

Use the following thoughts and questions to have a spiritual conversation as a family. Don't emphasize having the right answer, but focus on spending time discussing the Word as a family.

Scripture

Exodus 13:17-22; 14:1-4,13-14,21-22,26-28

Session Summary

When Pharaoh set the Israelites free, God did not lead them on the shortest or most obvious path. Instead, He led them away from the Philistines, through the wilderness, toward the Red Sea. During the day, He led them by a pillar of cloud and at night with a pillar of fire. The Lord wanted the Israelites to learn to trust them, so He commanded them to stop and allowed the Egyptian army to come after them. Though the Israelites were afraid and wondered why God would lead them out of Egypt only to let them die here, God told them to be still and that He would fight for them (Ex. 14:14). So, He parted the Red Sea and the Israelites crossed on dry ground, but when the Egyptians tried to follow, they were swallowed up by the Sea.

Conversation Questions

- What difficult times can our family now look back on and see how God was at work?
- How does our knowledge of God's past faithfulness to us increase our confidence that He will be faithful now and forever?
- What kinds of situations easily stress out our family? Why do you think it is so easy to become stressed and complain?
- When has our family seen God's power on display, especially after waiting for Him to act?

Family Challenge

This week, challenge yourselves not to complain about difficult circumstances. Instead, every time you feel like complaining, grab an index card, write out a reminder of God's past faithfulness, fold the card, and place it in the jar or bowl. At the end of the week, sit together as a family and read through the ways God has been faithful to your family.