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ABCs of Salvation

A—ADMIT

Admit to God that you are a sinner.
Repent, turning away from your sin.
Read Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23; Acts 3:19.

B—BELIEVE

By faith receive Jesus Christ as God's Son.
Accept Jesus's gift of forgiveness from sin.
Read John 3:16; John 14:6; Acts 4:12;
Romans 5:8; Ephesians 2:8-9; John 1:11-13.

C—CONFESS

Confess your faith in Jesus Christ as
Savior and Lord. Read 1 John 1:9;
Romans 10:9-10,13.

If you are choosing right now to believe Jesus died for your sins and to receive new life through Him, pray to God, calling upon Him alone to be your Savior and Lord.

After you have received Jesus into your life, share your decision with another person. Follow Christ's example by asking for baptism by immersion in your local church as a public expression of your faith (Romans 6:4; Colossians 2:6).





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STORIES FROM THE WILDERNESS

Memory Verse

I will . . . be your God, and you will be my people.

Leviticus 26:12



SEPTEMBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4 LABOR DAY	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 PATRIOT DAY	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 FIRST DAY OF FALL
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

CROSSING THE RED SEA



Read Exodus 13:17–14:31 in your Bible.

God sent Moses to Pharaoh. “Let God’s people go worship Him,” Moses said.

“No way,” Pharaoh answered.

So God sent awful plagues to show His power. Finally, after every firstborn son in Egypt died, Pharaoh said: “Go! Get out of Egypt. Go worship your God. Take all your people. Take all your animals. Take everything you own. Just go away!”

So the Israelites quickly gathered their things. They left Egypt.

God led the Israelites. By day they followed a pillar of cloud. By night they followed a pillar of fire. They went along the wilderness road to the Red Sea. And there they camped.

Then Pharaoh changed his mind. He went after the Israelites. He gathered hundreds of soldiers. They used the king’s best horses and chariots. They caught up with the Israelites at the Red Sea.

The Israelites were afraid. They cried to God for help. Moses told them: “Do not be afraid. God will fight for you. After today, you will never see the Egyptians again.”

God told Moses: “Get the people ready to move. Raise your walking stick and hold it over the sea. The water will divide. The people will walk across on dry ground.”

Then God moved the pillar of cloud and fire between the Israelites and the Egyptians. It kept the Egyptians away from the Israelites all night long.

Moses stretched his walking stick over the sea. God sent a strong wind that blew the water apart. A wall of water stood on each side of a dry path through the sea. The Israelites began to walk across to the other side.

The Israelites got safely to the other side. The Egyptians started to follow them. God told Moses: "Stretch your walking stick over the sea again. The water will drown all the Egyptians."

Moses obeyed. All the Egyptian soldiers died.

The Israelites saw God's great power. They feared Him and believed in Him.

BIBLE VERSE

WRITE THE VERSE IN YOUR OWN WORDS.

*Fear God and keep
his commands.*

Ecclesiastes 12:13

Who Did It?

Read each question. Draw a line from each question to the picture that correctly answers it



- Who saw God's power?
- Who believed in God?
- Who thought God was awesome?
- Who respected God?
- Who obeyed God?
- Who depended on God?



THE BIBLE AND MY LIFE

The Israelites feared God. To *fear God* does not mean you are afraid of God. It means you worship, respect, trust, obey, and remain loyal to Him.

Amy Shows Respect

“I like the way this dress fits me,” Amy said. She looked in the mirror and smoothed her skirt.

Amy’s friend did not like it. “Your clothes look too old-fashioned,” she said.

“How?” asked Amy.

Amy’s skirts came to her knees. She did not wear low blouses.

“You do not show enough of your body,” said Amy’s friend. “People today like to see skin.”

“I do not want to show too much skin,” said Amy. “I dress this way to show I respect God. He does not want me to tease men with the way I dress.”

Amy’s friend answered: “That is no fun!”

“I have a lot of fun,” Amy replied. “But I am careful where I go and what I do. I want to honor and obey God in everything I do. I like the way I dress and live.”

Show Your Fear

How will you show you fear God? Trace around each circle that tells a way.



**I will
depend
on God.**



**I will
show
respect
for God.**



**I will
obey
God.**



**I will
worship
God.**



**I will be
loyal to
God.**

MY DAILY BIBLE READINGS

DAY 1

Read Exodus 14:31. Why did the Israelites fear God and believe in Him? Why do you fear God and believe in Him?

DAY 2

Read Ecclesiastes 12:13. Ask three people to tell you what it means to fear God. Write their answers.

DAY 3

Read Ecclesiastes 12:13. One way to show you fear God is by keeping His commands. List God's commands you obeyed today.

DAY 4

Read Ecclesiastes 12:13. You show you fear God when you are loyal to Him. Talk with your family about what it means to show loyalty to God.

DAY 5

Read Ecclesiastes 12:13. If you fear God, you trust Him. What do you trust God to do?

DAY 6

Read Ecclesiastes 12:13. When you fear God, you worship Him. Get ready for worship at church tomorrow. Lay out everything you need tonight so you can be relaxed, calm, and ready in the morning.

Study the songs the Israelites sang to worship God. Read Exodus 15.

This Week's Prayer List

Get Ready for Next Week's Bible Study

Read Exodus 15:22–17:7 before going to your Bible study group.