

# Cliffhanger: The story isn't over



First, watch this week's video at

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Grit: Refusing to give up when life gets hard

### Memory Verse

"Let us not become tired of doing good. At the right time we will gather a crop if we don't give up."  
Galatians 6:9, NIV

### Bible Story

Israel Goes Through the Red Sea  
Exodus 13:17-14:31

### Bottom Line

Hold on because God is still in control.

Use this guide to help your family learn how God can help us have grit.

## Activity

### Story Order

#### What You Need:

paper, scissors; bowl

#### What You Do:

Print off or write down the following phrases. Then, cut out each one individually, fold them, and put them in a bowl.

Have your child open and read aloud each part of the story from today. Then challenge them to put the story in order. If you want to make it even more challenging, set a timer for 90 seconds to see how quickly they can order the story. Story order:

- "Let my people go!"
- "Yes, please leave!"
- Pillar of cloud by day
- Pillar of fire by night
- The Red Sea
- Pharaoh and his chariots
- Moses with his staff
- The Red Sea parts
- The Israelites walk through the Red Sea

When your child has the right order, congratulate them and say, "You know what the best part of this story is? That God was with the Israelites during each and every minute of what they were going through. No matter how things might have looked, God was always in control."



## Talk About the Bible Story

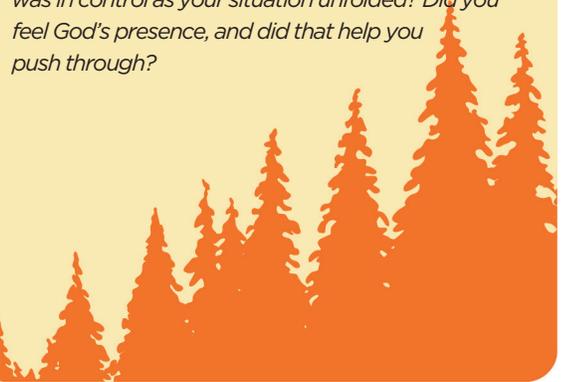
If you had been the Israelites, would it have been easy or hard to believe that God was in control?

Do you feel as if God is in control of your life? Why or why not?

What helps you when you feel out of control?

What are some things you can say or pray to remind yourself that God is always in control?

*Parent: Share a story of a time when you felt like life was out of control. Were you able to see how God was in control as your situation unfolded? Did you feel God's presence, and did that help you push through?*



## Prayer

Use this prayer as a guide, either after talking about the Bible story or sometime before bed tonight:

"God, I love knowing that You are in control. When I try to control my own life, it ends up a mess. When I let You be in control, it always turns out best for me. When things get hard, help our family to remember to hold on because You are in control. In Jesus' name we pray, amen."