

Lesson 7

Sept. 18th

# Family Devotion

## “God’s Plan For My Enemy”



### Watt’s Up:

“God Will Put My Enemy Under My Feet!”



### Power Verse:

“The Lord is my strength and my song; he has given me victory.”

- Exodus 15:2

For this devotion, you will need a bowl of water, small paperclips, a toothpick, and liquid dish soap. Beforehand, fill the bowl with water and let the water settle. Take a paperclip between your thumb and pointer finger and carefully lay it flat on the surface of the water. *(This may take a little patience, and some paperclips seem to sink no matter what you do.)\** After you get four or five paperclips to float, place a toothpick in the middle of the water.

Bring in your children and show them the bowl. Tell them the toothpick represents the Israelites and the paperclips represent the Egyptians. Read Exodus 14:21-30 and discuss the miracle God performed to save the Israelites. Then have a child take the bottle of dish soap and squirt some into the water in different places. The paperclips should start to sink, but the toothpick will float.

Discuss the following questions:

- How was this experiment like the story we read in the Bible?
- Does it seem possible that putting soap in the water would cause some things to sink but let other things continue to float?
- God does impossible things to protect us from our enemies. Can you think of some reasons why? *(The obvious answer is because He loves us, but He also does it to show Himself to the world, which then might lead other people to believe in Him.)*

Pray with your children, asking God to help you see how He works miracles in your lives. Thank Him for keeping you safe from your enemies.

\* If you simply can't get any paperclips to float, use black pepper instead. When you add the soap, the pepper will scatter to the edge of the bowl. Don't put the toothpick in the bowl, however, because it will go to the edge, too. Tell your children that the pepper represents our enemies and that God can cause our enemies to flee.