



# The Impossible Place

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*This idea for this lesson is based on a sermon preached by my Pastor who just happens to be my brother! Children will learn they can trust God to do the impossible.*

## You Tube Song Suggestions:

- Pharaoh Pharaoh (Jason Whitfield)
- Nothing is Impossible (Planet Shakers)
- No One Greater (ChristianLyric101)

## Bible Lesson: The Parting of the Red Sea

Bible Reference: Exodus 14:5-31; Psalm 77:16-20;

*Illustrations for this Bible story are available from Free Bible Images. I've added some extra suggestions for the introduction.*

### **Suggested illustrations:**

1. The word 'Impossible'
2. Isaac Newton and the apple
3. Picture of space
4. Moses, Pharaoh, plagues
5. Pharaoh and his chariots
6. Children of Israel 'trapped'
7. Moses calming them
8. Moses stretching out his rod
9. Israelites walking through the Red Sea on dry land
10. Pharaoh's chariots stuck and soldiers panicking
11. Red Sea back in place

### **Suggested words:**

1. Do you know what the word 'impossible' means?  
Impossible means 'not able to occur, exist or be done'.  
Can you think of some things that are impossible?  
Here's one. It is impossible to walk through rock!  
(Ask the children to come up with impossible ideas)

2. When God created our world He put into place laws that rule it.  
For example, our world obeys the law of gravity that was discovered by Isaac Newton, when he wondered why apples always fall straight to the ground, and not sideways or upward!
3. The wonderful thing about our God is He is Omnipotent.  
That means He is all-powerful.  
He has supreme power and can do what He likes.  
So, although He put laws in place, He is not subject to them.  
He has limitless power over everything from subatomic particles to black holes!  
Doesn't that make you feel confident?  
Today's story is an epic example of God, using just some of His supreme power, to save His people!
4. Because God had heard the cry of His people.  
They had been slaves in Egypt for 430 years.  
So He sent Moses to tell the Egyptian Pharaoh to 'Let my people go, so that they may worship Me.'  
Pharaoh refused to listen.  
God sent plagues upon them.  
*(Time permitting, you may like to recap the story, with the children's help)*  
Finally, Pharaoh said, 'Up! Leave my people, you and the Israelites!'  
God led the Israelites around by the desert road toward the Red Sea.
5. When Pharaoh heard the Israelites had left, he and his officials changed their minds.  
'Why did we let them leave? Why did we let them run away? Now we have lost our slaves.'  
So Pharaoh took 600 of his best chariots, along with all the other chariots of Egypt.  
And Pharaoh chased the Israelites.
6. When the Israelites saw Pharaoh and his army coming toward them, they were very frightened and cried to God for help.  
They said to Moses, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt? Did you bring us out here in the desert to die?'  
They saw Pharaoh and his army on one side, and the Red Sea on the other.  
They were trapped.  
Where was the way of escape?

7. Moses answered, 'Don't be afraid! Don't run away!  
Stand where you are and watch God save you today.  
You will never see these Egyptians again.  
You will not have to do anything but stay calm.  
God will do the fighting for you.'  
Moses did not know how, but he knew God would!
8. God told Moses, 'Raise the rod in your hand over the Red Sea, to divide the water so the Israelites can go through the sea on dry land.  
I have hardened the hearts of Egyptians so they will chase you.  
And I will gain glory through Pharaoh and all his army, chariots and horsemen.  
of his horses and chariots.  
The Egyptians will know that I am Lord.'
9. Moses raised his hand over the Red Sea, and the Lord caused a strong wind to blow from the east.  
The wind blew all night long.  
The sea split and the wind made the ground dry.  
The Israelites went through the sea on dry land.  
The water was like a wall on their right and on their left.  
The Israelites went through the sea on dry land.
10. Then all of Pharaoh's chariots and soldiers followed them into the sea.  
The Lord jammed the wheels of their chariots so they had difficulty driving.  
The Egyptian soldiers shouted, 'Let's get out of here!  
God is fighting against us.  
He is fighting for the Israelites!'
11. God told Moses, 'Raise your hand over the sea to make the water fall and cover the Egyptians and their chariots.'  
The water rushed back to its proper level.  
The Egyptians were running as fast as they could from the water but the army was destroyed.  
None of them survived.  
The Israelites saw the great power of God and they respected Him and they respected Moses.

## Ministry to the Children:

When you find yourselves in an impossible place with no way of escape you can call out to God. Remember, He is all powerful and nothing is too hard for Him. You might not know **how** He will save you but you know He **will!** You must trust God to do the impossible. God loves you that much.

*(Prayer for children going who feel they are in an impossible place.)*

It was because of His great love for you that He sent His son Jesus to earth to die in your place for every wrong thing you've ever done. Because the wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. *(Romans 6:23)* When Jesus died, people thought it was the end. He was in an impossible place...a tomb. But God raised Jesus from the dead putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power. *(Acts 2:24)* Wouldn't you like to belong to an all-powerful God like that? You can! By asking Jesus to forgive you of your sin. Thank Him for dying in your place. Receive Him into your life today!  
*(Prayer for salvation.)*

## Memory Verse: Jeremiah 32:17

Oh, Lord God, you made the skies and the earth with your very great power. There is nothing too hard for you to do.

### Power Shot

#### You will need:

- 2 large, soft balls or basketballs
- 2 Basketball hoops or large, clean rubbish bins
- Two teams
- Memory Verse on a screen or wall to read it aloud

#### What to do:

- Recite the Memory Verse aloud together until children can remember it
- Take the Memory Verse away
- Form two teams lined up in front of the hoop or bin
- Each child needs to recite the verse correctly
- If he or she does they can shoot the ball
- If he or she doesn't get it right they go to the end of the line  
(Team mates help each other to learn the verse)
- Which team can get everyone through, reciting the verse, and correctly throwing the ball through the hoop or in the bin?

## Game: Red Rover

Two teams line up opposite each other, no more than 10 metres apart.

The first team agrees to call one player from the opposite team, and chants, 'Red Rover, Red Rover, send (player's name) on over!'

The child called runs to the other line and attempts to break the chain (formed by the linking of hands). If the child called fails to break the chain, this child joins the team that called Red Rover. But, if the child successfully breaks the chain, he may capture either of the two players whose link was broken by the dash, and bring them back to his original team.

Teams take turns calling out Red Rover and challenging a child on the opposing team.

The objective of the game is to end with the most players on your team by maintaining the integrity of your chain. The game ends when all the players end up on one side.

## Craft: Fizzing Apple Art

Use a science experiment to make a colourful apple painting.

You will need:

- Large apple cut-outs from white paper
- Coloured food dyes
- Baking soda and water solution
- Citric acid solution (or coloured vinegar)
- Paint brushes and containers

What to do:

Make baking soda paint which is just soda and water mixed together.

(Slowly add water to 2 tablespoons of baking soda until you make a solution that is not too watery)

Paint the apple cutouts with the baking soda paint. Don't make the apple too wet!

Make several cups of colored citric acid solution (1 tablespoon of citric acid + 2.5 tablespoons of water + 1-2 drops of food color).

When the baking soda paint is still wet, children dip a paint brush in coloured citric acid solution (or the colored vinegar) and paint it on the apple cutout. It will start to fizz! Allow time to dry.