

**September Wk 2**

**Backyard  
This or That**

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# CRAFT

## The Sea Separated

### **SUPPLIES:**

The Sea Separated page, set of waves (2 pieces) crayons, blue markers (blue crayons optional), 2 metal brads per child

### **What You DO and SAY:**

⇒ **Pass out “The Sea Separated” page and crayons.**

- *“Friends, today we heard the true story about Moses and the Israelites. Let’s start by coloring this picture of Moses and the Israelites with crayons.*

⇒ **Pass out waves and blue markers (or regular blue crayons).**

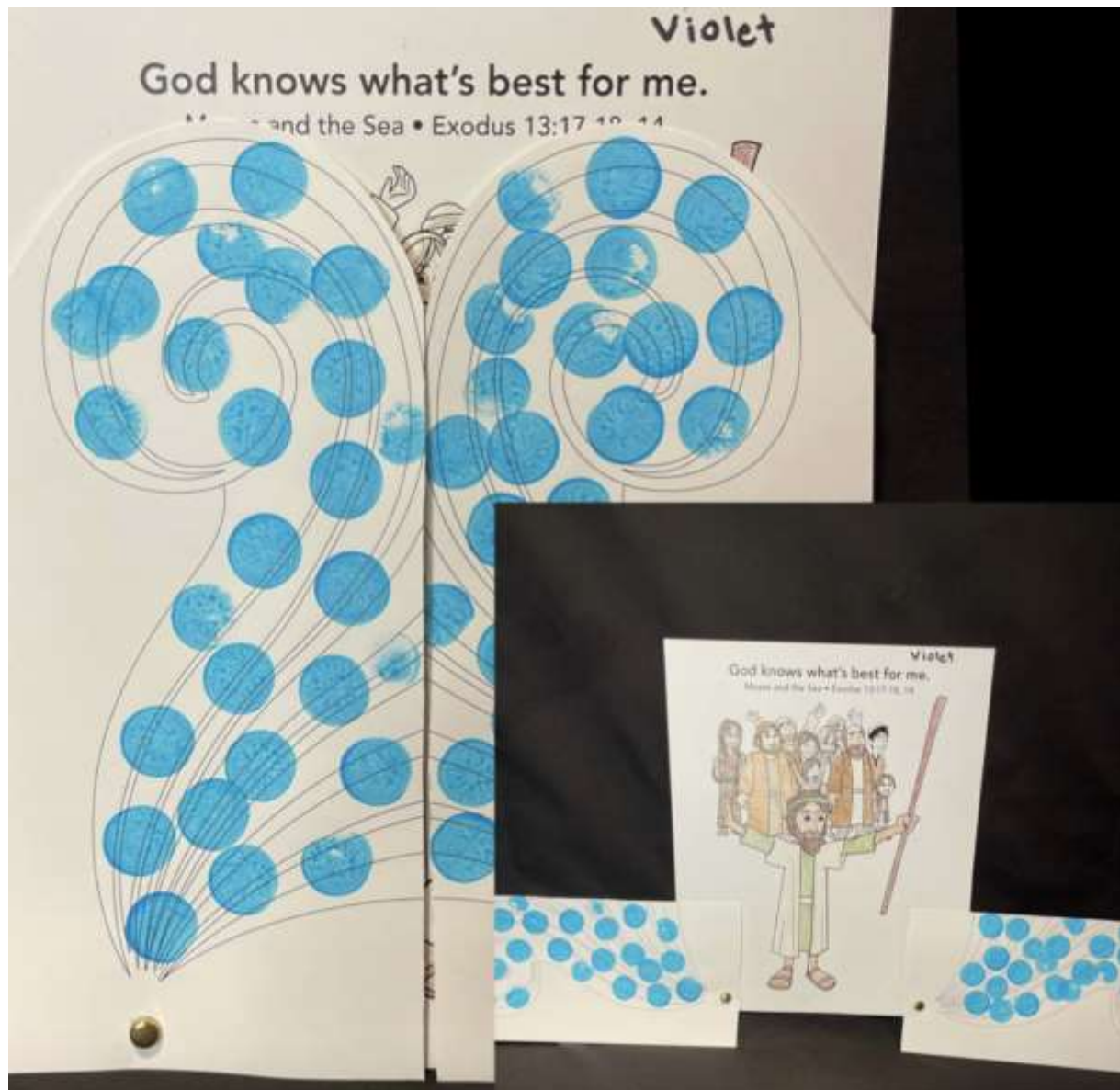
- *“Now it’s time to make the water blue. Let’s use our blue marker/crayon to color the waves. Super! These look awesome!*

⇒ **Help children stack the papers and attach the water with the metal brads.**

- *“Let me help you line your papers up and we can attach them with these metal brads. Good work! So now we can part the water! Let’s retell our story using this picture.”*

⇒ **Retell the Bible story and then Bring it back to the Bottom Line.**

- *“In our Bible story, we heard how God sent Moses to help His people, the Israelites. Pharaoh made them do very hard work without paying them for a very, very, very long time. And Pharaoh wouldn’t let them leave! Moses led the people out of Egypt and into the desert. Then God told them to camp at the Red Sea. They didn’t understand why God wanted them to go there, but they did what God said.*
- *While they were camping, they saw the Pharaoh and his army coming. Moses told the Israelites to trust God and not be afraid. God knows what’s best for us. God will make a way. Then God told Moses to stretch his staff over the sea, and Moses did what God said. The sea parted and made a dry path for them to walk on! God made a way for His people. Once they were safely on the other side, God closed the waters and kept Moses and His people safe from Pharaoh and his army. Moses and God’s people trusted that God knew what was best for them, and we can trust that God knows what’s best for us, too!*
- ***Who knows what’s best for you?***
- ***God knows what’s best for me!”***



Water is pictured with dot markers. This will likely take too long to dry. Instead, use a blue marker or blue crayon.

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# ACTIVITY #1

## *Red Sea Reenactment*

**SUPPLIES:** Pool Noodle, blue scarves

### **What You DO and SAY:**

⇒ **Gather children in the center of the room.**

- *"Friends, today in our true Bible story we learned about how God used Moses to part the Red Sea. We are going to act that out today! I need you to listen very carefully. First, we need to split into two groups – some of you will pretend to be the water and some of you will pretend to be Israelites. Then, we will switch so everyone will get a turn to be both!"*

⇒ **Gather the water group and give each child a scarf. Have them stand spread out in the center of the room. Show them how to make waves with their scarves.**

- *"If you are pretending to be water you are going to hold a blue scarf and wave it around like the waves. But watch carefully because when Moses holds up the staff it's time to split right here down the middle!"*

⇒ **Gather the Israelites group on one side of the water. Pick a Moses and give him the staff. Narrate the story.**

- *"Alright Israelites. I am going to pick one person to be Moses. Here is the staff. Hold it carefully! Now, let's tell the story!"*
- *Moses was the leader of God's people. Hi Moses! God used Moses to lead His people out of Egypt and away from the mean pharaoh. When God told Moses to lead the people toward the Red Sea, Moses and God's people had a choice to make. Should they do what God said or do what they thought was best? What did they do? (Pause.) Yes, Moses and God's people did what God said and went to the Red Sea.*
- *Ok water time to start making waves! Oh, no! The Red Sea was too big to cross, and Pharaoh's army was coming! That's when God did something amazing! God made a dry path right through the Red Sea for Moses and all of God's people to walk on. Moses! Hold out your staff! Water let's make a path down the center! Walk across Israelites!*
- *After Moses and all of God's people were safe on the other side of the Red Sea, God made the waters close. Yay, God!"*

⇒ **Repeat rotating children through the different roles as time allows and then Bring it Back to the Bottom Line.**

- *"Wow! God knew what was best for Moses and His people the whole time! And God knows what's best for you and me, too!"*
- ***Who knows what's best for you?***
- ***God knows what's best for me!"***

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## **ACTIVITY #2**

### *This way or that way*

**SUPPLIES:**

Finger pointer, floor tape (*taped in two long lines on opposite sides of the classroom*)

### **What You DO and SAY:**

⇒ **Have children stand on one of the lines on one side of the room.**

- *"Friends, today in our true Bible story we learned about going God's way. When we have to choose to go this way or that way, we want to make sure we are choosing God's way! Because God knows everything! He knows what's best for you!"*
- **Who knows what's best for you?**
- **God knows what's best for me!**

⇒ **Hold up the special pointer finger.**

- *"We are going to play a game with my special this way that way pointer finger! I want everyone to stand on this line. I am going to use my pointer and give you a special direction. I want you to listen to my direction and follow it exactly. When I tell you a direction, I want you to go all the way across to the other line."*

⇒ **Give a series of directions while pointing the finger pointer.**

- *Walk this way!*
- *Hop that way!*
- *Skip this way!*
- *Bear walk that way!*
- *Crawl this way!*
- *Walk sideways this way!*
- *Etc.*

⇒ **Continue as long as children are interested.**

⇒ **Complete the activity and Bring it Back to the Bottom Line.**

- *"Moses told God's people to trust God and not be afraid. God knows what's best for us. God will make a way. Then God told Moses to stretch his staff over the sea. So Moses did what God said, and God made a way for His people!"*
- *God knows what's best for me. God knows everything.*
- **Tell me, who knows what's best for you?**
- **God knows what's best for me!"**

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## ACTIVITY #3

### *Pass the Staff Memory Verse*

**SUPPLIES:** Pool noodle, cd player, kids worship cd

#### What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have children join you in the center of the room in a circle.**
  - *"Friends, come stand in a circle with me. Let's say our memory verse together. 'God...knows everything.' 1 John 3:20. Wonderful job!*
  - *Now looks at this! This is a staff! We will pretend it's like the one Moses had. Let's pass it around the circle while the music plays. When the music stops, whoever is holding the staff will say the memory verse!"*
- ⇒ **Have children pass the staff around the circle while the music is playing. When the music stops, have the children say the verse. Have everyone join in and help if the child is struggling.**
  - *"Ready? Here we go! Pass the staff.*
  - *Stop! Ok let's hear the memory verse – 'God...knows everything.' 1 John 3:20.*
  - *Great work! Here comes the music...let's keep passing!"*
- ⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to the Bottom Line.**
  - *"That was fun! In our story, Moses told God's people to trust God and not be afraid. God knows what's best for us. God will make a way. Then God told Moses to stretch his staff over the sea. So Moses did what God said, and God made a way for His people!*
  - *God knows what's best for me. God knows everything.*
  - *Tell me, **who knows what's best for you?***
  - ***God knows what's best for me!"***

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## READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY SEPTEMBER WEEK 2

### PASS OUT MOON SAND

### READ

⇒ *The Red Sea*, The Beginner's Bible, p. 111

### REVIEW *(You may choose to pass out stickers as kids answer!)*

⇒ Key Question and Bottom Line

- **Who knows what's best for you?**
- **God knows what's best for me!**

⇒ Memory Verse

- **"God...knows everything." 1 John 3:20**

### CONNECT IT AND PRAY

⇒ "We know that what God tells us to do is best because God knows everything. Let's make a list of some things God tells us to do. We can use our list when we pray. Hmm. What are some things God tells us to do?" (Help, share, love, pray, forgive, use gentle hands) When I say your name, **tell me one thing God tells us to do.**

- *Have each child share and write the ideas down on the board/paper.*

⇒ Wow! This is a great list! Let's use it when we pray. Let's fold our hands and bow our heads and **pray**: "

- "Dear God, We know You love us. A LOT! That's why we can trust that You always know what's best for us. You know what's best for (name each child). Help us do what You say, like when You tell us to . . . (read the list the children made). We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."