

Week 8 Family Letter

God Saves Us from Our Enemies: Crossing the Red Sea

(Exodus 14)

God's people were trapped. They were cornered! On two sides were rocky cliffs. Behind them was the mean king, Pharaoh. He was coming after them! In front of them was the Red Sea. It was much too large and dangerous for the people to swim across. What would they do?

God was with His people. He told Moses to hold out his staff. When he did, God blew a strong wind that pushed the water out of the way! God's people could walk across dry land. Hooray! God showed His people the way out. He saved them from their enemies, the king of Egypt and all his soldiers.

God is with us too. He saves us from our enemy, sin. God takes sin away from us, just like He took Pharaoh away from the children of Israel. Our sins are washed away through Baptism. With God leading us, we never need to fear. He will guide us to safety.

Bible Words

[Jesus said,] "I am with you
always."

Matthew 28:20

Dear Family,

Do you ever feel cornered? You're talking with a group of friends, and they start gossiping about someone else. Don't you have to join in to still be a part of the conversation? Someone just cut right in front of you in traffic without signaling! Don't you have to react by yelling a bad word? Your child just dumped out a container of food all over your kitchen floor. Don't you have to react by screaming and threatening? What else are you going to do?

Just when you feel like you don't have any other options, God steps in. He's always there with you, in the midst of your situations, but He intervenes to save you from sin through Christ. When we are baptized, our sins are washed away. Sure, we still sin each day, but sin no longer controls us. Baptism gives us a new life—every day.

We're not slaves to sin, just like God's people were no longer slaves to the Pharaoh. Let your child color in the sandy, dry ground to remind them that God provides ways out. He saves from sin. The next time your child frustrates you, remember that he or she is also a baptized child of God, saved from sin. Each day is a new day, full of forgiveness and new paths where God leads. Read the story on page 110 of *The Story Bible* together.

