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Where were the Israelites living in slavery? How did God get the Israelites across the Red Sea?

Read more about it in Exodus 14

A Bible Tale

With God's Help, Moses Parts the Red Sea

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God appeared to Moses and told him to go to Egypt. He wanted Moses to tell the pharaoh to release the Israelites from slavery.

God brought 10 plagues on Egypt through Moses to persuade the pharaoh to release the Israelites. But the pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he refused to let them go.

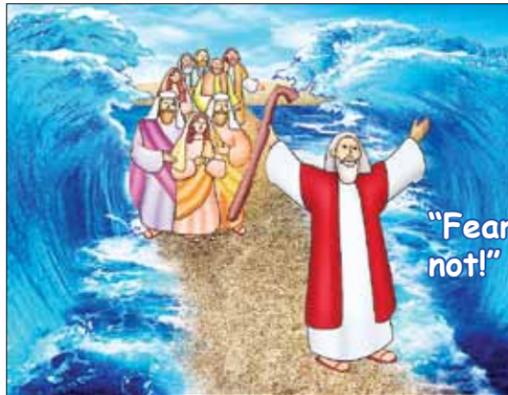
When one of the plagues resulted in the death of his son, the pharaoh, in his grief, set the Israelites free.

God led the Israelites out of Egypt toward the Red Sea. He appeared to them as a column of cloud in the day and a column of fire at night.

Just before they arrived at the Red Sea, God spoke to Moses.

"I will so harden Pharaoh's heart that he will pursue them," God said. "Thus I will receive glory through Pharaoh and all his army, and the Egyptians will know that I am the Lord."

When the pharaoh received a report that the Israelites had indeed left, he



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tians coming for them, they were terrified.

Moses calmed them.

"Fear not!" Moses said. "Stand your ground, and you will see the victory the Lord will win for you today."

God told Moses to lift up his staff over the Red Sea. Moses did, and God sent a strong wind that blew all night and parted the water. The Israelites began to walk across the dry land, and there was a wall of water on each side of them.

Just before dawn, the Egyptians chased the Israelites into the dry seabed. God slowed their chariots, making it hard for them to move.

The Israelites made it safely across while the Egyptians were stuck in the middle of the dry seabed. God told Moses to lift his hands, and the walls of water came crashing back together over the Egyptians.

When the Israelites saw that none of the Egyptians had survived, they believed in God and his servant, Moses.

Bible Trivia

After their escape from Egypt, how long were the Israelites wandering in the wilderness?

40 years

changed his mind. He realized that he had freed all of his slaves, and he wanted them back.

The pharaoh readied his chariots and his army, and they took off to capture the Israelites and bring them back to Egypt.

When the Israelites saw the Egyp-

Puzzle

Below is a list of the 10 plagues God brought upon Egypt. Number them in the order in which they occurred. Look in Exodus chapters 7-11 for hints.

- ___ frogs
- ___ locusts
- ___ darkness
- ___ death of the firstborn
- ___ pestilence
- ___ hail
- ___ water turned into blood
- ___ flies
- ___ gnats
- ___ boils

Answers: water turned into blood; frogs; gnats; flies; pestilence; boils; hail; locusts; darkness; death of the firstborn



Hearts Head South to Peru

DIOCESE—Heart to Heart doesn't end when you send in your decorated hearts and your donation.

Everything has to get to Peru before it can help students there with school supplies.

This year Bishop Daniel Turley of Chulucanas, Peru, visited with Bishop David Malloy of Rockford on June 20 to receive your gifts.

Bishop Turley said he would pack all of this year's hearts, along with money for school supplies, in his luggage for his trip back to South America.

While he was in Rockford, Bishop Turley also gave Bishop Malloy a handcrafted coverlet, called a *cobija* (pronounced co-bee-ha) in Spanish.

And Bishop Malloy presented



(Junior Observer photo/Amanda Hudson)

Sharon Boehlefeld, Cathy Vendemia, Bishops Daniel Turley and David Malloy

a check from the diocese to help support Bishop Turley's diocese in Peru.

Cathy Vendemia, president of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, and Sharon Boehlefeld of The Junior Observer turned over the decorated hearts and a check for \$4,276 to Bishop

Turley.

The Lent Heart to Heart campaign has been going on for 17 years and will continue next Lent. It's a special way for children like you to give alms — loving aid — to the children of Chulucanas, Peru.