

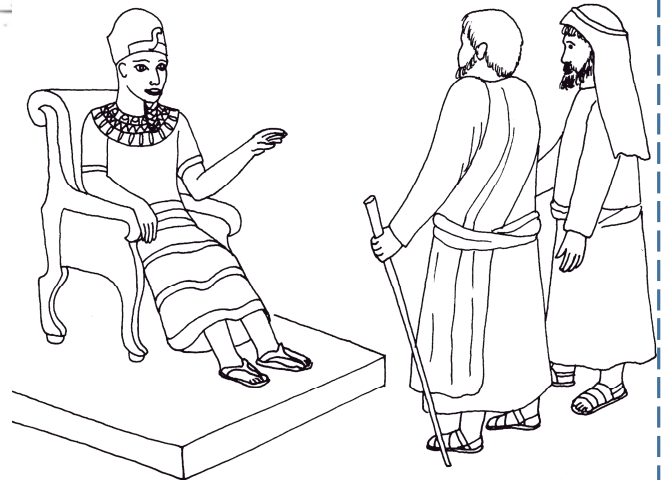
GOD FREES THE PEOPLE

Moses finally agreed to obey God and go to Egypt to help save the people. Moses explained God's plan to Aaron, and asked Aaron to help him. Both of them spoke to the leaders of the people, and the people believed in them.



MOSES & AARON LEAD THE PEOPLE

Moses and Aaron then went to the king of Egypt and told him that God had sent them to him. They told him that God wanted him to allow the Israelites to go into the desert to worship Him. But the king was angry. "I will not let the Israelites go" he said. Moses cried to God for help. God told him to go back to the king "Tell him I shall bring trouble on Egypt if he will not do as I ask"



Moses and Aaron went back to the king, but the king refused to listen. Then God began to act. Terrible plagues began to happen in the land. But the king remained stubborn. Lastly, the eldest son of every Egyptian died, including the king's son. So the king was afraid. He told Moses to take the people out of Egypt. That very night the people left Egypt and followed Moses. They were happy to be free.

GOD SETS HIS PEOPLE FREE

The next morning, Pharaoh realized the Israelites had left, and that there was no one to work for him. He called his army and told them to go after the Israelites and bring them back.

By now the Israelites had stayed near the Red Sea. Suddenly they saw the army of Pharaoh coming towards them. They were frightened and told Moses to save them. Moses prayed to God. And God told Moses to stretch out his rod over the sea. The waters parted and the people of Israel were able to cross the sea and go over to the other side.



The Egyptians had now reached the sea and they too began to cross the sea with their chariots. From the other side Moses prayed to God again. God told him to stretch out his rod over the sea again. When Moses did this the waters came rushing back drowning the Egyptian soldiers. Once again, God had saved His people. The people sang songs of thanksgiving to God.



GOD LOOKS AFTER HIS PEOPLE

For forty years, God looked after His people in the desert. Day by day He fed them with manna (like biscuits made with honey) to teach them to trust Him. When the people came to Sinai, they pitched their tents. One day, when Moses went up to the mountain, God spoke to him saying, "The children of Israel have seen how I brought them to this place. If they obey me and keep my covenant, they will be my own people". Sometimes later through Moses, their leader, God gave them laws about right and wrong. He told His people how to behave, how to treat one another and how to honour and serve Him. The tablets on which the laws were written were kept in a box of wood (TEN COMMANDMENTS). The people promised to keep the laws of God.

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE STORY

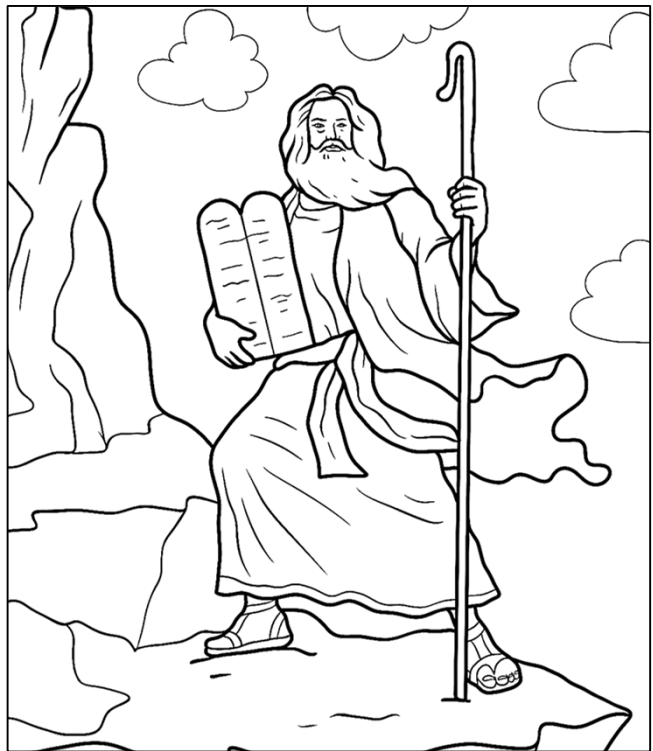
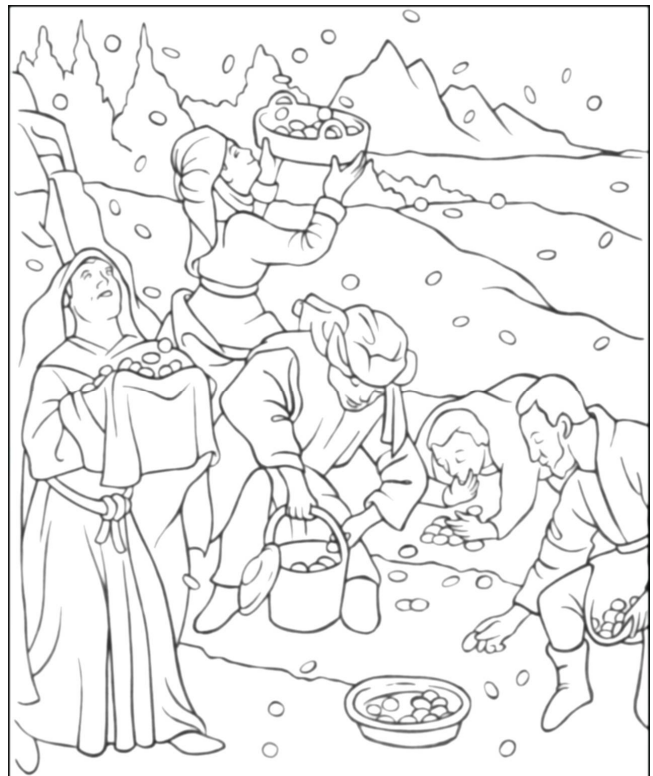
Just like the first story of creation, God separates the water from dry land. So this passage through the water is a "new creation" of a people saved by God and devoted to Him. Just as the friendship pact with Noah and Abraham was sealed with a gift from God, a land and a generation, this friendship pact with the people of Israel is sealed with a gift from God - His Ten Commandments to His people. He wants us to be happy by obeying His Laws.

The people who had been saved from their slavery, saw how much God loved them, and they knew that they were very dear to him. The experience of the crossing of the Red Sea made them one people, God's people. So when God gave them the Ten Commandments and asked them to follow them and become His friends, they all agreed to obey God's laws. They would never consider those laws a burden, because they had experienced God's Love

O B E Y T H E G O D ' S L A W S

The Ten Commandments

Each of us is called to obey God's laws, the Ten Commandments. But sometimes we think these laws are too difficult – that is because we forget that God loves us. Like the Israelites who crossed the Red Sea and were willing to accept God's commandments, let us also tell God that we are willing to follow His Laws because He loves us. We do not yet know all His laws, as we grow up, we will learn these laws. All the same let us ask God the grace to love His laws and to follow them as best as we can .



N E W W O R D S

EXODUS – the exit or leaving of large number of people from one country

COVENANT- The Promise between God and men

PHARAOH – King of Egypt

CHARIOTS - a carriage pulled by horses, people use it for travel

ARMY – group of soldiers trained to fight

ROD - stick



Answer the following questions. Encircle the letter of the correct answer

a **b** **c**

1. Moses finally agreed to obey God and go to Egypt to help save the people of
a. India b. Egypt c. Israel
2. Moses and his brother Aaron spoke to the of Israel
a. priests b. children c. leaders
3. Moses & Aaron went to the King of Egypt and told him that God wanted the Israelites to go to the desert to God
a. worship b. disobey c. ignore
4. The Pharaoh replied "Okay go, leave right away, no problem" a. True b. False
5. Terrible began to happen in Egypt because the king refused to let the Israelites go
a. plagues b. flood c. rain
6. The YOUNGEST son of every Egyptian died a. True b. False
7. The King was afraid and he told Moses to take the Israelites out of
a. India b. Egypt c. Israel
8. The Israelites left Egypt and they stayed near the a. Jordan River b. Red Sea c. Seaside
9. The Egyptian army ran after the Israelites. The people were afraid and told Moses to save them. What did Moses do?
a. Moses slept b. Moses prayed to God c. Moses ran
10. When Moses stretched out his rod over the sea, the waters parted and the people were able to fly
a. True b. False
11. The Egyptians had now reached the sea and they too began to cross the sea with their
a. car b. chariots c. bicycle
12. God saved His people. What did the people do?
a. The people made party b. The people sang songs of Thanksgiving c. The people slept
13. How many years did God look after His people in the desert a. 100 years b. 12 years c. 40 years
14. Day by day, God fed the people with a. Ice cream b. chicken c. manna
15. God spoke to Moses saying "The children of Israel have seen how I brought them to this place. If they obey me and keep my, they will be my own people.
a. Temple b. land c. Covenant
16. The Laws of God is called ... a. The Ten Commandments b. Rules c. Guidelines