LESSON PLAN

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Lesson Number: 164

Grade Level: 4-6

Title: God Taught Me a Lesson (Guidance)
Text/Story: Exodus 13:17-22; 14:19-31
Main idea: God has promised to instruct those who look to Him for guidance.
Key Verse: Psalm 32:8

Time	Activity	Description
	Pre-Lesson Treasure Hunt	• Hide a bag of goodies some place on church premises (not in areas where other classes will be disturbed); along with the goodies, attach a piece of paper with the key verse on it or another message related to the lesson • Draw a map or write a series of directions that will lead the hunters to the treasure • Divide the class into two teams and provide each team with the map/ directions; set out rules and boundaries • When the treasure is found, discuss the key verse or message and draw a parallel between the treasure hunt and our pursuit of heaven: our map or guide is God's word
	Lesson Exodus 13:17-22; 14:19-31 Story Sequencing	• Review the story using flannelgraph, pictures, chalk drawings, etc, • Read parts of Exodus 13 and 14 together or in groups • Discuss how impossible it was for the children of Israel to escape from the horses and chariots of the Egyptians if it were not for God's guidance • Provide each student with the story sequencing sheet, a plain letter-size paper, scissors and glue • Help students to sequence the story in correct order
	Post-Lesson List	• Provide each student with a piece of paper and a pencil • Ask students to list down some decisions they must make now or in the future (e.g., type of friends to have, whether to try out for hockey or football, where to attend high school, etc.); list about 6 • Have them number these decisions from the most important to the least important to them right now • Ask volunteers to share their list; if not share some of your own • Conclude by telling them that they can bring these to the Lord and have Him help them in their decisions

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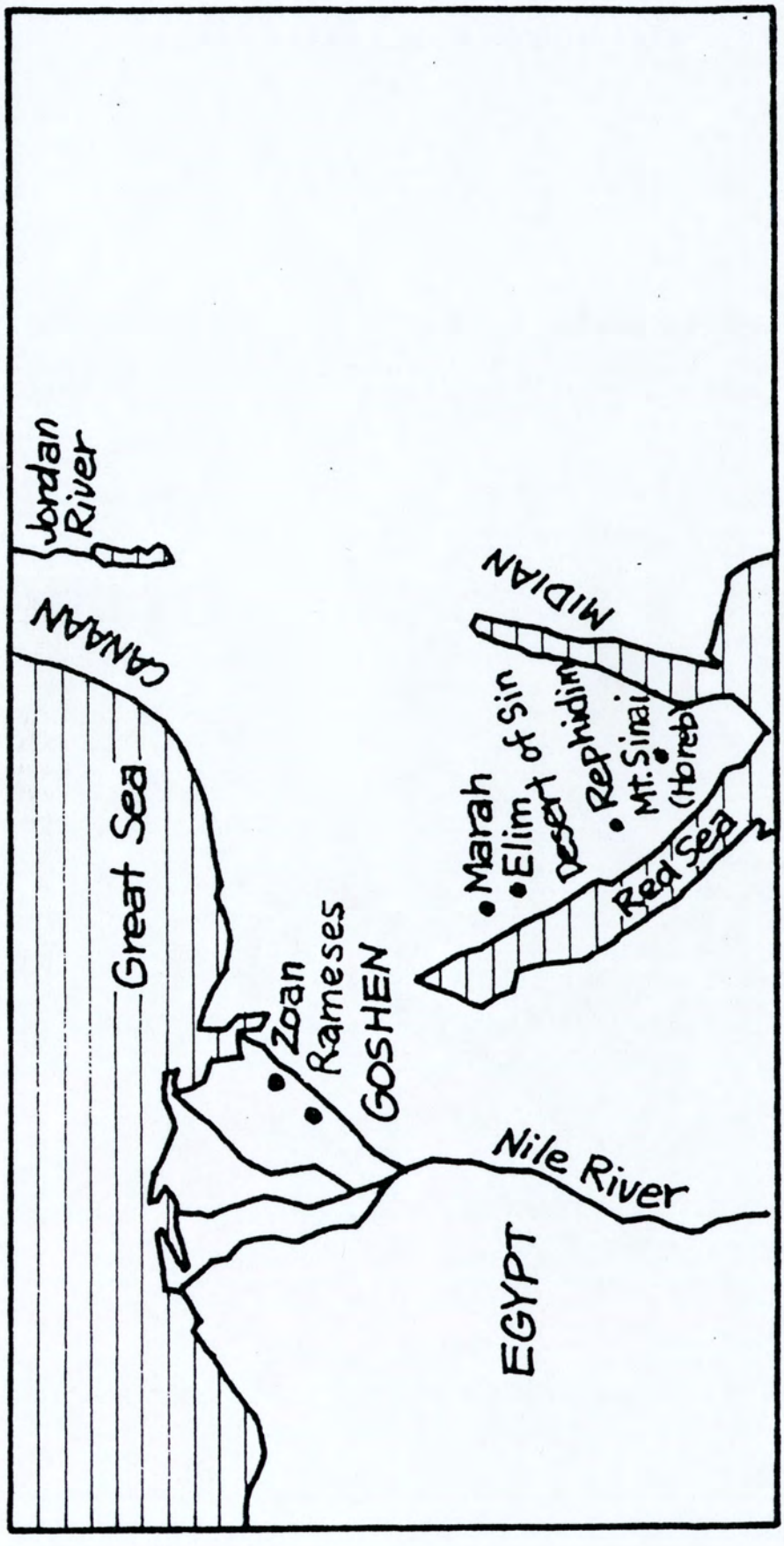

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Story Sequence

Read the story in Exodus 13:17-22; 14:8-9, 19-31. Cut each strip out and glue all strips in correct sequential order on another sheet of paper provided.

Moses stretched forth his hand again and the waters returned and covered Pharaoh's chariots and horsemen. None of them survived.
The Lord took the wheels off of the Egyptian chariots.
Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea.
God led the people through the way of the wilderness of the Red Sea
The children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon dry ground.
The Lord went in front of them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light.
The Egyptians pursued and went in after them to the midst of the sea.
Pharaoh lets the children of Israel go.
And the Lord caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided.
The angel of God and the pillar of cloud stood between the camp of the children of Israel and the camp of the Egyptians.
God hardened the heart of Pharaoh and he pursued after the children of Israel with horses and chariots

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Guidance

- Make a construction paper "detour" sign. Compare the detours we must take during road construction to the detours God takes us on; there is a reason for both. Just as the Children of Israel did not understand their routing through the wilderness, even so we often do not understand the direction our lives seem to be going. However, God's ways are higher than our ways (Is 55:9) and all things do work together for good (Ro 8:28). Regardless of how many detours it appears we are taking, as long as we follow God's signs we will reach our final destination - heaven.

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EXODUS 13:17-22; 14:19-31

1. Verse 17 indicates that God didn't lead the Children of Israel in the most direct route to the Promised land.
   Why not?_____

2. Why does God sometimes lead us in a way that we don't understand?_____

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3. Philippians 4:7 says the PEACE of God passeth all understanding and shall keep our hearts and minds through Christ.

   Can we safely say that if we have God's PEACE, we don't need to understand?_____

4. In Proverbs 3:6, God promises that He will direct our paths. What does the first part of the verse say we must do to claim this promise?

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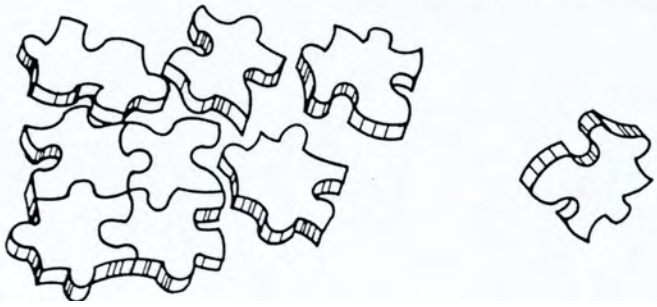
THOUGHT PROVOKER: IN THE PUZZLE OF LIFE, WE ARE ONLY GIVEN A PIECE AT A TIME, BUT GOD SEES THE WHOLE PICTURE AND FITS THE PIECES TOGETHER PERFECTLY IF WE LET HIM!