

Freedom Blessing

A couple of years ago we looked at the Exodus story over several weeks. Deborah and the children made a huge fabric map showing Egypt and the Red Sea and added to it each week as the story progressed. My abiding memory is of watching Obi Wan Kenobi leading the motley crew of Israelites across a shiny blue fabric sea away from the Egyptian army led by Darth Vader and Long John Silver (we used Joel's Lego people to act out the story). We even have a video the children made called Obi Wan Kenobi crosses the Red Sea! You can find it on the Multimedia page. But more seriously, we did learn lots about Egypt and visited the Egyptology section of our local museum and reflected on the story from the perspective of both the Israelites and the Egyptians. We ended the series with the story of Joseph which coincided with the celebrations of 200 years since the end of slavery, so we did quite a lot of reflecting on what freedom looks like.

Freedom is not the parting of the waves in a howling gale
but the gentle breeze playing on our skin.

Freedom is not the crushing of enemy lines
but everyone joining together in song.

Freedom is not the claiming of a separate land
but the creating of a multi-cultural community.

Go with us as we share our songs
Go with us as we share our dance,
Go with us as we share our bread and wine
Join with us as together we create your promised land!

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