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

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

**MEMORY VERSE:** Psalm 56:3 or Psalm 55:22

## **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, protecting 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.

Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, decided to bring the Israelite people back to Egypt. So Pharaoh and his army went after the Israelites. The Israelites arrived at the Red Sea. They were afraid. Pharaoh's army was behind them and the Red Sea was in front of them. How could they get on the other side safely? God told Moses what to do. Moses lifted up his staff toward the water. God sent a strong wind that separated the water and made a dry pathway in the middle. Then the Israelite people walked safely to the other side! Afterwards the water returned to normal and covered Pharaoh's army. The Israelite people were safe, because God protected them.

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.

### PART 1: PERSONAL QUESTIONS

- 1. What did you learn from the story?
- 2. How can you apply this story to your life?

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### PART 2: GENERIC QUESTIONS

- 1. What do you like about the story?
- 2. What is there in the story that you do not 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?

#### PART 3: SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

- 1. Who led the Israelite people away from Egypt?
- 2. How did God lead the Israelite people during the day? During the night?
- 3. How did the Israelites feel when they realized King Pharaoh and his army marched after them to take them back to Egypt?
- 4. How did God protect the Israelites when they came to the Red Sea and needed to pass safely over to the other side?
  - --- What did Moses do?
  - --- What happened to King Pharaoh and his army?
- 5. Are you ever afraid? When? What are some bad situations that we face?
- 6. Who are some people who can help us when we are afraid or face bad situations? How?
- 7. Can God help us when we are afraid or when we face a bad situation? How?
- 8. Who gave good advice to Moses? What did Moses do?
- 9. Who are some people who have given you good advice? Who are some people who can give you good advice when you need it? What should you do after you get good advice? Why?
- 10. How did Moses help the Israelites? How can you help other people?
- 11. Moses led the Israelites to follow God. How can we influence others to follow God?