



# Everyday FAITH Family Page

## Old Testament 2

### Law/Gospel

The waves of this sinful world surge around me and drain me of life. **The waters of Holy Baptism wash me clean of sin and grant me life eternal.**

### Bible Words

Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD.  
Exodus 14:13

### Just Joking

*Who was the best mathematician in the Bible?*

Moses, because he wrote the book of Numbers.

## Crossing the Red Sea

Exodus 13:17–15:21

**A**fter the death of his firstborn son, after releasing the Israelites, Pharaoh changed his mind again. His army and charioteers pursued the Israelites and found them camped by the Red Sea.

The people cried out to the Lord and to Moses for help. Moses said, “Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD. . . . The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to be silent” (Exodus 14:13–14).

At God’s command, Moses stretched his hand over the sea, and the waters parted. The Israelites walked through on dry land!

The Lord caused the wheels of the mighty Egyptian chariots to clog, bind, or fall off. The Egyptians tried to run. But the Lord told Moses to stretch out his hand again, and the sea covered the Egyptians.

St. Paul identified the cloud as a kind of Baptism, saying the people “were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea” (1 Corinthians 10:1–2). They emerged from the sea as new people, saved from slavery.

God saved us by water and His Word too. From the waters of Baptism, we emerge as new people, saved from the slavery to sin, death, and the devil. In Baptism, God makes us His people and gives us faith in Jesus our Savior, the chosen One of God.

### By the Numbers

In the second year in the wilderness, God told Moses to count the fighting men, ages twenty and older. Moses found 603,550 men (Numbers 1:46), not counting the Levite tribe, whose men were set aside as priests.

If we add Levites, younger men, women, children, and men too old to fight, Bible scholars estimate as many as two million Israelites left Egypt in the Exodus. Just think about that dust trail!

### Prayer

*Lord Jesus, protect and help us when we face danger. In Your name we pray. Amen.*