

In our story last week, Moses led the children of Israel from Egyptian bondage. We follow them this week through the events that happened after they left. The people were complainers and did not seem to appreciate what God was doing for them. The children will learn how to be grateful for the blessings they have from God.

The Trip Moses Leads the Israelites Out of Egypt

As God directed Moses to lead the Israelites out of Egypt, He guided them by a cloud during the day and by a pillar of fire at night.

The pharaoh changed his mind about letting his slaves go, so he sent an army to capture the Israelites. He caught up with them at the Red Sea shore. But God pushed back the waters and made a path on dry land. The Israelites passed through the walls of water to the other side, but when the Egyptians tried to come through, God caused the walls of sea water to fall on them. The Egyptians drowned, but God's people were saved.

As the Israelites traveled through the desert, they began to complain about their food. So God sent food from heaven. In the morning he sent sweet flakes of bread called "manna". Each day the people gathered only enough food for that one day. God sent new food every day. When they asked for meat, quail covered their camp and they were able to catch the birds for food.

The Israelites once camped at a place where there was no water. They complained to Moses. The people and the cattle were very thirsty. Moses asked God what to do, and God told him to take his walking stick and hit the rock. When Moses did this, lots of cool water poured from the rock! The people had all they wanted.

The story of the Israelites leaving Egypt can be found in the Old Testament in the book of Exodus, chapters 14-16.

Memory Verse

Do all things without complaining and disputing,
that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God
without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation,
among whom you shine as lights in the world..

Philippians 2:14

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