

FAMILY FAITH

Chapter 10: God Takes Care of His People

God is faithful. He takes care of His people.

Chapter Summary

God freed His Chosen People from slavery through the waters of the Red Sea. Despite the fear and doubt of the Israelites when faced with the great Egyptian army, Moses trusted in the Lord. God performed the great miracle of parting the Red Sea and set the Israelites free from Egyptian slavery. The crossing of the Red Sea foreshadows the waters of Baptism, which save us from slavery to sin. When the Israelites were journeying toward the Promised Land in the desert, God also miraculously provided bread from Heaven called manna and water from a rock when the people were hungry and thirsty. These Old Testament miracles foreshadow the Eucharist and Baptism, which help us today on our journey to Heaven, our true Promised Land.

More for Parents

God is in control, but He sometimes asks us to wait until the very last minute before He demonstrates that! Why does He allow us to experience what the Israelites did—the oncoming Egyptian army or near starvation in the desert—before He manifests His saving power? It appears it is important for us to see time and again that God will never abandon us, even when all hope seems to have disappeared from the situation. Instead of maneuvering to remedy the situation apart from God, we are asked to wait for Him and work with Him. When we do, we find that He will provide in magnificent ways!

Virtue in the Family

Parents are leaders in the faith. Oftentimes, parents feel unprepared or inadequate to lead their children in the spiritual life. This is certainly not the case! Parents receive a unique authority from God to pass on the faith to their children. Nobody, no matter the person's background, has the capacity to teach children the faith as effectively as their parents. The easiest way to begin is with prayer, repentance, and living an example of virtue.

Leading in Faith

- Prayer activity
 - Pray this prayer as a dialogue. Parents, recite the first part of each line and have your children respond with “we believe in You” each time:
 - Parents: “God the Father, . . .” Children: “we believe in You.”
 - Continue: “God the Son, . . .” “God the Holy Spirit, . . .” “God most loving, . . .” “God most powerful, . . .” “God most merciful, . . .” “God most holy, . . .” “God most patient, . . .” “God most wise, . . .” “God most glorious, . . .” “God our refuge and our strength, . . .”
 - Conclude by praying the Glory Be together.
- God provided the Israelites with miraculous food and drink each day to supply their daily needs. Work to provide the daily needs of others by donating food for a soup kitchen or homeless shelter.
- Does your family say grace before each meal? Try to remember to say grace before every meal to remind yourself that God provides for your daily needs.

Vocabulary Words for Your Children to Review

- **manna**
- **prophet**

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