

Chapter 14

Not long after the Israelites left Egypt
Pharaoh again changed his mind.

He decided to catch the Israelites
and make them return to Egypt.

The Israelites were near the edge of the Red Sea
when they saw the Egyptians approaching.

The Israelites cried out in fear
but Moses said to them "Do not be afraid.
God will do the fighting for you."

God then told Moses to stretch out his staff over the sea.
After he did so, a strong wind blew all night
and caused the waters to part.

Then the Israelites walked through the sea on dry ground,
with walls of water on both sides.

The Egyptians gave chase and also went into the sea.

When the Israelites had crossed to the other side
Moses again stretched out his staff over the sea
and this time the sea returned to its normal flow,
drowning all the Egyptians.

The people offered thanksgiving and praise to God.

Dear God, please rescue people in trouble,
just as you rescued the Israelites
when they were in trouble