

Lovingly Sovereign

Read Exodus 13:17-18; 14:10-14, then briefly consider the questions below.

This week in Children's Worship, the kids will learn that God is sovereign, and His will cannot be thwarted. In a world that is full of uncertainty, we can take comfort in knowing that nothing can stop God's plans from happening. After facing 400 years of slavery, Israel experienced the sovereignty of God first hand. Even in their darkest moment when it seemed they would never escape the hand of Pharaoh, God was with them and His purposes were accomplished.

According to Exodus 13:17-18, God did not lead the Israelites on the quickest route to the promised land.

- What road did God lead the Israelites on as they left Egypt (13:18)? Why?
- How does this detail in the story show God's caring sovereignty over the Israelites?

In Exodus 14:10-12, we see the fear that gripped Israelites' hearts as they saw Pharaoh pursuing them. Even though God had just proven Himself through 10 miraculous plagues He sent on Egypt, the Israelites did not trust that God would deliver them.

- Whether it is financial stress, a change of season, or a broken relationship, there are times when we struggle to trust God. Just like God proved himself faithful to the Israelites, God has proven himself faithful to us, we need to only remember. Take a moment to reflect on how God has proven himself faithful this week.
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As the Israelites panicked at the sight of Pharaoh, Moses' response is one of confidence in God.

- According to Exodus 14:13-14, what two things did the Israelites need to do?
- When circumstances tempt you to lose trust in God's plan, how can you stand firm in God's promises and be still in His presence?

Let's pray:

Father, thank you for being One who is always sovereign and faithful. Your plan is far greater than anything we could imagine. Please forgive us for not always trusting in You. Help us to stand firm in Your promises and to be still in Your presence.

In Your Name we pray,

Amen.