



New Covenant Fellowship

Christian Teaching Material for Children Part 5

“Journey of the Israelites”

Booklet A

(Suitable for ages 4-8)

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Baby Moses

Joseph's family in Egypt grew bigger and bigger. They were called Israelites. Soon there were so many Israelites that the Pharaoh of Egypt thought there were too many, and he wanted to get rid of them! He sent his soldiers to kill all the Israelite baby boys.



One mother decided to save her baby by hiding him in a basket on the river.

The basket floated all the way to the princess. She picked up the baby and loved him. She kept the baby and named him Moses, and he grew up in the palace.

Draw Moses in the basket on the river.



How do you think the mother felt when she put her baby in the basket on the river?

The Burning Bush

When Moses grew up, he saw that his people the Israelites were being badly treated. They had become slaves. God had a special job for Moses to help the Israelites.

One day, Moses saw a bush that was on fire. But the bush was not damaged! It was a sign from God.

Draw the burning bush that Moses saw.



God spoke to Moses at the burning bush. He told Moses to ask the Pharaoh to let the Israelites go free. Moses was afraid. He didn't want to speak to Pharaoh. But God promised to help him to be brave.

Think of a time you have felt afraid. Write a prayer to God asking for his help when you feel afraid.

God's Punishments

Moses asked Pharaoh to let the Israelites leave. But Pharaoh said no! So God sent ten punishments to show Pharaoh that God is in control. The punishments only happened to the Egyptians, but God kept all the Israelites safe.

He turned water into blood! He sent frogs to cover the land! He sent bugs to annoy the Egyptians! Then flies!

Then the animals of the Egyptians died. Then all the Egyptians and their animals had painful sores on their bodies. Then there was a huge hail storm. Then grasshoppers ate all the plants. Then suddenly there was complete darkness where all the Egyptians were.

Draw one of the punishments in the box.



Which one do you think would be the worst?

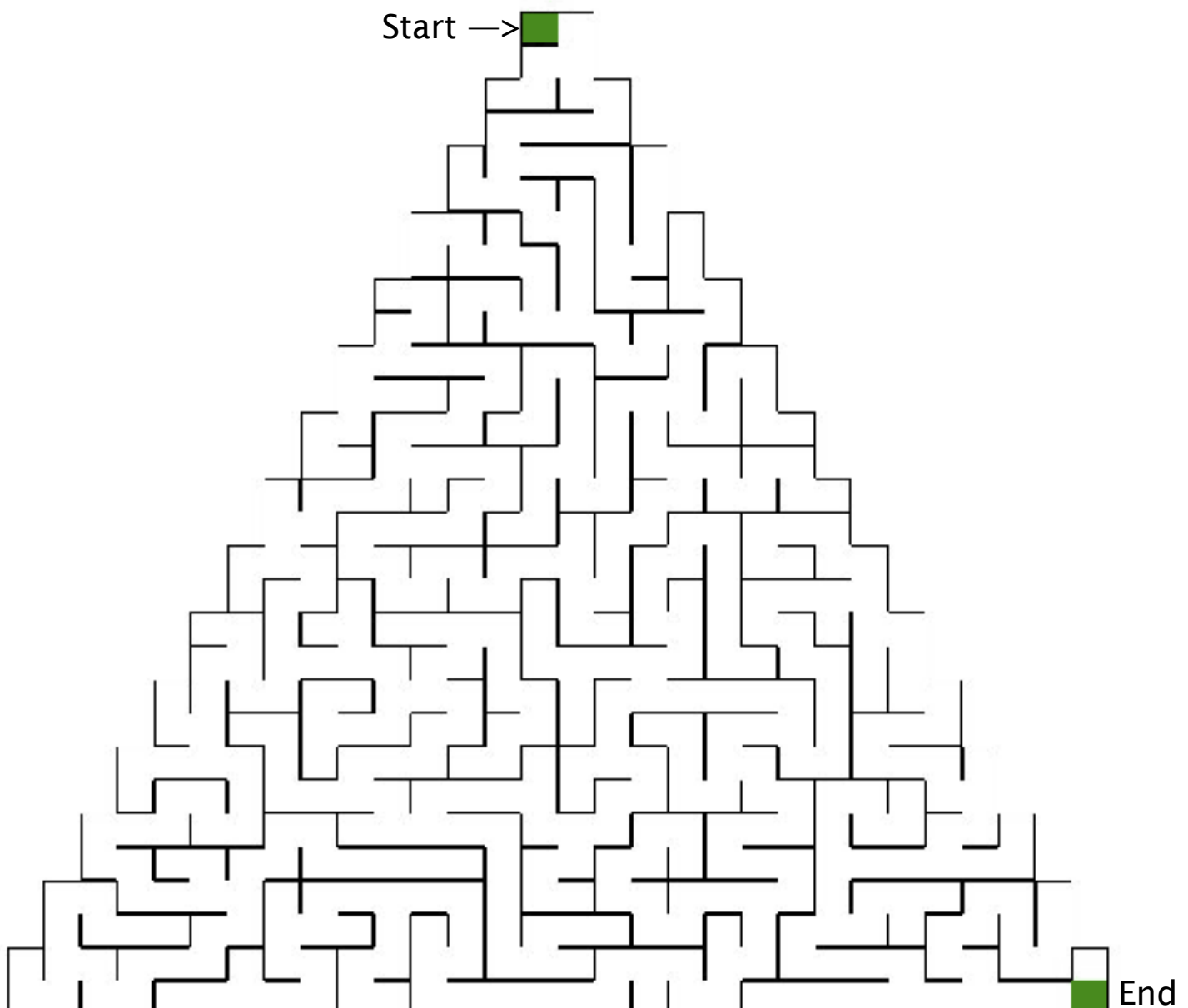
Escape From Egypt

Pharaoh still said no. He started to be even more unkind to the Israelites. He didn't give them enough money and food. They were suffering a lot.

Finally, God sent the last punishment. He sent the death angel to kill the oldest sons of all the Egyptians. Pharaoh's son died.

Then at last Pharaoh said the Israelites were free.

Help the Israelites to escape. Can you find your way out of the Egyptian pyramid?



A Dry Path Through the Lake

Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt. They came to a huge lake and they didn't have boats and they couldn't go around. When Moses prayed for help, God made a dry path through the water so they could all cross over safely. This was a miracle.



But back at the palace, Pharaoh changed his mind and wanted the Israelites back to work as his slaves again. He chased after them with his army. Just as the last Israelite crossed through the lake, God closed up the water and washed away the Egyptians.

God helped the Israelites out of a difficult situation. They were so glad and they thanked God.

What is something you could thank God for?

Trusting God in the Desert

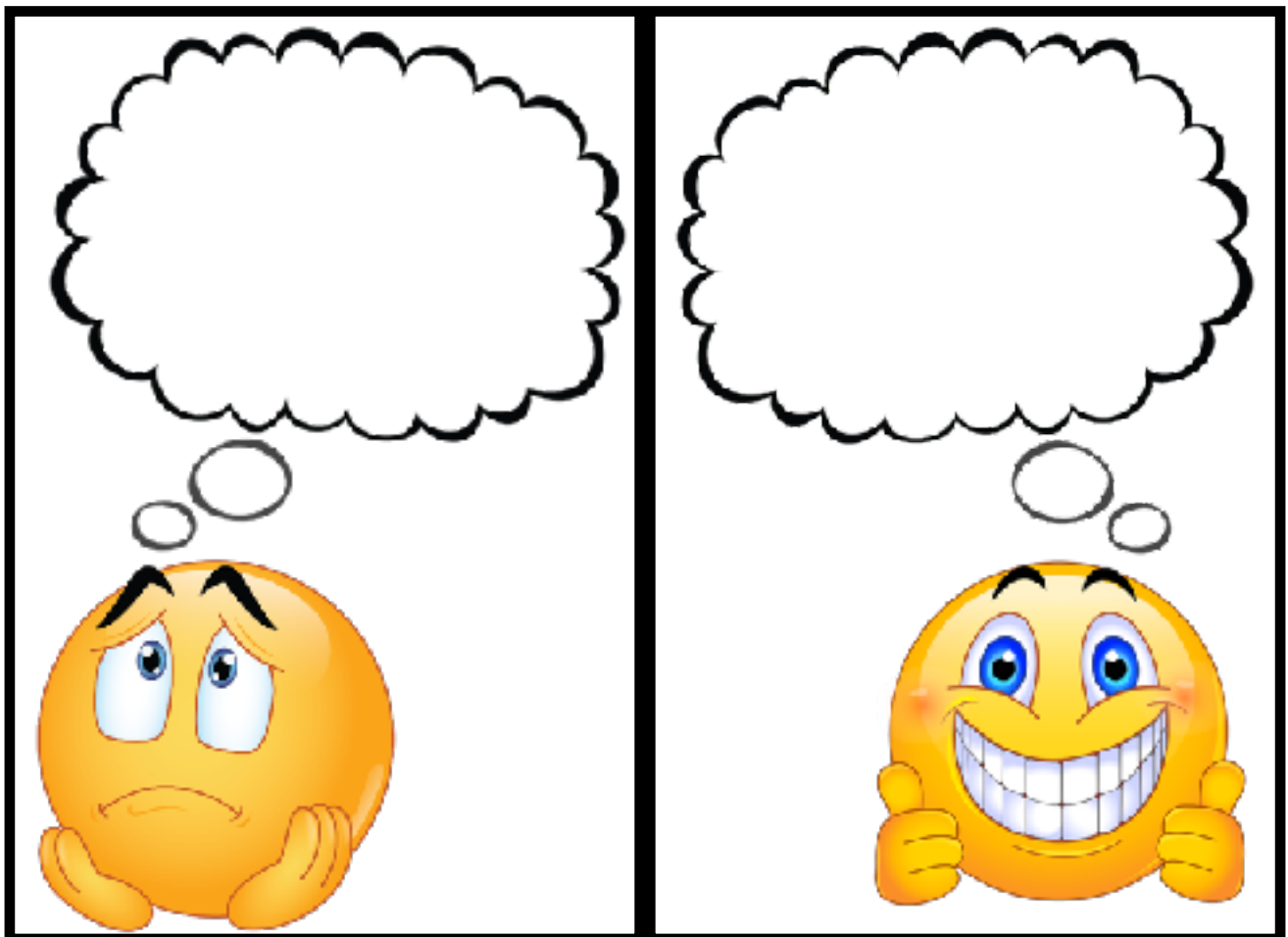
God promised that he would bring the Israelites to a special land where they could live safely. But they had a long way to go.

The Israelites travelled away from Egypt and came into the desert. The people started to complain because they didn't have enough to eat. God promised to send special food for them to collect every morning. It was called 'manna'. The manna tasted like biscuits with honey. Yum! He also sent little birds for meat to cook.

What do you think the Israelites might have been thinking before and after God sent the manna?

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after



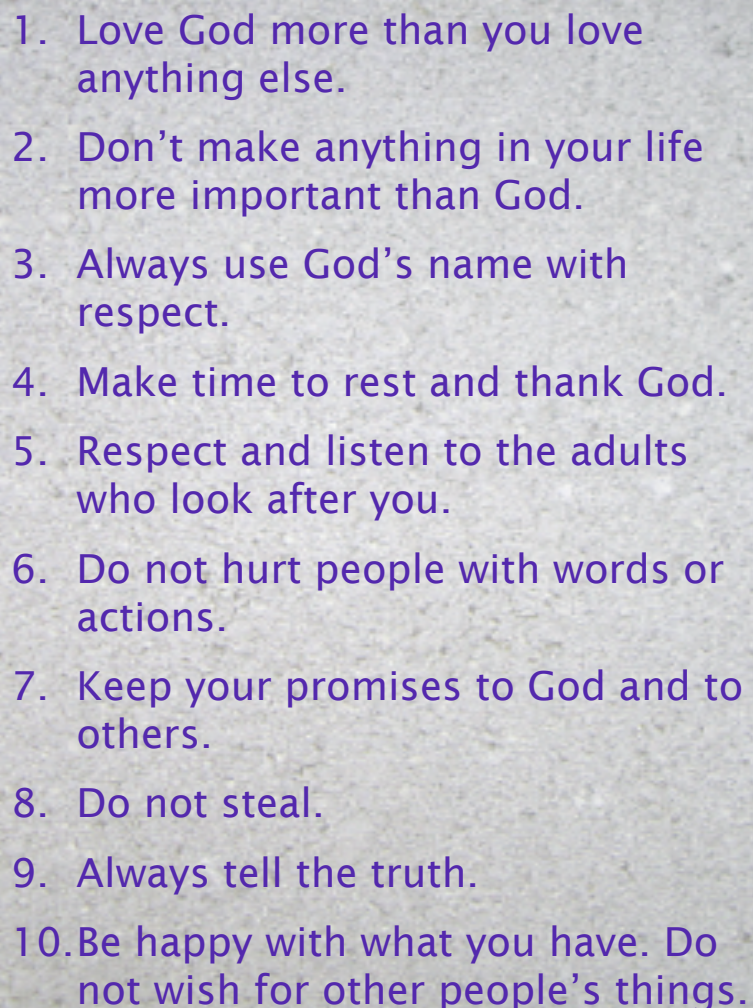
God is always there to help us. The Israelites sometimes forgot this. But God never forgets us.

God's Good Rules

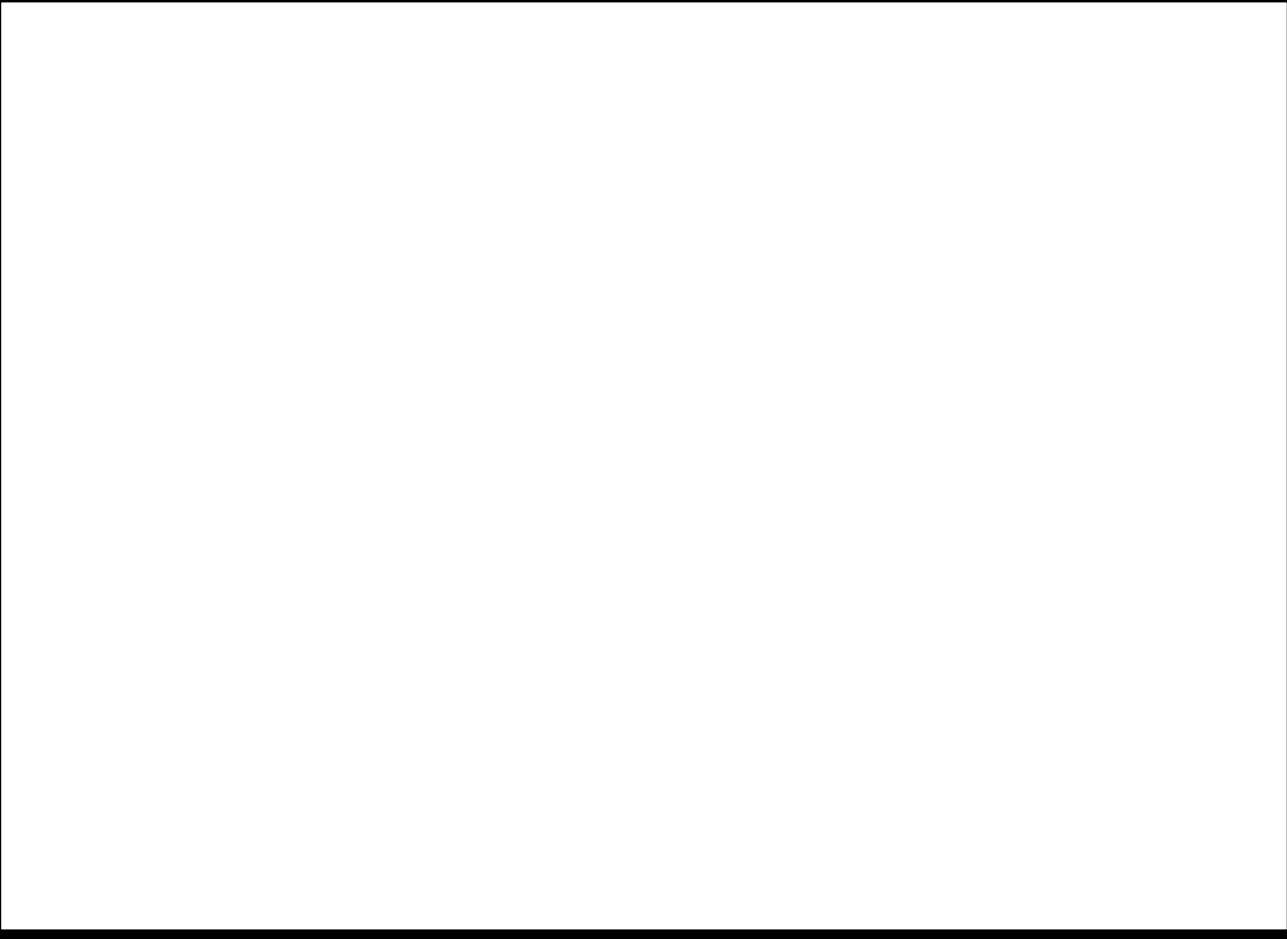
Some of the people argued with Moses. So God gave Moses ten rules to help him teach the people how to live the way God says is best. God knows what is best for us because he made us.

Rules help keep us safe. Can you think of a rule in your life that keeps you safe?

God wrote his ten rules on big stones. Here is what they said:

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1. Love God more than you love anything else.
 2. Don't make anything in your life more important than God.
 3. Always use God's name with respect.
 4. Make time to rest and thank God.
 5. Respect and listen to the adults who look after you.
 6. Do not hurt people with words or actions.
 7. Keep your promises to God and to others.
 8. Do not steal.
 9. Always tell the truth.
 10. Be happy with what you have. Do not wish for other people's things.

Draw two pictures that show how you can follow God’s rules.



God Fulfills His Promise

Finally, after forty years, a new leader called Joshua took over from Moses and led the Israelites into their new land. This was what God had promised them. All of God's promises come true.

Find these words from the story in the word search:

PHARAOH

MANNA

RESPECT

LAKE

RULES

PROMISE

JOSHUA

MOSES

EGYPT

DESERT

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