

Bible Story 11: MOSES - PART 3: GOD'S PROTECTION AND PROVISIONS AFTER LEAVING EGYPT

SCRIPTURE: EXODUS 13:17-22; 14:5-7,15-16,21-31; 15:1-2,13,22,26-27; 16:2-4,12,31;
17:1-6; 18:1,5-11,14,19-27; 19:1-2

MEMORY VERSE: "WHEN I AM AFRAID, I WILL TRUST IN YOU (GOD)." PSALM 56:3 NIV

BIBLE STORY:

God helped free the Israelite people so that they could leave Egypt. Moses obeyed God, guiding the people toward the Promised Land.

They traveled through a desert. God showed them which way to go. God led them by a pillar of cloud during the day, because he wanted to protect them from the hot sun. By night, God led them by a pillar of fire, lighting the way and keeping them warm from the cold nights.

One day they arrived at the Red Sea. They were afraid. How could they get on the other side without any boats? Moses lifted up his staff towards the water. God sent a strong wind that separated the water and made a dry pathway in the middle. The Israelite people now walked safely to the other side! Afterwards the water returned to normal.

During their long journey, they became thirsty and hungry. When they were thirsty, God told Moses to strike a rock and water would come out for the people to drink. God sent manna, a type of bread to eat. Also God sent quail, a type of bird, to eat. God provided for their needs.

Because Moses was having so much work to do, his father-in-law, Jethro, gave him some helpful advice. Moses was glad for his helpful words and chose capable men to help him with all his responsibilities and work.

God was always faithful, protecting and guiding the Israelite people toward the Promised Land.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What do you like about the story?
2. Is there anything in the story that is hard to understand?
3. Who are the main people in the story?
4. What problems did the people face?
5. How did the people face their problems?
6. How have you faced similar problems?
7. Is there someone in the story who is similar to you or who is different from you?
8. What does the story tell about God?

RETELL THE STORY:

Ask volunteers from the group to retell the story.