Path Through the Red Sea Project

The east wind is usually a destructive force in the Word. In this story, the east wind is a Divine force that blows away false thinking (the Red Sea), and opens a new path toward heavenly life. The angels experience the Lord's Divine love as a gentle breeze. However, when the Lord's love descends into hell the evil spirits experience it as a fierce tormenting wind because it blows against their selfish and worldly loves (see *Arcana Coelestia* 7679). Children create a project where their breath is like a wind that can blow away selfishness, opening a path toward heaven.

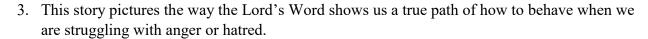
Materials Needed

Path Through the Red Sea page brown or yellow crayon blue water-based paint drinking straw

Directions

- 1. Have you ever been out on a windy day? Or harness the wind to fly a kite? In what ways can wind help us? (wind energy) When is wind destructive? (e.g. strong winds can topple trees, blow sand away, etc.)
- 2. In today's story the Lord did an amazing miracle by means of an east wind.

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 - The wind blew so hard all night long that it opened a path through the Red Sea. The water stood like a wall on each side of a path so the children of Israel could walk through the sea on dry ground.



- 4. Use a brown or yellow crayon to create a path by coloring inside the two lines of the *Path Through the Red Sea* page (on next page). Take time to cover as much of the path as thickly as you can.
- 5. Each of us chooses a path in life. The Lord wants us to follow the path in His Word to heaven. We are not born as angels; we are born so that we can *become* angels, and we do this by running away from bad choices and making good and true choices.
- 6. Put some a spoon of blue liquid water-based paint on the crayoned path of life. Use a straw to blow the paint of the path, like the east wind, painting a wall of water on each side of it.



You Will Show Me the Path of Life Psalm 16:11