

# Wandering and wondering

Have you heard the phrase 'as the crow flies'. It means going direct, in a straight line, by the shortest route. The aim is simply to get to your destination as soon as possible. The opposite is 'taking the scenic route' which means taking your time and visiting special or interesting places along the way. The aim is to enjoy and learn through the journey.

God doesn't always choose the most obvious way to get us to where we need to be. The people of Israel despaired when he brought them to the edge of the Red Sea, but he then led them safely through. They then had to spend a further 40 years wandering in the wilderness before God felt they were ready to arrive at their eventual home—called the promised land. They had to learn to be patient, to trust God and to follow where he was leading them, and not 'go their own way'. The same is true for us.

**Game:** Set up a short obstacle course for your family to attempt. Now take it in turns to be a leader. The leader will attempt the course and the followers must then try to copy the way that they do it. What parts were easy/difficult and why?

**Story:** [Moses parts the Red Sea](#) - Teaching kids about Jesus

**Song time:** [My God is so big](#) - Go Fish Guys

**Craft:** Make this 3D picture using the cut outs and instructions on the attached sheet.



**Prayer time:**

Loving God - you know what is best for us.

You know what we still need to learn.

Help us to follow where you lead and to trust you however long the journey may be;

and help us to see what may seem to be setbacks or stumbling blocks as opportunities to grow and develop in new ways. Amen.

**Song time:** [God will make a way](#) - Don Moen

**Activity:** Red C, Red Sea! - BibleWise sheet attached

Print the following sheet and also find a sheet of light brown and blue paper, A4 size.

Carefully cut out the people and Moses shapes and colour in the clothes. Make sure that you leave the tabs attached so that you can glue them to your base.

Prepare the sea by following the instructions below.



start with your blue sheet like this.



fold blue paper in half and cut into two pieces



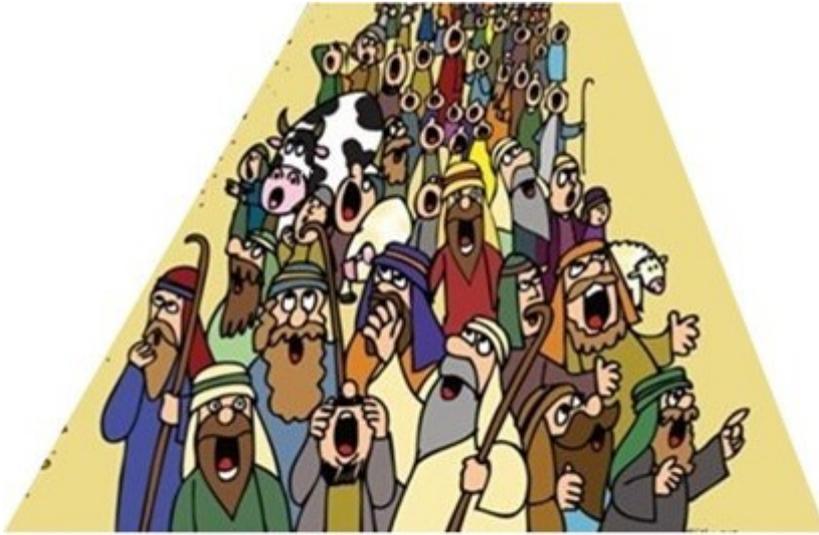
make a fold on each piece about 2cms from the longer edge.



now cut lots of strips up to the fold all the way along.

Wind the strips around a pencil to help them to curl. Now finish off by sticking all the pieces together like this.

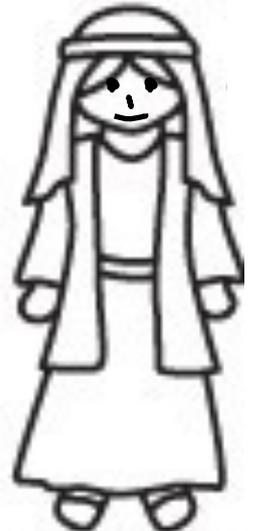




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**God Will Make a Way**

# Red C, Red Sea!

**God's People  
Cross the  
Red Sea**  
—Exodus 14

Use a red crayon or marker to color every box containing the letter "C."  
Transfer the leftover letters in order, row by row, to the spaces below to find out  
what Moses told God's people when it was time for them to cross the Red Sea.

C	D	C	O	C
N	C	O	C	T
C	B	C	E	C
A	C	F	R	C
C	A	C	I	D