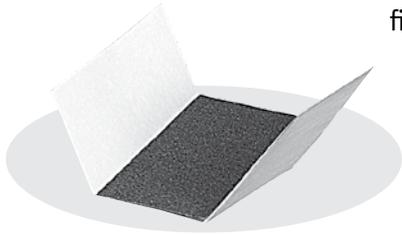


Family Devotion

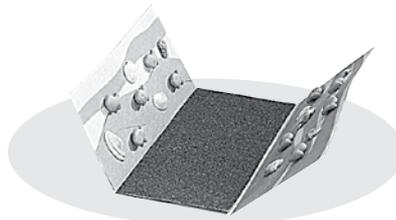
Remember God's Protection

Run! I Mean, Swim! I Mean, Run!

The Egyptian army rode chariots, threw spears, and shot arrows. They closed in on the Israelites who had...sheep...and some gold...and a little bread. It didn't look good. Was it all over? The Israelites felt pinched between the Red Sea and Pharaoh's army. Gulp! Read **Exodus 14:19-25** to find out what happened next.

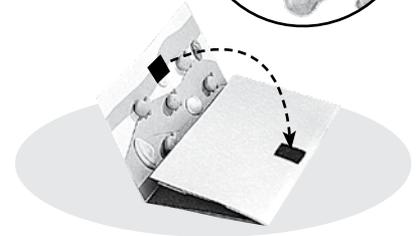


- 1 Fold paper into thirds. Glue sandpaper to the middle section.



- 2 Glue blue tissue paper, paper fish (or fish crackers), and shells (real or paper) to the ocean walls.

If God can part the Red Sea for the Israelites, God can protect you, too! Remember God's protection.



- 3 Put Velcro or tape at the top of the ocean walls so you can open and close your Red Sea.

Now cut out a paper person for each person in your family. Read Exodus 14:19-25 again, and use your paper people and the Red Sea you made as you act out the story.

Then discuss these questions:

- ☞ How do you think the Israelites felt with the Egyptian army behind them and the sea in front of them?
- ☞ When have you felt like you had nowhere to turn?
- ☞ What do you think it was like for the Israelites to walk on a path with walls of water on both sides?
- ☞ What gives you the courage to walk through difficult situations?

Pray for each person in your family. As you pray, move your paper people through the water again. This will represent going through a difficult time and coming through that time with God's protection.

FAMILY CHALLENGE

Tell someone about it! Have each person in your family tell a friend, neighbor, or co-worker about a time God protected him or her. Report back at the end of the week to hear how people responded to hearing a great story of God's protection.