

# ANYBODY UP FOR A MIRACLE?

Bring it on,

**MONDAY**

Be ...

**spunky**

**So, here's the story ...**

The Lord told Moses to have the people of Israel camp next to the sea. For Pharaoh will say of the people of Israel, 'They are wandering in the land; the wilderness has shut them in.' And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and he will pursue them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, and the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord." And they did so.

The king of Egypt made ready his chariot and took his army with him, and he pursued the people of Israel. All Pharaoh's horses and chariots and his horsemen and his army overtook them encamped at the sea.

When Pharaoh drew near, the people of Israel feared greatly and they cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, "What have you done to us in bringing us out of Egypt? It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." And Moses said to the people, "Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the Lord, which He will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to be silent." The Lord said to Moses, "Lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the people of Israel may go through the sea on dry ground. And I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they shall go in after them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, his chariots, and his horsemen. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord."

**Read the story for yourself in Exodus 14**

**Take it to God**

Each time you pray, make sure you thank God for all He's done for you, as well as what you are praying that He will do in the future.

Groovy, it's

**TUESDAY**

A.M.

Noon

P.M.

Eve



**FRIDAY**

*Finale*

**God said make a path for His chosen ones**



**WEEKEND**

*Woo Hoo!*

**Sat.**

**Sun.**

The parting of the Red Sea is mind-boggling, for sure, but even moreso when you realize just how many people were cutting across the ocean floor. According to a census taken of the Israelites after the exodus, there were more than 600,000 fighting-age men in the group (all the guys 20 years old and older). This number, as you can see, does not even include all the women and children. It stands to reason, by scholar estimates, that the whole group could have numbered 2.5 to 3 million people. So the Bible tells us in Exodus 14:21, "And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the Lord caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made

the sea dry land, and the waters were divided." Now, I know we're doing some math here, but track with me for a minute. For the Israelite people to manage to get across the Red Sea in a single night, I read about 5,000 people would have to walk side by side (We're talking about a mile-wide path), nonstop, to accomplish it by the first light of the morning (Exodus 14:27) when the waters crashed down on the Egyptian army. When you think of all the signs and wonders the Israelites saw, between the plagues before they left Egypt and the incredible escape through the Red Sea, I cannot imagine what else God could possibly need to do to prove Himself.

*Did you know?*

**Did you know that in the Bible it says God is unchanging? "For I the Lord do not change; ..." (Malachi 3:6). In Hebrews 13:8 it also says Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever. So, if He is always the same God he was then, is still the same now, and will be the same for all time, wouldn't it make sense that He can (and is willing to) still do miracles today? You better believe it.**

# So, let's wrap it up



Vicky's  
VIEW

Okay, it's just crazy and exciting once you go digging around in the Bible and researching the things written in it. What I'm about to explain to you is one of those interestingly fun facts that shows me a little peek into God's character and maybe His sense of humor. To do that, we are going to have to go back a little before the parting of the Red Sea — back to the part where God served a reminder that He's the one true God.

Remember Moses was sent to rescue God's chosen people, who were at that time slaves of the Egyptians?

Moses has a history with Egypt (You can read his story, starting in Exodus 1). As you know, Moses was sent by God to deliver the Israelites from the hands of the Pharaoh.

He would go and try to convince Egypt's leader to

let his people go, but the king would not give in. Each time Moses came to negotiate their release. Each time Pharaoh refused. Between Exodus 7 and 11, plague after plague was sent to show Pharaoh just who he was messing with. We're talking rampant swarms of bugs, boils, disease, and death.

These were not just random acts of annoyance. Each plague was a specific insult to the Pharaoh, because they were each a direct poke in the eye to an Egyptian god. Egyptians had a lot of gods they worshipped. Like a challenge, God thumbed His nose at 10 of them, proving He was the real deal — and more importantly, they were not. Check it out:

1.) Exodus 7:14-25

The River Nile turned into blood, showing all, including Hapi, the Egyptian god of the Nile, that God is the

Lord.

2.) Exodus 8:1-15

A plague of frogs hit the scene. Now, I can't help but laugh on this one, because apparently when you look up the Egyptian goddess of fertility, Heket, her face looks just like a frog (on purpose, because the frog is a symbol that represents fertility).

3.) Exodus 8:16-19

Next comes the plague of lice. The Egyptian god Geb was ruler of the earth (in terms of farming) as in soil and dust.

4.) Exodus 8:20-30

The next plague was swarms of flies. The Egyptians' god Khepri was a scarab-faced god representing creation and the rising of the sun (its movement).

5.) Exodus 9:1-7

It was clear that Hathor, a goddess of protection (among other things) didn't come to the rescue to stop

a plague that caused all the cattle, horses, oxen, sheep, etc., to die.

6.) Exodus 9:8-12

Likewise, the goddess of healing, Isis, could not end God's plague of boils on the Egyptians and their animals.

7.) Exodus 9:13-35

The goddess of the air, Nut, was useless against a massive hail storm.

8.) Exodus 10:1-20

Locusts came next. Set, the god of chaos, too, was powerless to act.

9.) Exodus 10:21-29

Even the sun god Ra couldn't bring out the sun during the darkness God unleashed for three days.

10.) Exodus 11:1-10

In this one, God turned Pharaoh's own spoken edict onto himself. Pharaoh ordered the first-born Israelites to die, but instead, the Egyptian ones did.

*Ponder this:*

**Do you or does someone you love need a miracle?**

*Something good that happened this week was:*

*Time to take charge of your life:*

(Fill in the blank)

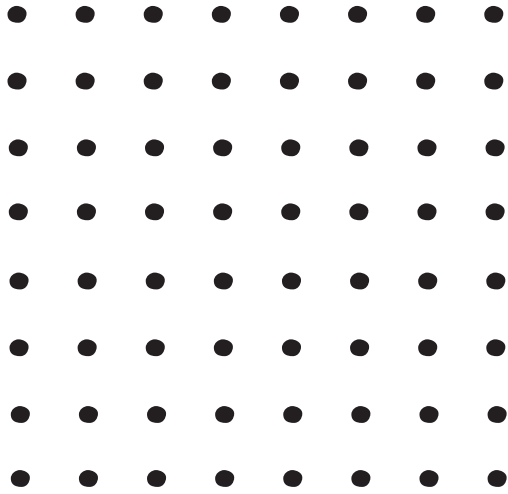
**has been bugging me lately, bringing me down. What can I do to change that? Do I need help from someone else? Who?**

*Let's read:*

**Exodus 14**

# Claiming the promised land

To play, connect two adjacent (next to each other) dots. Take turns with your opponent. If you complete a square, you get another turn. The one with the most squares at the end of the game wins.



You are ...

enough

# Matthew 7:7

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- EGYPTIANS
- SEA
- WATERS
- PHAROAH
- RED
- CROSSED
- CHARIOTS
- DRY
- STRETCH
- HORSES
- DIVIDED
- DEPTH
- ISRAEL
- LAND
- FLEEING
- MOSES
- MIDST
- OVERTHREW

# Delight

# Wandering the wilderness

Make your way along the words to make a sentence. Your journey will form one single path. You can only go north, south, east, or west and the path must never cross over itself. Start at the northwest corner and finish at the southeast corner.

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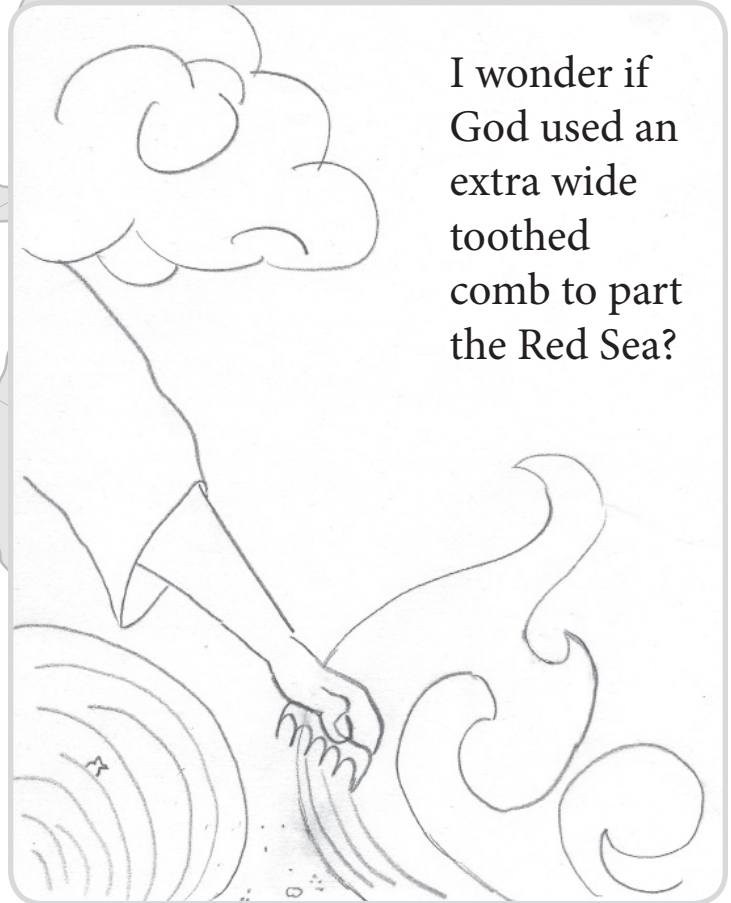
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I wonder if God used an extra wide toothed comb to part the Red Sea?



# Design

Draw how God parted the Red Sea, making a way of escape for His people. Don't forget to add what happened to the Pharoah and his army.

