

*Twenty-eighth Sunday after Pentecost*  
*Luke 14, 16-24*



## LAMENTATIONS — EZEKIEL

How lonely sits Jerusalem! How like

— a widow

— a corpse

— an old friend

— an enemy

The roads to Zion mourn, for none come to the

— funeral pyre

— appointed feasts

— day of gladness

— courts of justice

Jerusalem sinned grievously, therefore she became

— outstanding

— happy

— beautiful

— filthy

Behold my suffering; my maidens and my young men have

— deserted the Lord

— sung hymns of joy

— gone into captivity

— danced before Osiris

The Lord has cut down \_\_\_\_\_ all the might of Israel.

— in mercy

— with compassion

— in fierce anger

— with sadness

Our inheritance has been turned over to

— friends

— strangers

— brothers

— good men

The word of the Lord came to Ezekiel in the land of the

— Greeks

— Romans

— Philistines

— Chaldeans

Vision of four living creatures, each with four faces and

— four feet

— seven hands

— four wings

— seven swords

Beside each living creature, a wheel within

— a wheel

— an altar

— a cart

— a throne

Before he speaks to Israel, Ezekiel is instructed to eat

— bread

— four fish

— a scroll

— seven candlesticks

Ezekiel is made a \_\_\_\_\_ for the house of Israel.

— prince

— leader

— counselor

— watchman

Ezekiel is brought in visions of God to

— Jerusalem

— the Nile

— Rome

— Athens

In a vision, Ezekiel saw four wheels beside the

— rivers

— angels

— cherubim

— dead bodies

a widow  
appointed feasts  
filthy  
gone into captivity  
in fierce anger  
strangers  
Chaldeans  
four wings  
a wheel  
a scroll  
watchman  
Jerusalem  
cherubim

## Lamentations & Ezekiel



# Crossing the Red Sea

This action story helps children understand how God saved the children of Israel from Pharaoh (Exodus 14:1-31).

## MEMORY VERSE

"The LORD saved Israel." — Exodus 14:30

## PREPARATION

Preferably this game should be played on carpet or grass. Cut or tear long strips of newspaper (or other paper) about 3 inches wide. Tape the strips together to make one long strip that will stretch from one side of the room to the other. Repeat. Tape one strip to the floor near one end of the room. Lay the other strip on the floor, parallel to the first, about 6 inches away. You will also need a small stick or a pencil.

## HOW TO PLAY

(Have the children pretend that the newspaper strips are a river.)

Here is a river. It is a very little river. Can you jump across it? *(Let the children try. Widen the distance between the strips a few inches and have them try again. Continue until no one can jump over it.)*

The river is too wide to jump over. *(Widen the river even more.)* Now the river is even wider. How can we get across?

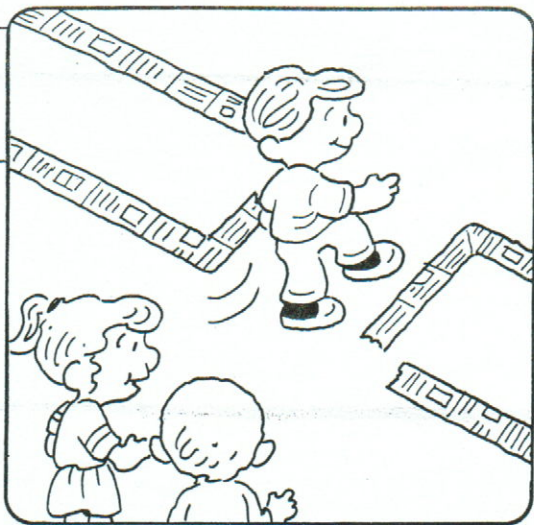
*(Suggest a few ways and have the children act them out: if the river is shallow, step across on stones or wade across. If the river is deep, swim across or row a boat over to the other side.)*

*(Tell the Bible story dramatically. Hold the small stick or pencil until it is needed.)*

One day the children of Israel came to the Red Sea. It was much wider than a river. *(Move the newspaper strips as far apart as possible.)*

They had to get across the Red Sea, because mean old Pharaoh and his soldiers were chasing them. Pharaoh wanted them to be his slaves. Let's pretend we're the Children of Israel, and we want to get across the Red Sea.

Can we jump across the sea? No, no, no! It's much too wide to jump across.



Can we walk across on stones? No, no, no! The water is too deep to walk across on stones.

Can we wade across? No, no, no! The water is too deep to wade across.

Can we swim across? No, no, no! The sea is too wide to swim across.

Can we row a boat across? No, no, no! We don't have a boat.

What can we do? I know! We can trust God to help us. That's what we can do.

*(Give the stick to a child. Explain that he will pretend to be Moses.)* God said, "Moses, lift your rod over the Red Sea." *(Have the child raise the stick.)*

Look! The water is becoming a wall on this side and on that side. *(Tear one of the newspaper strips and bend it back to form one wall. Do the same with the other.)*

Now there is dry land in the middle for us to walk on! Hurry, before Pharaoh and his soldiers come after us! *(Hurry to the other side of the sea.)*

Oh, look! — Pharaoh and his soldiers are coming across, too! Stretch your rod over the waters again, Moses. *(Have the child raise the stick.)*

God has made the waters come together again. *(Bend the newspaper strips back to their original positions.)*

Pharaoh and his soldiers can't get across. We are all safe. Let's thank God. Thank you, God, for taking care of us.