



Splitting the Red Sea

- There are two teams – one of just two people (Team A) and one of everyone else (Team B)
- Team B lines up in two lines facing one another – they take 20 steps back so that they are far apart.
- Team A steps in-between the two lines of Team B
- One member of Team B has a ball, and they start off an awesome game of monkey in the middle with the other side of Team B.
- Team A tries to intercept the ball.
- Every time Team B catches the ball, they get to take one step into the middle. Every time there is an interception by Team A, Team B needs to take a step back.
- The game is over when Team B meets in the middle (they are the winners!), or 5 minutes go on without Team B meeting (Team A are the winners!)

After playing a round or two the facilitator should bring everyone into a circle, and connect the game to the story of the splitting of the sea by either reading the text below, paraphrasing the story, or asking a participant to recap the story of the splitting of the sea. (You can highlight that like Moses; Team A needed to raise their hands above their heads to stop the sea from coming in)

Text: But Moses said to the people, “Have no fear! Stand by, and witness the deliverance which the LORD will work for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you will never see again. The LORD will battle for you; you hold your peace!” Then the LORD said to Moses, “Why do you cry out to Me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. **And you lift up your rod and hold out your arm over the sea and split it**, so that the Israelites may march into the sea on dry ground. And I will stiffen the hearts of the Egyptians so that they go in after them; and I will gain glory through Pharaoh and all his warriors, his chariots and his horsemen. Let the Egyptians know that I am LORD, when I gain glory through Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen.”
(Exodus 14:13-18)

Ask the participants what they thought of the game: Was it hard or easy? Was it simply fun, or also stressful? Would they have been nervous or stressed to be Moses in this story?

Then ask the participants if they know what happens after this story (answer: Israelites wander for 40 years). Explain that getting through the red sea is just a quick solution to the leaving of Egypt, so in this scenario G-d and Moses act as First Responders. Show them the fire extinguisher on the Hineni poster and ask them to reflect on times they acted as problem solvers in the moment.