

CROSSING THE RED SEA

Old Testament Lesson #38

As the Israelites departed, God did not lead them directly to the Promised Land. The direct route would have taken them through the land of the Philistines, who would offer armed resistance. If the Israelites encountered battle so early in their flight, many would return to Egypt. Instead, God led them into the desert toward the Red Sea, where they camped. On the journey, God provided a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night to guide the nation. The pillar never left from guiding the people.

God also intended to put Israel by the Red Sea in order to draw out Pharaoh and his army so that God might bring judgment against them. When Pharaoh heard where Israel was headed, he assumed Israel was wandering in confusion. Realizing that the Egyptians had lost the slave services of the Israelites, Pharaoh and his army pursued Israel to force them back.

When the Egyptians approached, the Israelites were afraid and cried out to Moses. Moses told the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the LORD will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. The LORD will fight for you." Moses then stretched out his hand over the sea, and God separated the Red Sea. The Israelites crossed through the sea on dry ground.

The Egyptians then pursued Israel into the Red Sea, but God caused the path through the waters to close, drowning the Egyptian army. Israel saw the great power of God and put their trust in him and in his servant Moses.

POINTS TO CONSIDER:

- Israel left Egypt with great abundance because the Egyptians gave them all they asked for: silver, gold and clothing. The Egyptians were anxious for Israel to be gone. In this way, Israel plundered Egypt (see Exodus 12:33-36).
- In 1 Corinthians 10:1-2, the apostle Paul describes Israel's deliverance through the Red Sea as a national baptism of the nation, being baptized "into Moses" similar to that of believers being baptized "into Christ."

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- I. After the Israelites left Egypt, God took them into the wilderness.
 - A. They were not ready to enter the Promised Land.
 - B. They weren't prepared for war.
 - C. They camped on the shore of the Red Sea.
 - D. God guided them constantly with a pillar of cloud in the daytime and a pillar of fire at night.

- II. Pharaoh heard that the Israelites were moving toward the Red Sea and decided to pursue them.
 - A. This response from Pharaoh is what God planned.
 - B. Pharaoh's army approached the Red Sea.
 - C. The Israelites were afraid and called to Moses.
 - D. Moses said God would deliver them from the Egyptians.

- III. God separated the Red Sea.
 - A. The Israelites walked through on dry ground to the other side.
 - B. The Egyptians started to follow, but the waters swallowed them.
 - C. Israel saw God's power in this act.

ANSWER KEY:

ocean, red, pig, busy, full, wet, heavy, man

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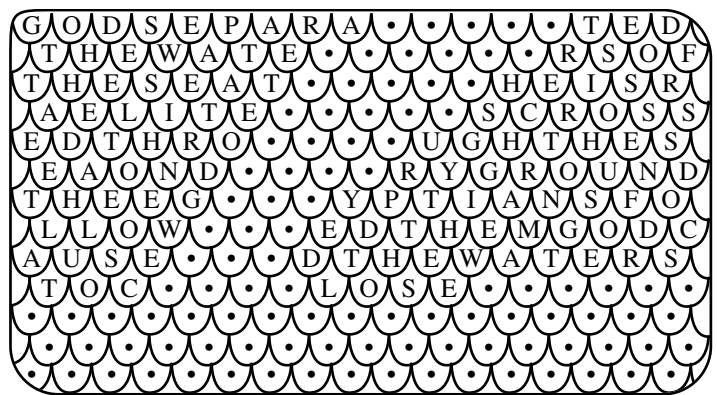
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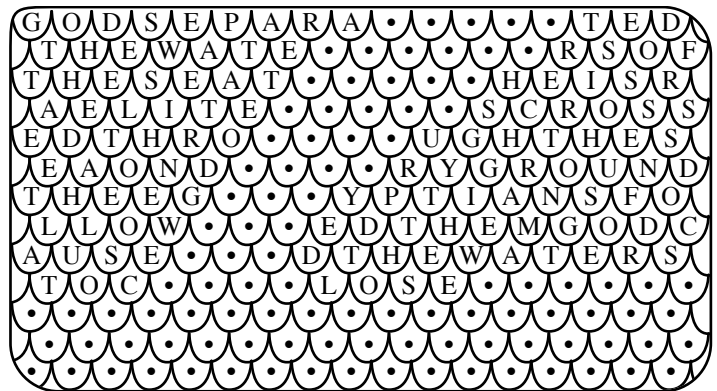
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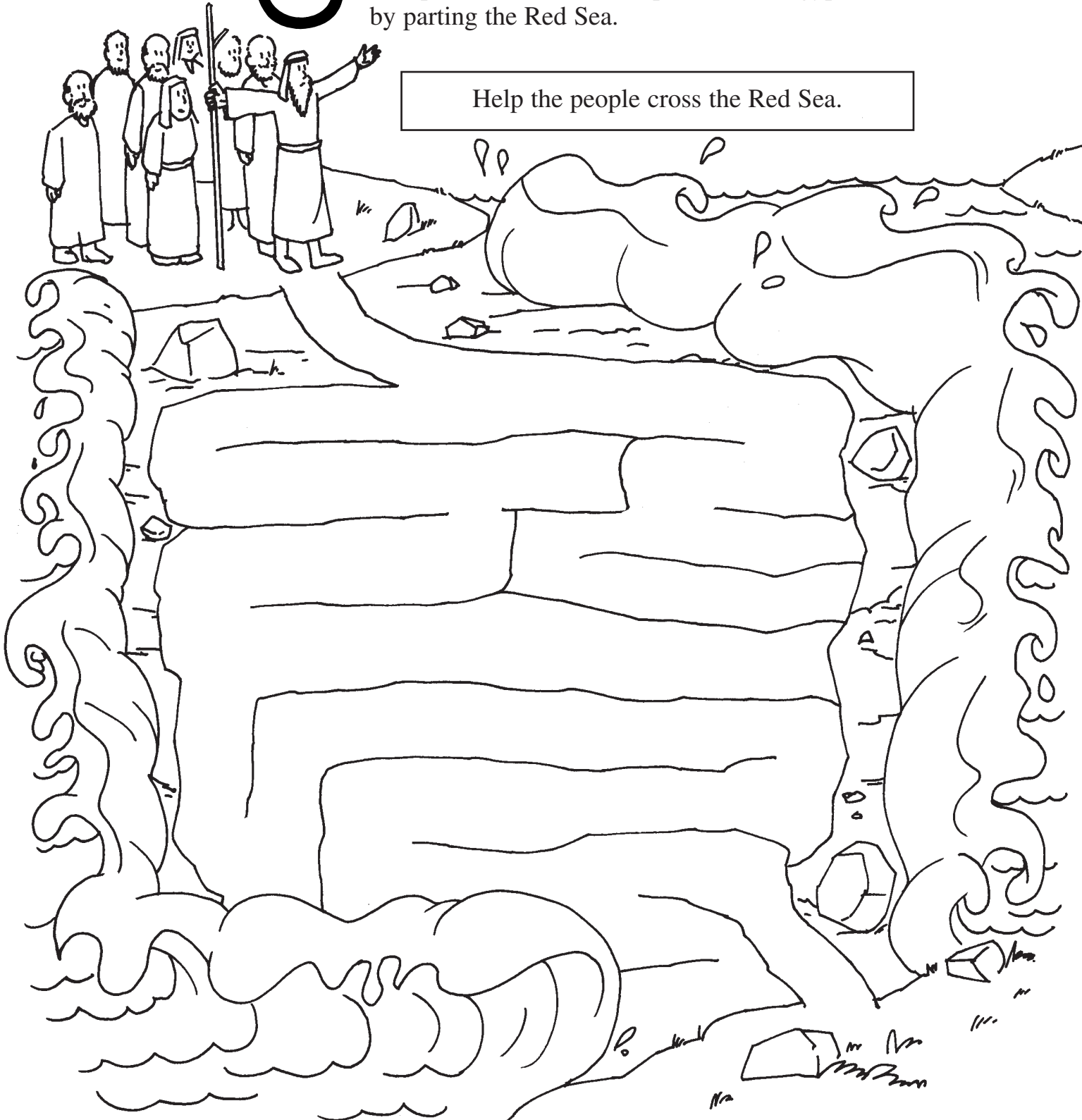


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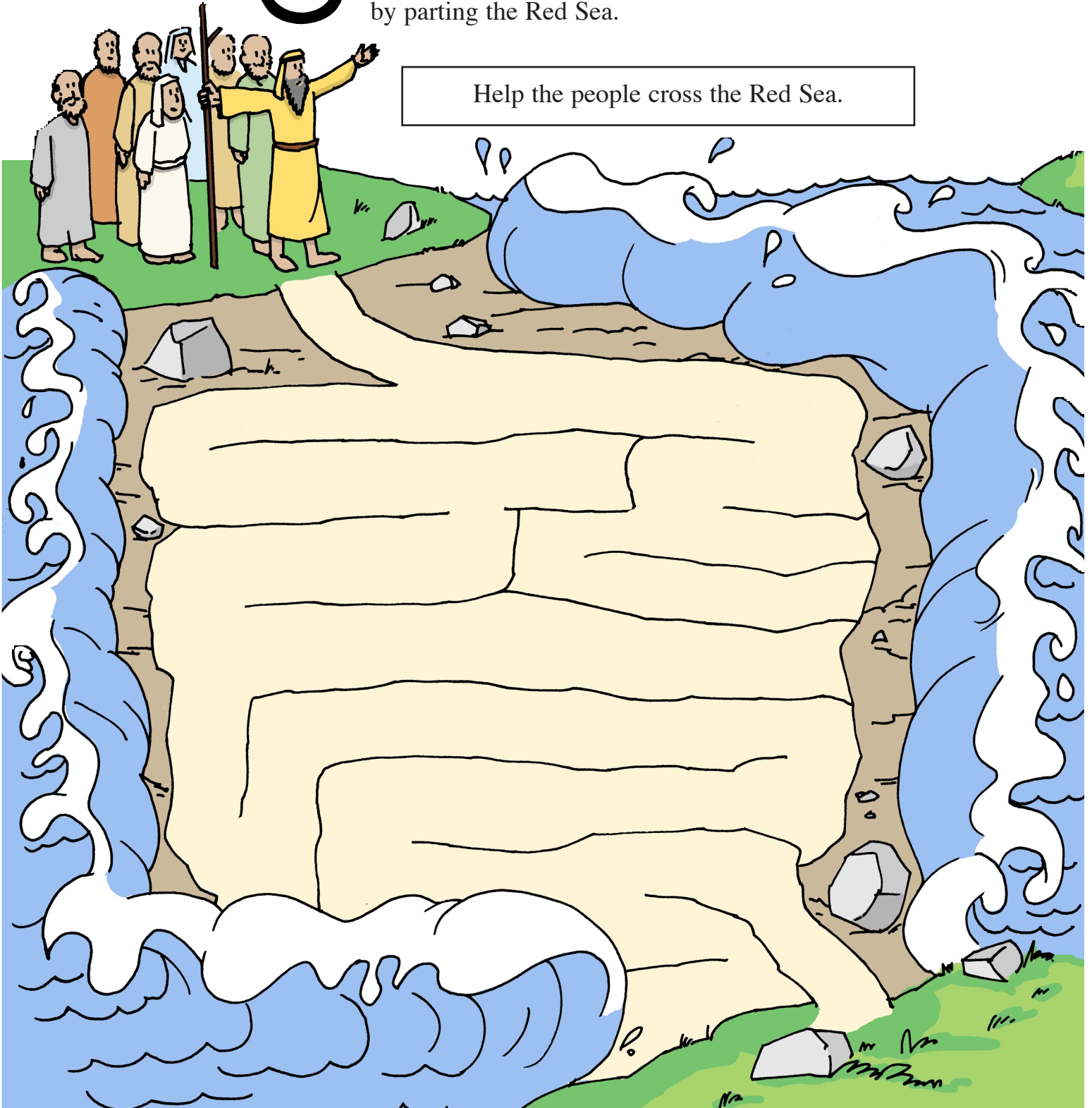
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