

May

# Reason to Praise God

## 1. Welcome & Opening

“How has God blessed you?” Take turns sharing your stories.

## 2. Praise God will make a way

## 3. Prayer

## 4. Scripture Reading

### Exodus 13:17-22

<sup>17</sup> When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them on the road through the Philistine country, though that was shorter. For God said, “If they face war, they might change their minds and return to Egypt.” <sup>18</sup> So God led the people around by the desert road toward the Red Sea. The Israelites went up out of Egypt armed for battle... <sup>21</sup> By day the LORD went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so that they could travel by day or night. <sup>22</sup> Neither the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night left its place in front of the people.

### Exodus 14:13-14

<sup>13</sup> Moses answered the people, “Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the LORD will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. <sup>14</sup> The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still.”

### Exodus 14:21-25

<sup>21</sup> Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the LORD drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided, <sup>22</sup> and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. <sup>23</sup> The Egyptians pursued them, and all Pharaoh’s horses and chariots and horsemen followed them into the sea. <sup>24</sup> During the last watch of the night the LORD looked down from the pillar of fire and cloud at the Egyptian army and threw it into confusion. <sup>25</sup> He made the wheels of their chariots come off so that they had difficulty driving. And the Egyptians said, “Let’s get away from the Israelites! The LORD is fighting for them against Egypt.”

## 5. Video Viewing

## 6. Reflection & Sharing

When Israelites left Egypt and crossed the Red Sea God has shown His Glory, saved them with grace from Egypt with love. After experiencing God’s grace and love, Israelites were able to worship and praise him. We also must praise him. Why our God is the one who should receive our praise?



## 1) God who leads is worthy to be praised

- Q Which way did God lead the people? (Exodus 13:17-18)
- S God led Israelites in different way than they expected. When God leads us, His purpose is not simply about moving from here to there. Although we doubted and complained, but let’s share an experience when we felt God’s perfect guidance.

## 2) God who is glorious is worthy to be praised.

- Q What does God say in an urgent situation where the Egyptian army pursued them? (Exodus 14:13-14)
- S When Israelites saw Egyptians pursued them, they were terrified, so they cried out to the Lord. Then God’s respond was, “Fear not. The battle is not yours. Stand firm and see the salvation of the Lord.” God wins the battle that can’t be won by people and through the victory God has revealed his Glory. Let’s think about and share some of the problems that we struggle with and who we can stand firm and pray to see God’s glory?

## 3) God who saves is worthy to be praised.

- Q One of the most important stories in the bible is crossing the Red Sea. (Exodus 14:21-25)
- S God led the Israelites to cross the Red Sea and destroyed Egyptian Army. Faithless people faced judgement of death by water. On the other hand, faithful people were saved from the judgement. Salvation is God’s authority and grace. What part of your life has changed the most since you were saved? Do you have any prayer topics for the salvation of your family members?

## Wrap Up

Saved people will be praising God. What you cherish is bound to be praised. Do you value the God of salvation? Nothing can compare with God.

### Pray Together

1. Please give our family the blessing of salvation and let it be a home that praises God.
2. Please help our missionary supported by our community group.

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