Art Extra - **The Red Sea**

**Wax Paper Melts**

Kids make wax paper melts to remind them that God makes miracles happen.

**Supplies:**

**•** Newspaper

**•** Cheese graters

**•** Vegetable peelers

**•** Old crayons

**•** An old iron

**•** Ironing board

**•** Wax paper

**•** Shallow bowls

**•** Scissors (including edger scissors)

**•** Permanent markers

**Set-Up:**

Cover the worktable with newspaper. Use the cheese graters or peelers to make small pieces of the crayons for melting. Practice the wax paper/crayon melt technique to determine the iron setting.

**Instructions:**

**In the story of the Red Sea, a miracle happened! Who remembers what that miracle was?** *(Moses parted the sea and the Israelites crossed safely.)* **Do you think the Israelites were surprised?** Allow all answers. **I would be! For today's art project, we are going to create our own liquid-like miracles. Let's get started!**

1. Show kids how to grate or peel crayons into the shallow bowls.

2. Once kids have enough crayon shavings, help them cut two identically sized sheets of wax paper.

3. Direct them to lay one piece of wax paper on the newspaper-covered table and sprinkle the shavings on it, creating cool shapes and designs with the shavings.

4. When kids are satisfied with their designs, have them cover the crayon shavings with the second piece of wax paper.

5. Ask kids to place a thick layer of newspaper over their work.

6. Help each kid to press firmly over his or her work with a warm iron. Hold the iron in place until the crayon shavings are melted.

7. Show kids how to lift a corner of the newspaper to check and make sure the wax is melting evenly, then remove the newspaper to see the final design.

8. Invite kids to use the edger scissors to cut a scalloped design or other design around the edges of the fused wax paper to finish their art.

**Look at your miracle designs! You can use your wax melt as a placemat or maybe even hang it in a sunny window where the sun will shine through the paper. Whenever you look at your art, remember that God makes miracles happen!**

If you have less time . . .

Precut the wax paper and make the crayon shavings before the kids arrive. Have kids finish the project as above.

If you have more time . . .

Instead of cutting simple square-shaped sheets, have kids cut their initials or full names out of wax paper, then finish the project as above.