

Fun Fish – Toddlers in COLOUR

Session 5: Don't Complain - BLUE – That Sea Splits

Memory Line: "Be kind to each other." (Ephesians 4:32)

Welcome:

Theme Song: to the tune of Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star

Twinkle, twinkle, little star. God loves you just as you are.

Up above the world so high. Like a diamond in the sky.

Twinkle, twinkle, little star. God loves you just as you are.

Colour and Topic:

Blue is everywhere. Blue eyes. Blue sky. Blue water. If you take a plastic bottle half-full of water and shake it up, it makes waves inside. If you stop shaking, the waves stop. Complaining is like making waves. Try doing something about what you don't like. Don't just complain.

Bible Story – That Gigantic Sea (Exodus 13-14)

Puppets, dolls, soft toys, or dressed-up wooden spoons

Moses and his walking stick

King

Soldiers

God's people

Materials needed: (feel free to replace the items with what you already have)

A blue cloth draped over a chair for a chariot

Sea

Tents

2 plastic cups (Gently tap them together. They make a lovely horse sound.) (If you have many plastic cups, you could hand them out to the children, and they can help you make the tapping sound of many horses' hooves.)

Reflective Time (interactive):

What do you complain about? Washing your face? Brushing teeth? These things are good. How can you remember to stop complaining? Review the memory line and remember that whenever you see the colour blue, don't complain.

Short Prayer: "Dear God, help us not to complain. Help us to do what is good. Amen."

Sing a song

"Toddlers in COLOUR" card for this session:



Story 5: A Pile of Sea - (Exodus 13-14) BLUE

It was time to rescue God's people from the king. Moses went to the palace once again. He had his walking stick. "Please let God's people go."

The king sighed. He couldn't take those bugs anymore. "Okay!" he said.

Moses bowed and then he ran to God's people. "Pack up! The king says that we can leave. God is taking you home!"

The people packed. "We're going home," they sang.

They travelled all day. They camped that night by a gigantic sea. They set up tents. They were finally free!

But while God's people laughed and danced. The king changed his mind. He stomped and shouted. He complained. "Why did I let them go? Who is going to do my work. NOT ME!"

He jumped onto his beautiful BLUE chariot. His army jumped on their horses. They rode fast in the dark, dark night. "Come back!" they shouted.

God's people heard the shouts. They heard the horses' hooves. "We're trapped!" they cried. "The sea is here. The king is there."

"Don't be afraid," Moses said. "God will fight for you."

Then God told Moses what to do. "Moses, hold your walking stick over the sea." Moses did, and the wind started blowing. It blew all night. The sea piled up. It made a path at the bottom of the sea.

"LOOK!" Moses shouted early the next morning. "Follow me!"

He ran down the path. God's people ran too. The king tried to follow, but his BLUE chariot got stuck. How the king howled. How he complained, "Come back! Who is going to do my work? NOT ME!"

But Moses didn't listen. The people didn't listen. They crossed to the other side and Moses raised his walking stick. The sea went back. SWOOSH!

God's people stared. They danced and sang. They were finally free.