

LESSON 9

CROSSING THE RED SEA

Exodus 14

The children of Israel, God's special people, left Egypt being led by Moses. But Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, decided that he wanted the Israelites back, to work for him. So he took his soldiers and chariots and rushed after them to bring them back.

When the Israelites reached the Red Sea, they saw the Egyptian soldiers coming, and were frightened. Moses was not afraid. He knew that God would save them. God told Moses to lift up his rod and stretch out his hand over the sea. God then sent a very strong wind all that night, which made the water roll back, so that there was a dry path through the sea. Moses told the people to hurry across. As they all walked across, the water was piled up on either side of them like great high walls.

Pharaoh's army tried to follow the people, but the wheels of their chariots became stuck and came off. When all the Israelites were out of the sea, God told Moses to stretch his hand over the sea again, and when Moses did this, the water rushed back, and the Egyptian soldiers drowned. The Israelites sang a song to thank God for the wonderful way He had saved them.

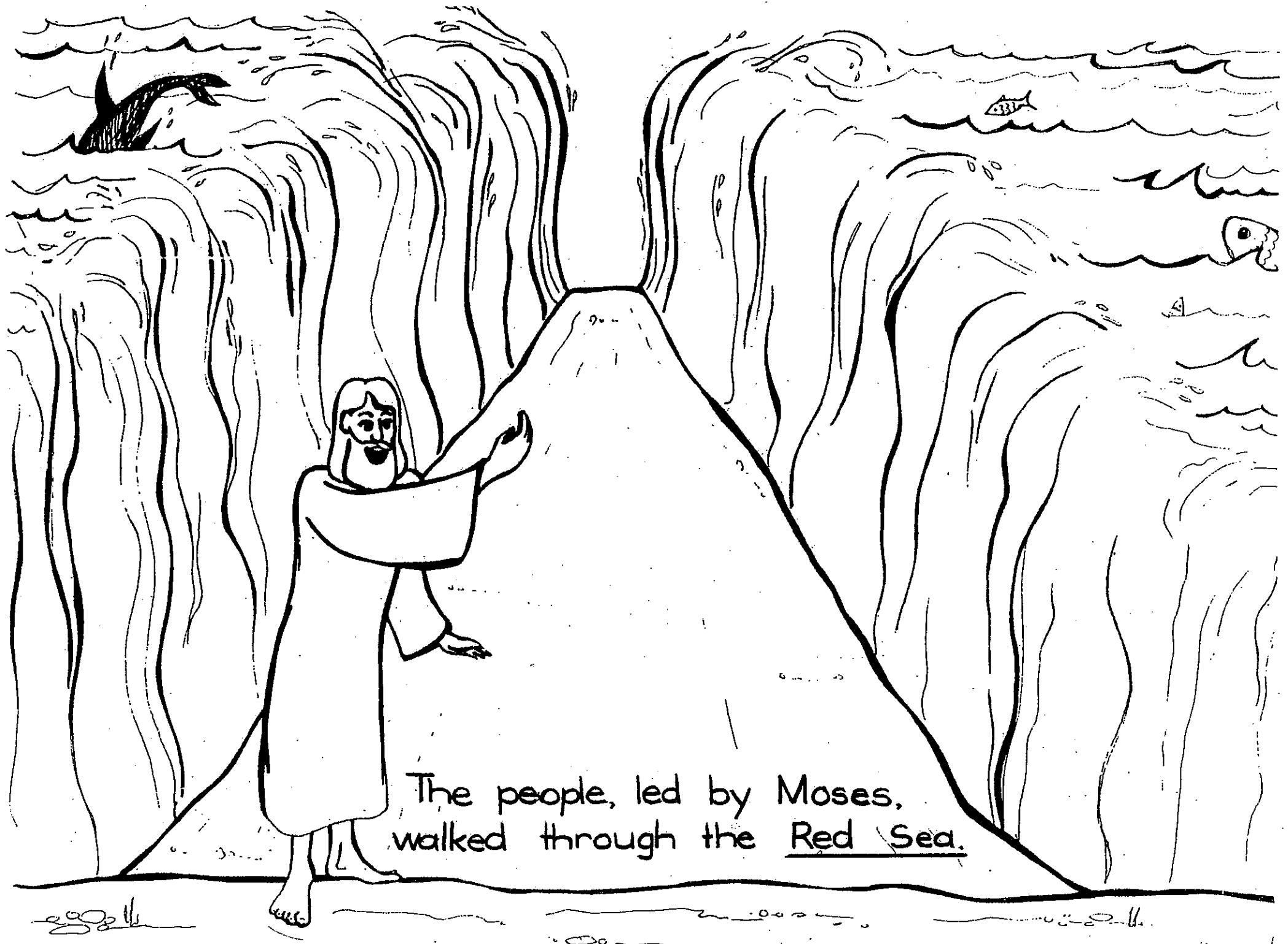
ACTIVITY

Colour or paint the illustration. Draw or cut out from magazines, a crowd of people crossing the Red Sea.

FURTHER SUGGESTIONS

Make a chariot. Use a matchbox or slightly bigger box. Paste on cardboard sides and wheels.

Using a sandtray, act out the story. Part the sand to make piles on either side, and using peg/plastic/ playdough people "walk" them through. Now show what happened when the Egyptians tried to follow.



The people, led by Moses,
walked through the Red Sea.