

CROSSING THE RED SEA



Passages to Study: Exodus 13:17-22; 14:1-31.

Read with the class: Exodus 14:19-31.

Texts for memorization:

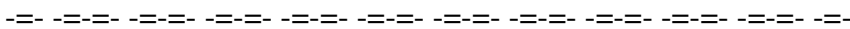
Younger: Heb.11:29 "By faith they passed through the Red sea as by dry land

Older Heb. 2:14-15. (Christ Jesus came) "that through death he might destroy him ... " etc.



OBJECTIVES: To show

- 1.That God wants to free His creatures from the power of Satan.
2.The importance of faith to believe and act upon what God has said.
3.That there is an enemy of souls that never rests in his attempts to ensnare them.
4.That the work of Christ on the cross means life for those who believe and condemnation for those who do not believe. 2 Cor. 2:15, 16.



SCENE No. 1. Desert countryside, where guided by the cloud, the Israelites abandon Egypt.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE LESSON:

- It was God's power that had freed the Israelites from the slavery Pharaoh had imposed upon them. Apl. Every sinner is a slave of Satan. Sug. Talk with the students about what a slave does and how he lives. The teacher may know about some young people trapped by drugs, emotions, vices, etc., which will serve as an example of what slavery is. - Through the blood of a substitute which has been shed, a road is opened to freedom for Israel. Apl. Freedom from the power of Satan is possible, thanks to the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. - The Israelites had to respond in faith and leave Egypt, taking advantage of the freedom that had been obtained. Apl. It is necessary to put our faith in the work of Christ in order to enjoy the freedom He obtained for us. - If any Israelite had stayed behind, it would have been because he wanted to do so, thus losing the opportunity to gain his freedom. Sug. Stress that the Israelites needed to obey the word of God through Moses in order not to miss the way. True obedience is complete obedience. - The cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night assured the people of the constant presence of the Lord. Apl. The Lord guides His own today through His Word, through the Holy Spirit in us and through the counsel of spiritual persons. Apl. The Israelites left all behind never to return. They took only what was necessary to begin a new life in dependence on God for the future. Lsn. It is important to teach that salvation brings liberty which means an end to the former life. Behind are left practises, possessions, projects and plans which will be replaced by a new kind of life where the interests of God prevail.

