

# ELEMENTARY DISCUSSION GUIDE

## CHARACTER TRAIT: CONSISTENCY

## DEFINITION:

Constantly following God and His Word

## MEMORY VERSE:

"You have charged us to keep your commandments carefully. Oh, that my actions would consistently reflect your decrees! Then I will not be ashamed when I compare my life with your commands." **Psalm 119:4-6**

## FINISH LINE:

God is consistent even when we are not

## READ: EXODUS 14

### WHAT DOES IT SAY? (OBSERVATION)

1. What stopped the Israelites from escaping? *(The Red Sea)*
2. How did the Israelites respond when they saw that Pharaoh was chasing them? *(They panicked. They thought it would be better if they were slaves in Egypt.)*
3. What did Moses try to remind the people of in verses 13-14? *(He reminded them who God is and to stand firm because God was going to fight for them and rescue them.)*
4. How did God show His power? *(His cloud protected them from the Egyptian army in verses 19-20. He parted the waters of the sea so Israel could walk on dry ground in verse 21. He drowned their enemies in verse 27.)*

### WHAT DOES IT MEAN? (INTERPRETATION)

1. Look at verse 4. Does it sound like God had a plan and knew what He was doing? Why do you say that? *(He knew Pharaoh would chase after them because of his hard heart, but He also knew that He was going to gain glory for Himself through what He was about to do.)*
2. Does it sound like the Israelites were trusting God? Why? How were their actions not consistent? *(They worshipped God when things went well, but they doubted Him when things were hard and they did not understand God's plan.)*
3. Did God's faithfulness depend on Israel's actions? How do you know? *(No, even though Israel was inconsistent, He rescued them because He loved them.)*

### WHY DOES IT MATTER? (APPLICATION)

1. Do you think you could ever do something that would make God change His mind about being faithful to you? If your actions are not consistent, will God stop keeping His promises? Why do you think that? *(God will never stop loving you and He will always keep His promises, no matter what.)*
2. If we are not consistent, could there still be consequences for our actions? *(Yes, sin often has consequences even if we ask for forgiveness.)*
3. What consistent truths about God can you remind yourself of when you are tempted to doubt God or want to go your own way? *(Hint: look at verses 14:13-14, 31 for some examples.)*