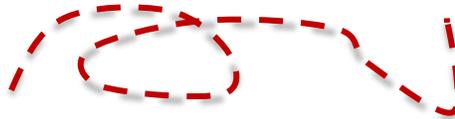
Name four things that people are afraid of.

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- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

There are lots of different things that might scare people: spiders, dark, loneliness, sickness, tests, lose job, death, unpopularity. Why are people scared of those things? Many times our fear is brought by not knowing. Not knowing if that spider is poisonous, not knowing what's in the dark, not knowing how we'll pay for things without a job, not knowing what will happen if I get sick. Today, we're going to hear how God delivered his people from something that was really scary - an angry Egyptian army. We'll also be reminded of what to do when we face scary things in our lives.

**Read & Review**

Read Exodus 13:17-14:4



1. Why didn't God take the Israelites on the shortest route from Egypt to the Promised Land of Canaan?

2. Whose bones did the Israelites take when they left Egypt and why?



3. What was God's "Google Maps" for the Israelites?

**Answers**

1. Didn't want them to face war and run back to Egypt. among the animals also.
2. Joseph's bones. Remember that Joseph was the son of Jacob/Israel who was sold into slavery by his brothers. He ended up in Egypt and became the second most powerful person in all of Egypt, saving many lives (including those of his brothers!) when famine struck the region.
3. Pillar of cloud by day and fire by night.

4. Why did God take the Israelites on a crazy route that lead to what appeared to be a dead end?

**Read Exodus 14:5-9**

5. Why did Pharaoh decide to go after the Israelites?

6. Who did Pharaoh take with him to attack the Israelites?

**Read Exodus 14:10-12**

7. How did the Israelites respond when they saw the Egyptian army coming after them?

**Read Exodus 14:13-18**

8. What was God's solution to the advancing Egyptian army?

9. How did the Lord make sure that the Egyptians got stuck in the Red Sea and could not attack the Israelites?



10. What did the Israelites find the next morning after safely crossing through the Red Sea?

**Answers**

4. Pharaoh would think that the Israelites were sitting ducks ready for him to easily attack and destroy.

5. Anger and revenge! He had lost his workers!

6. Entire army including 600 chariots, horses and countless soldiers

7. Terrified. They thought that they were going to die. Angry. They blamed Moses for bringing them out of Egypt just to die. Delusional. Slavery was so much better than death in the desert?!?!?

8. Moses, lift up your hands and the waters of the Red Sea will part. Go through and then I'll drown the Egyptians.

9. Caused confusion and jammed the wheels of their chariots.

10. Dead Egyptians

## His Word in Your Life

Do you ever feel like the Israelites, scared and wondering how God is going to help you out? Below are situations where people might feel scared. Which promise on the right might you share with that person?

One of your friends just found out that his parents are getting divorced.

One of your parents just lost their job.

You have to switch schools in the middle of the school year.

One of your friends just saw a bunch of mean things posted on Instagram about them.

You have a grandparent who is sick and in the hospital.

**Psalm 50:15** "Call on me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor me."

**Matthew 28:20** "Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

**1 Corinthians 10:13** And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted<sup>2</sup> beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted,<sup>3</sup> he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

**1 Peter 5:7** Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

**Deuteronomy 31:6** Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you."

**Matthew 11:28** "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

**Jeremiah 29:11** For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

## Catechism Connection



Read through The Blessings of Baptism on pages 311-312 in your Catechism. Just as God used the waters of the Red Sea for the blessing of the Israelites, what blessings does God promise to give you through the waters of baptism?



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