

## Backdrop: The Red Sea See the Salvation of the Lord

### Opening Discussion:

1. When you stand beside the sea, what do you think about?
2. When you hear about the Red Sea, what comes to mind?
3. What do you think it would have been like to cross the Red Sea?

God frees His people from \_\_\_\_\_ and the Red Sea represents the beginning of this process.

### 1. The Red Sea as a \_\_\_\_\_ place



**16** Lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the people of Israel may go through the sea on dry ground. **17** And I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they shall go in after them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, his chariots, and his horsemen.  
**Exodus 14:16-17**

### 2. The Red Sea as a \_\_\_\_\_ metaphor

When she could hide him no longer, she took for him a basket made of bulrushes and daubed it with bitumen and pitch. She put the child in it and placed it among the reeds by the river bank . . . She named him Moses, "Because," she said, "I drew him out of the water." **Exodus 2:3, 10**

Was it not you who dried up the sea, the waters of the great deep, who made the depths of the sea a way for the redeemed to pass over? **Isaiah 51:10**

Where is he who brought them up out of the sea with the shepherds of his flock? Where is he who put in the midst of them his Holy Spirit, who caused his glorious arm to go at the right hand of Moses, who divided the waters before them to make for himself an everlasting name? **Isaiah 63:11-12**

For who in the skies can be compared to the Lord? Who among the heavenly beings is like the Lord, a God greatly to be feared in the council of the holy ones, and awesome above all who are around him? O Lord God of hosts, who is mighty as you are, O Lord, with your faithfulness all around you? You rule the raging of the sea; when its waves rise, you still them. You crushed Rahab like a carcass; you scattered your enemies with your mighty arm. **Psalms 89:6-10**

And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?" **Mark 4:39-41**

Israel saw the great power that the Lord used against the Egyptians, so the people feared the Lord. **Exodus 14:31**

For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness. Now these things took place as examples for us. **1 Corinthians 10:1-6**

### 3. The Red Sea as a \_\_\_\_\_ of victory

And I saw what appeared to be a sea of glass mingled with fire—and also those who had conquered the beast and its image and the number of its name, standing beside the sea of glass with harps of God in their hands. And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God. **Revelation 15:2-3**

#### Fill in the Blank Answers:

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God frees His people from sin and the Red Sea represents the beginning of this process.

1. historical
2. spiritual
3. symbol