

Gem Seeking

LITTLE GEMS STORY

Parent/Teacher Preparation:

Please see the [Instructions for the Little Gems Story](#) on the YMTOI website. This will help you to understand how to prepare for the story.

Beshalach – Bye, Bye Mitsrayim

Shalom children! Are you ready to listen to a new adventure? Now that the Yisra'elites are no longer in Mitsrayim, it is their turn to see how much they will trust Yahweh. Let's see if their faith was strengthened by watching His hand do such awesome miracles while protecting them from the plagues.

The Yisra'elites followed the instructions carefully and did all they needed to do to observe the first Passover in history. Early the next morning, Yahweh told them it was time to hit the road. So they gathered their things, such as the unleavened bread and flocks and herds, and started out on their long journey. **(Place Yisra'elites, Mosheh, animal herd and unleavened bread on board.)**

In order that they would be able to know which direction to go, Yahweh created the first GPS. In fact, it was cooler than that. It was a YPS. Get it? Yahweh Positioning System. Okay, maybe not, but just like your parents trust their GPS to give them directions when they are traveling, all the Yisra'elites had to do was trust Yahweh. In the daytime, Yahweh guided them in a pillar of cloud, and at night when it was dark, He guided them in a pillar of fire. **(Place pillar of cloud and sun on board. Place pillar of fire and moon on board.)**

Meanwhile, back at the palace, Pharaoh changed his mind again. **(Place Pharaoh on board.)** He was so furious about losing his son that his fear of being wiped out by Yahweh turned to anger, and he changed his mind about letting them all go. He was determined to wipe the Yisra'elites off the earth.

Now, I am not sure how long they had been traveling, but they kept following the pillars and then Yahweh had them set up camp by the sea. **(Place water and tent on board.)** He knew that Pharaoh's army would catch up to them and think they had won when they saw that the Yisra'elites were trapped and couldn't escape because of the sea. But this was the way Yahweh had chosen to make it known once and for all to the Mitsrites that He was the only Elohim. So the Yisra'elites stopped to camp by the sea.

Meanwhile, Pharaoh had been busy getting his huge army — 600 chariots to be exact — ready to go after the Yisra'elites. **(Remove Pharaoh and place Pharaoh's chariot and Pharaoh's army on board.)** It didn't take them long to catch up to them since they had the chariots and the Yisra'elites were walking. Well, when the Yisra'elites saw Pharaoh's army coming, you'd think they would be like, "No worries, Yahweh will fight for us!" You'd think they would think that, but no, they got scared.



They saw the sea in front of them and Pharaoh's army behind them, and they panicked and started complaining and crying and whining. **(Place scared emoji on board.)** They wished that Mosheh had left them alone, even though they had been miserable as slaves. Oh brother, it looks like their faith wasn't strong enough yet. Mosheh told them to hush and sit tight, because Yahweh would take care of them. He was going to deal with Pharaoh's army, and the Hebrews would never ever see them again.

Yahweh told Mosheh to lift his rod towards the sea and split the sea in half, so that the Yisra'elites would be able to just walk across on dry ground. Pharaoh's army would be fooled into thinking that they could cross also, but that was NOT going to happen. So Mosheh lifted his hands, and an east wind blew all night and made the sea split in two. **(Place east wind behind them and another water piece next to the first one to create a split in the sea.)** In the morning, the Yisra'elites looked, and there was a wall of water on each side, and down the middle was dry land for them to walk on!

The Yisra'elites started walking forward on the path of dry land. It took them a while to get across, but Yahweh moved His pillar of cloud behind them to shield them from Pharaoh's army. **(Move Yisra'elites to the middle of the sea and place pillar of cloud behind the people.)** At night, the pillar of fire would still guide them. Wow, can you imagine the scene? Just think—the same east wind that brought the locusts to eat up all the plants in Mitsrayim is now splitting the sea for the Yisra'elites to go across.

(Move Yisra'elites, Mosheh and animal herd to the other side of the water. Place Pharaoh's chariot and Pharaoh's army in the middle of the water.)

Pharaoh's army tried to cross in the morning, but Yahweh was watching. First, He made the wheels on the chariots come off. Pharaoh's army were terrified, because they knew that it was Yahweh who had done this. They tried to turn and run away. But Yahweh told Mosheh to lift up his arms again towards the sea, and the sea closed down on top of Pharaoh's army. **(Close the water pieces on top of Pharaoh's chariot and Pharaoh's army.)** All Pharaoh's army that had chased after the Yisra'elites died that day. At last the Yisra'elites recognized how great Yahweh is, and saw that Mosheh was really His messenger. It certainly took them long enough, don't you think?

After all that happened, Mosheh dedicated a song to Yahweh, praising the wonders of Yahweh. It is such an amazing song that we still sing it today. Children, do you know the song Mi Chamocho? Can you sing it with me? Then Miryam, Mosheh's sister, took out her timbrel **(place Miryam and dancing ladies on board)**, which is like a tambourine, and she led all the other ladies to dance for Yahweh. Man, I bet that was the biggest praise team ever! Can you imagine all those voices singing and all those instruments playing? What a joyful noise to Yahweh!

Well children, we have come to the end of our story for today. We will see you next week for another exciting Little Gems story!

