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Joseph's Identity Revealed

Joseph's servant loaded as much corn as Joseph's brothers could carry in their sacks. He put the money they had brought to pay for the corn in their sacks as well. Joseph gave him special instructions for Benjamin's sack. "Put my own silver cup in Benjamin's sack," Joseph ordered him.

Joseph gave his brothers enough time to get out of the city. Then he sent his servant after them. "Why have you done bad when we have treated you so well. Where is my master's cup?" the servant asked the brothers.

"Your servants would never have done such a thing. We brought back the money we had taken to pay for the corn when we found it in our sacks. Why would we steal silver or gold out of your master's home?" the brothers protested. "We will be your master's servants if it is found."

So Joseph's servant looked through all of their sacks, starting with the oldest brother's sack. When they came to Benjamin's sack, they saw the silver cup. The brothers were very upset.

They were brought back to Joseph. "What have you done?" Joseph asked. Judah answered, "How can we clear ourselves? We are your servants now." "The man who had the cup will be my servant," Joseph said. "The rest of you may go home in peace."

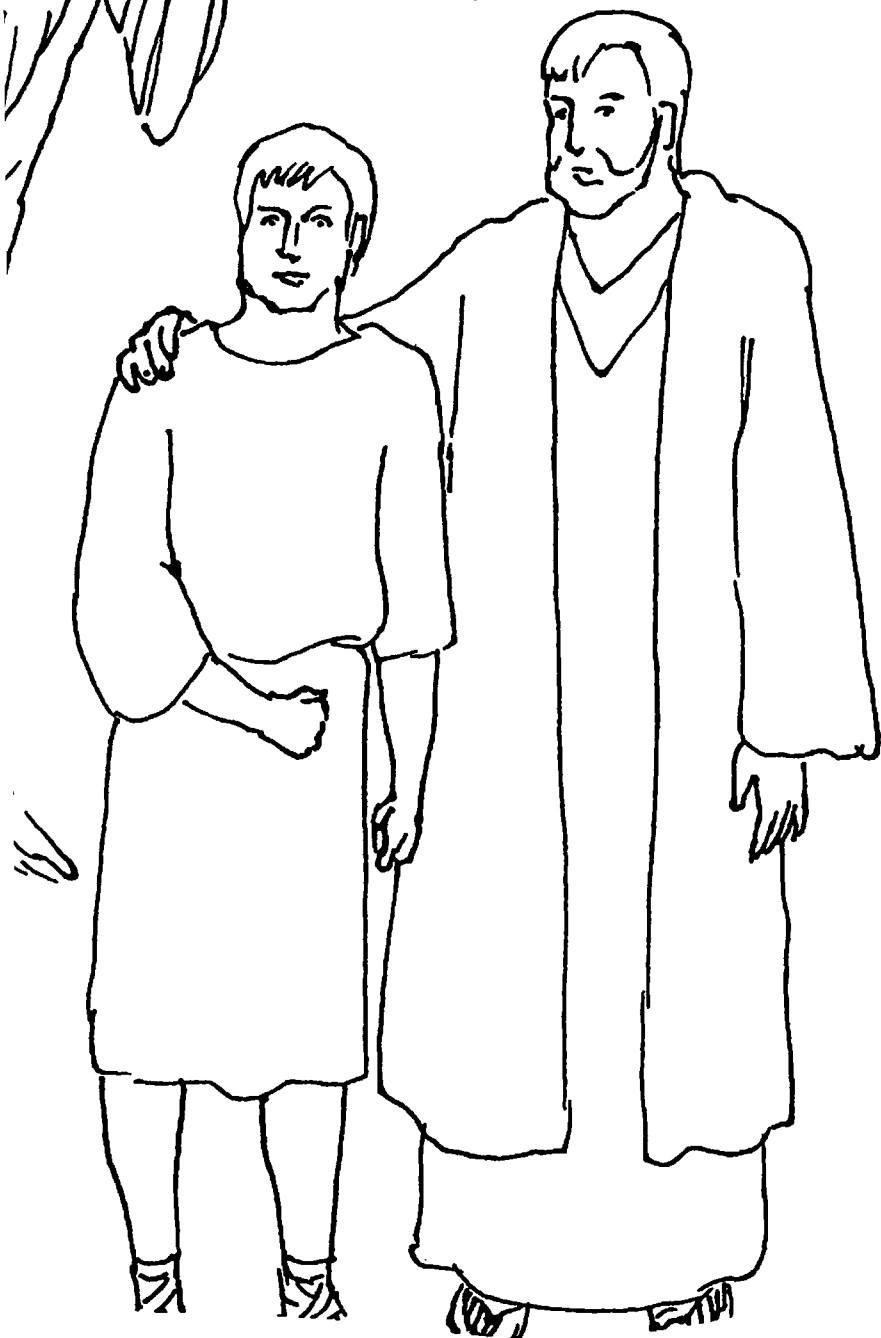
Judah came near to Joseph and begged him to listen to him speak. "You asked if we had a father or a brother. We said that we did have a father, an old man, and a brother, a child of his old age. Our father loves him. You said to bring him to you in order to prove that we were not spies. We told our father your words, but he did not want Benjamin to come. If I do not bring him back to my father, I will bear the blame for ever. Let me stay as a servant to you, and let Benjamin go," Judah pleaded.

Joseph could contain himself no longer. He knew his brothers were sorry about what they had done to him. "I am Joseph," he told his brothers. "Is my father still living?" At first, his brothers didn't believe him. "Come near to me," Joseph said. "I am your brother whom you sold as a slave. Do not be sad, or angry with yourselves. God sent me here to save your lives during this famine."

—Sis. Monica Murphey



"And he searched, ...and the cup was
found in Benjamin's sack." Genesis 44:12



Be Content at the Table

"Is this all we have to eat?" grumbled Daisy as she took her place at the supper table. "You know I don't like barbequed chicken, and there are always onions in the scalloped potatoes. I think I'm going to bed. I don't feel like any supper tonight."

No one had been able to say anything because Daisy's grumbling had been non-stop since she had entered the dining room. "Good-night," was all Daddy said as Daisy stood up to leave the room. She paused a moment, wanting Mother to insist that she stay to eat, but Mother did not say a word.

"Please give me some potatoes," said Mike, who was sitting in the high chair.

"First, we must have prayer and thank the Lord for our delicious supper," said Daddy.

Daisy stood in the doorway, frowning at the table. "May I bake one of those frozen pizzas in the oven?" Daisy asked Mother.

"No, Daisy," replied Mother. "Sit down at the table and bow your head. Daddy is ready to pray."

Daisy obeyed, but she did not quit grumbling.

Now do you think Daisy was in any frame of mind to pray? Daddy paused a moment and cleared his throat before he began.

"Our kind Heavenly Father, we thank thee for all thy many good blessings. Forgive those of us who grumble foolishly, not content with the rich benefits thou hast given us to enjoy. We thank thee that there is food to eat and that the family is healthy. Please accept our humble thanks, and continue to give us our daily bread, in Jesus' name I pray. Amen."

After Daddy's prayer, everyone but Daisy began to enjoy their meal. No one spoke to Daisy as she sat

looking at her empty plate. Soon dinner was over.

"Come and help me with the dishes, Daisy," said Mother.

Daisy opened her mouth to grumble, but instead her stomach growled. Her stomach was so hungry that she could hardly go to sleep that night. It woke her up bright and early the next morning.

Daisy hurried to dress, then went to breakfast, but when she got there, nothing was left to eat.

"If you are hungry, Daisy, I will make some more scrambled eggs," said Mother. "Thank the Lord, we have more eggs."

Daisy was patiently waiting at the table when Mother brought her breakfast and reminded her to pray before eating.

"Dear Lord, we thank you for all you do for us. Thank you for the good food we have to eat. I'm sorry I grumbled about supper. Please forgive me. I want to be more thankful. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen."

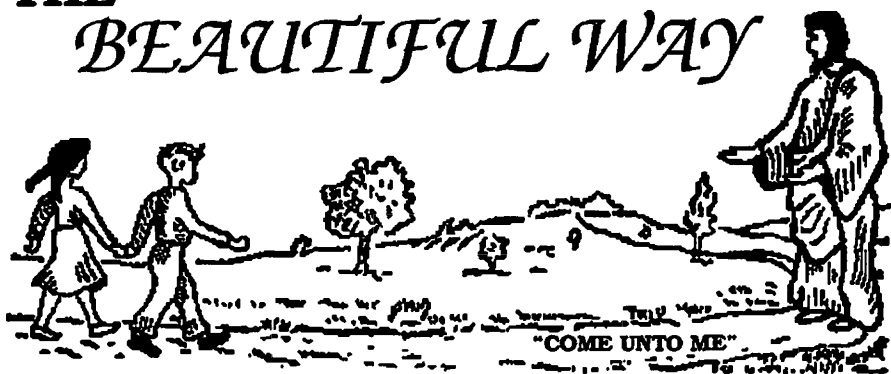
—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. What did the servant put in Benjamin's sack?
2. Who went after the brothers?
3. How did they feel when the cup was found?
4. Who did Joseph say would be his servant?
5. Who offered himself as a servant in his place?
6. Did Joseph tell his brothers who he was?
7. Did his brothers believe Joseph at first?
8. Why did God send Joseph to Egypt?

Answers: 1. Joseph's cup. 2. Joseph's servant. 3. Upset. 4. Benjamin 5. Judah. 6. Yes. 7. No. 8. To save his family from the famine.

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A Move to Egypt

"I am Joseph," Joseph informed his brothers. "Do not be angry with yourselves for selling me as a slave. God sent me to Egypt to save our family from the famine. So it was not you that sent me here, but God. God made me the manager of Pharaoh's house, and a ruler in the land of Egypt. Go to my father. Tell him that his son Joseph is a ruler in Egypt. You can live in the land of Goshen, where you will be near to me. Bring your children, your flocks and herds, and all that you have. I will help you. There are still five years left of this famine. I can see that you now believe that it is me, Joseph, that is speaking to you." With these words, Joseph fell on Benjamin's neck and wept. He kissed all of his brothers. What a talk the brothers had!

The story reached the Pharaoh's house. "Joseph's brothers have come," Pharaoh heard someone say, and he was very pleased. "Tell your brothers to go to the land of Canaan and move to Egypt," Pharaoh commanded. "I will give them the good of the land of Egypt. Take wagons for your families. Do not worry about your things. You may take anything out of Egypt that you wish."

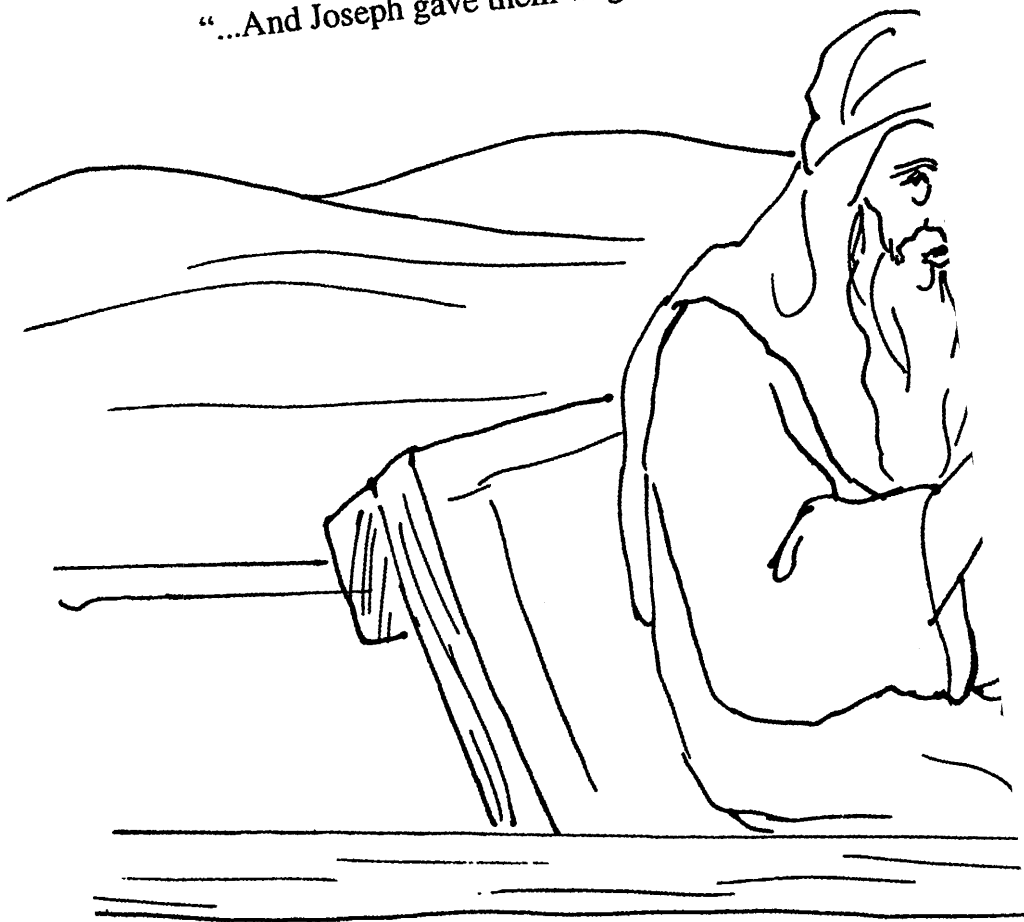
Jacob's children did as Pharaoh commanded. "Joseph is alive," they told their father. "He is governor over all of the land of Egypt." Jacob did not believe them. They told him all of Joseph's words. Jacob looked out and saw the wagons Joseph had sent to carry him. "It is true," Jacob said. "Joseph my son is alive. I will go and see him before I die."

So Jacob and his family moved to Egypt. They offered sacrifices to God on their journey. One night, God spoke to Jacob. "I am the God of your fathers," He said. "I will go with you to Egypt."

Joseph went in his chariot to meet his father. Joseph grabbed his father in a long embrace and wept. "Now I can die," Jacob declared. "I have seen your face."

—Sis. Monica Murphey

“...And Joseph gave them wagons...and provision for



way.” Genesis 45:21



Do You Believe?

The panel of four doctors stood before Mr. and Mrs. Donner with grave faces. One doctor held charts and test result papers that told about Paul Donner, who was very sick in the hospital.

"We have the results from your son's tests," said the doctor with the papers. "From all symptoms and indications, it appears that Paul has a rare form of leukemia."

The doctors offered words of encouragement, stating that Paul could have the most up-to-date treatment, but basically his sickness was incurable.

"Paul has been through so much lately," said one doctor, "that we feel it would help his morale if he would go home for awhile."

Paul was so glad to be home! Though at times he felt weak and sick, still he was able to play with David, who lived next door.

While Paul and David were setting out their trucks and cars, Paul became tired and laid down on the couch nearby. David came to stand by his best friend.

"I am so sorry you are sick," said David. "I will pray for you. That is what we do when we are sick. Jesus has healed me every time I have been sick."

Paul smiled weakly. "All the doctors and nurses have been so kind. They are doing all they can to help me."

"Jesus can help you! I know He can!" exclaimed David. "but, Paul, you have to believe Jesus can heal you. Do you believe?"

"I guess I believe," replied Paul slowly, "but I don't think Jesus cares about me too much. He is so busy with everyone else, you know."

"No, He isn't too busy for you," insisted David. "We can have prayer right now, but I think the ministers need to pray for you, too."

Kneeling down by Paul, who was still lying on the couch, David prayed earnestly for his friend. After prayer, Paul felt like playing again for a while.

"I had better go home now; it's getting dark outside," said David. "I will ask Mother to call the ministers to come and pray for you."

Paul nodded his head and smiled. Unless a cure was found soon, his time on earth was short.

David requested prayer for Paul in children's meeting. He had the pastor come and visit Paul and pray with him. David's parents visited with Paul's parents, and they decided to take Paul to church with David.

Paul listened to the message about salvation, then he whispered to David, "I want to get saved like the minister said to do." So David led Paul down the aisle to the altar. After church, Paul said, "Now I do believe Jesus can heal me; because I know he saved my soul. Thank you, David, for telling me about Jesus!" —Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. Where were Joseph's brothers moving?
2. How many years of famine were left?
3. What did Pharaoh hear about?
4. What did Pharaoh offer?
5. Did Jacob believe the brothers?
6. What made Jacob believe them?
7. What did God promise Jacob?
8. What did Jacob say when he saw Joseph?

Answers: 1. Egypt. 2. Five 3. Joseph's brothers. 4. The goods of Egypt & wagons. 5. No. 6. Seeing the wagons. 7. He would be with them in Egypt. 8. "Now I can die."

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Pharaoh Meets Jacob

"My father and brothers are here in Egypt," Joseph told Pharaoh. "They have brought all that they have from the land of Canaan. Now they are living in the land of Goshen."

Joseph brought five of his brothers to meet Pharaoh. "What kind of work do you do?" Pharaoh asked them. "We are shepherds," Joseph's brothers answered.

"The land of Egypt is before you," Pharaoh said. "Now you are rulers over my cattle."

One day, Joseph brought Jacob in to meet Pharaoh. "How old are you?" Pharaoh asked Jacob. "I am one hundred and thirty five years old," Jacob answered. Then Jacob blessed Pharaoh before he departed from his presence.

The famine was still pressing down hard on the land of Egypt. Soon, the Egyptians ran out of bread. Joseph collected the money that he had earned selling corn.

People came to Joseph, begging. "Give us bread. We do not have the money to buy any."

"Sell your cattle to me," Joseph suggested. Joseph gave the people of Egypt bread for their horses, cattle, flocks, and donkeys.

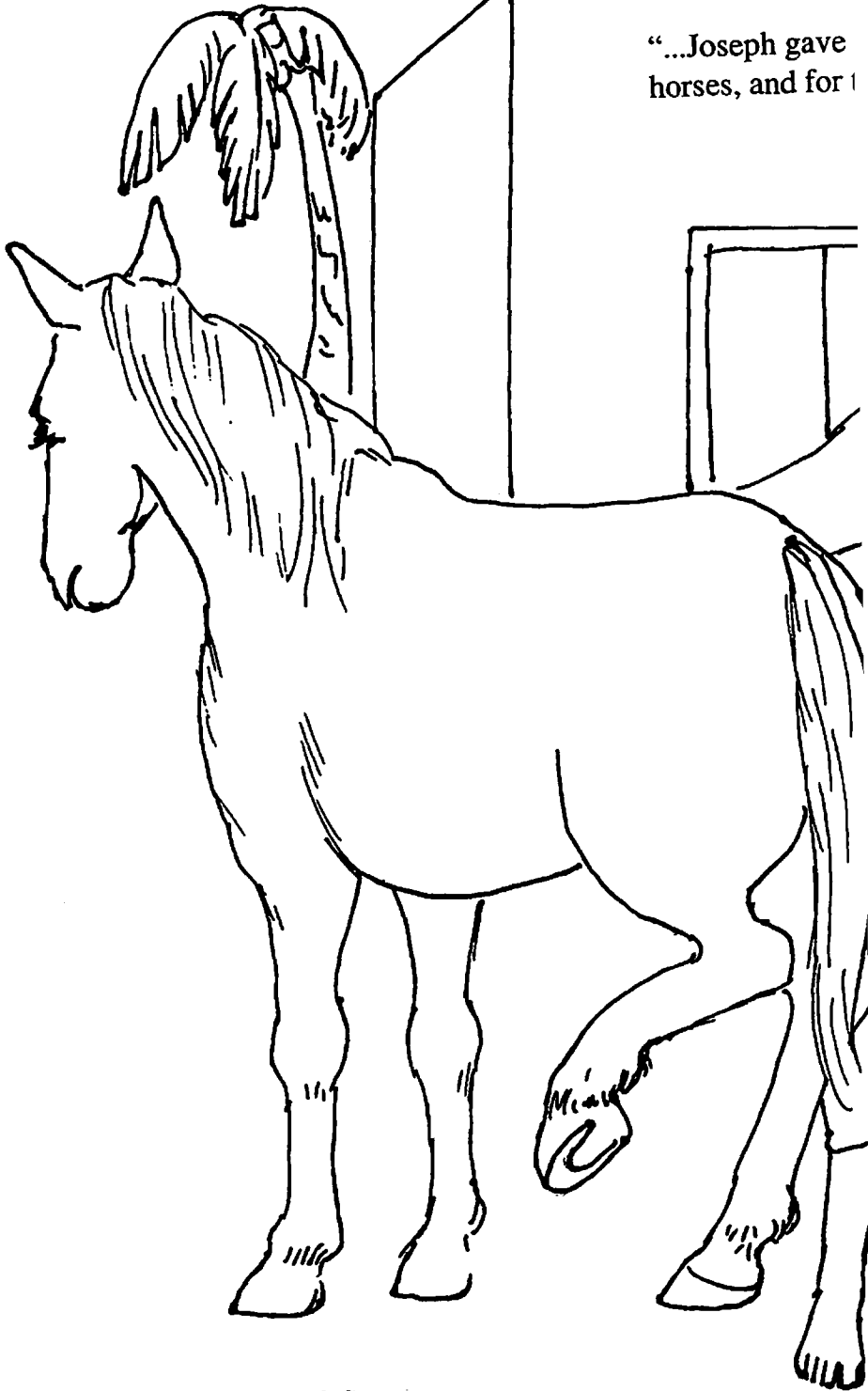
The people soon came to Joseph again. "Not only are we out of bread," they declared. "Now we are out of animals to sell to buy bread. Please buy our land, and let us be servants to you so that we will not starve." Joseph bought all of the land in Egypt for Pharaoh.

"Here is seed for you," Joseph told the people. "I have bought your land. Now I want you to plant these seeds. You will give Pharaoh a part of everything that grows on your land."

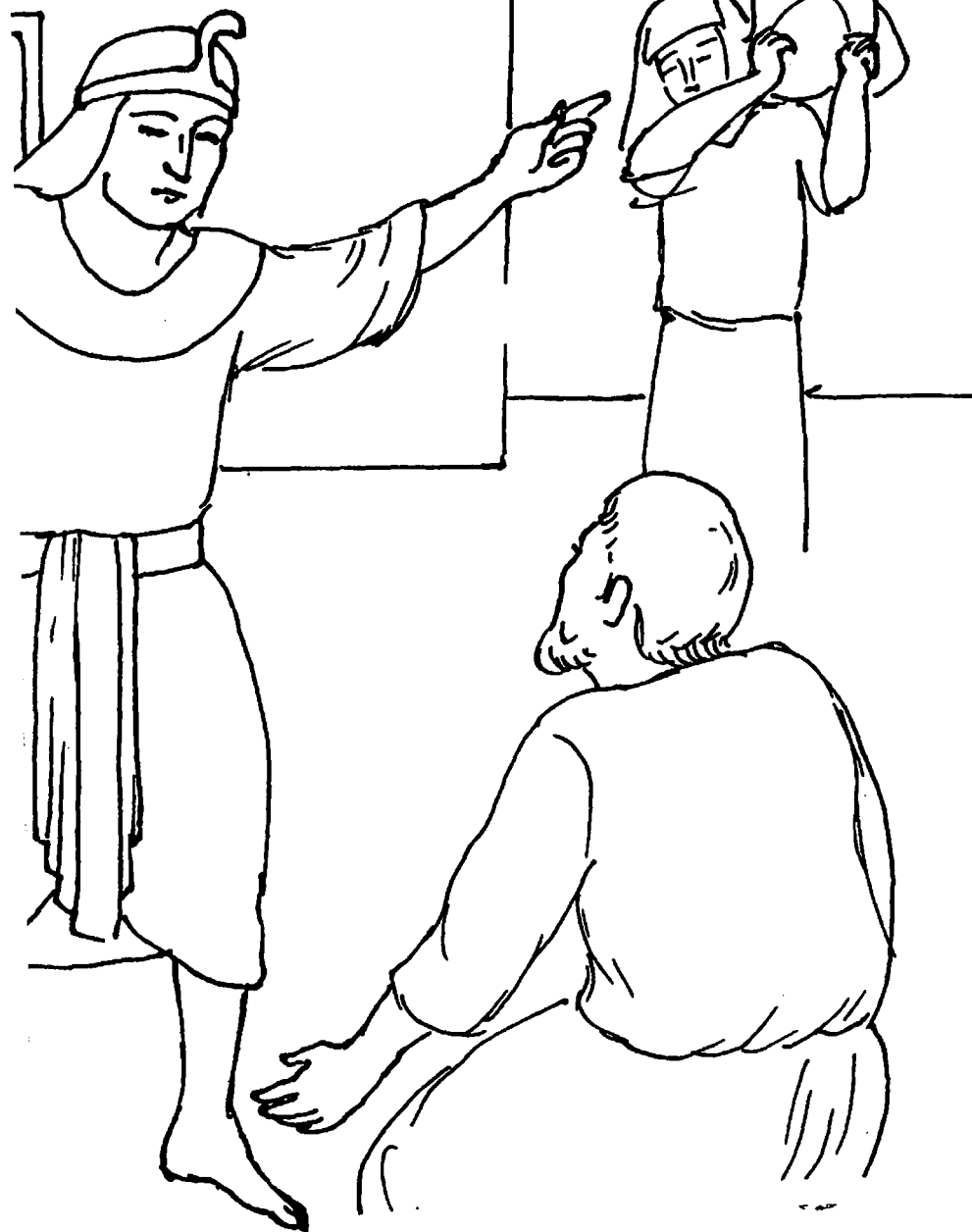
Everyone was grateful for the wisdom that God gave Joseph. Through the provision of God, many people's lives were spared from starvation.

—Sis. Monica Murphey

“...Joseph gave
horses, and for 1



bread in exchange for
socks....” Gen. 47:17



Boots and Gloves

"Your feet are so cold, Arlene. I'm very sorry," Mother said as she helped her daughter out of her frozen cloth tennis shoes. "With my next paycheck, Honey, I intend on buying you a good pair of rubber boots."

"That's alright, Mother," said Arlene. "Winter will soon be over. First of all, we must make sure there is money for food, rent, and our gas bill."

Arlene spoke and acted older than her nine years, because she had learned at an early age the responsibility of survival. Soon Mother would be leaving for her work as a waitress at a nearby cafe. Arlene would be expected to care for her two little sisters.

"Let's have a word of prayer before I go," said Mother. Obediently the girls knelt down and earnestly asked the Lord to protect them and to provide for their every need. Then Mother gave some last minute instructions. "I have some hotdogs, bread, and macaroni for your supper, girls. Always be careful with the stove, Arlene, and turn off a burner as soon as you are done with it. Remember to never leave this apartment unless you desperately need me. Then come to the back door of the Golden Griddle and ask for Cheryl Hopkins. Now kiss me good-bye, my three darlings, and be very good."

As Arlene kissed her mother good-bye, she noticed her dry, chapped hands. "Mother, you need some good warm gloves to keep your hands from the cold," she said.

"Boots for you come first, my dear," replied Mother as she went out the door.

The silence of the cold room seemed to swallow the girls into gloominess. Finally Tina spoke in a quiet voice. "Could I have one of those hot dogs?" she asked.

"Okay, I'll fix you some supper," said Arlene. She went into the kitchen

and cooked what Mother had said to cook. Arlene had cooked supper many times before on the gas stove and she knew to respect the burner flame, but somehow a towel came too close to the flame and caused a fire.

"DeAnn! Tina! Quick, let's go to Mother," Arlene said as she hurried to get the girls out of the apartment. As they rushed down the street, they heard a firetruck coming. Neighbors across the street had seen the blaze at the window and called 911. By the time Mother was reached and they had hurried back to the apartment, the fire was already out. There was a big crowd watching, and Arlene felt so embarrassed as Mother talked to the firemen.

Though the firemen were kind, Mother was crying. She was thankful her girls were alright and the stove would still work, but from now on she would cook the meal before she would leave. Two days later when Arlene came home from school, DeAnn and Tina were excited. "Look what the firemen brought to us!" they said, showing Arlene a box which held four coats, four pairs of winter snow boots, and four pairs of gloves. Once again the Lord had supplied their needs.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. Who did Joseph take to Pharaoh?
2. What did Pharaoh tell them their job was?
3. Who else did Joseph bring to Pharaoh?
4. What did the people beg Joseph for?
5. What did the people sell for bread?
6. What did the people run out of?
7. What did the people want Joseph to buy?
8. What did Joseph give the people?

Answers: 1. His brothers. 2. To rule over his cattle. 3. His father. 4. Bread. 5. Their animals. 6. Their animals. 7. Their land. 8. Seeds to plant on the land.

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Years of Suffering

Joseph lived with his family in Egypt until he was one hundred and ten years old. His family lived very prosperously in Egypt. Joseph knew when he was about to die. Joseph's great grandchildren sat on his knees. "I am going to die," Joseph said. "God will visit you and bring you out of this land to the land that He promised to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. You will carry my bones with you." Joseph died soon after this and was put in a coffin in Egypt.

Many years passed. Jacob's descendants, the Hebrews, still lived in Egypt. Now Egypt was filled with Jacob's people. They were strong and mighty.

There was a new Pharaoh in Egypt. He did not like it that these people were so many and so mighty. "If these people keep having children, we might have problems with them," the Pharaoh worried. "If there is a war, they will fight with our enemies. We need to make them leave this land."

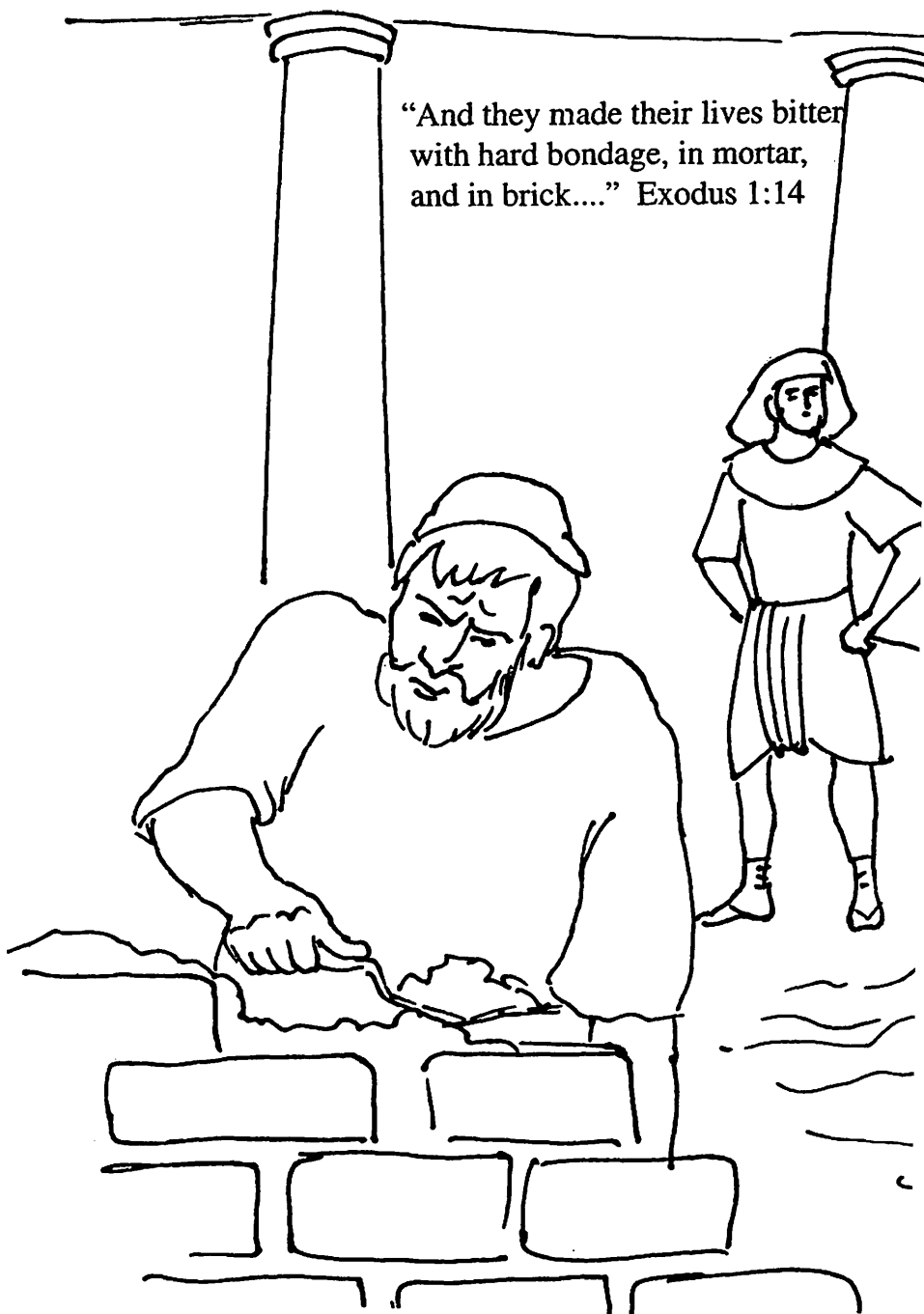
Taskmasters were given places to work in the land of Goshen where the Hebrews lived. They made sure that all of the Hebrews worked hard and were not lazy. They brought suffering and affliction on the Hebrews. The Hebrews helped build a town for Pharaoh. They had to make bricks and mortar. The work was hard and the Hebrews suffered. But still the Hebrews had children and the number of Hebrews living in Goshen increased.

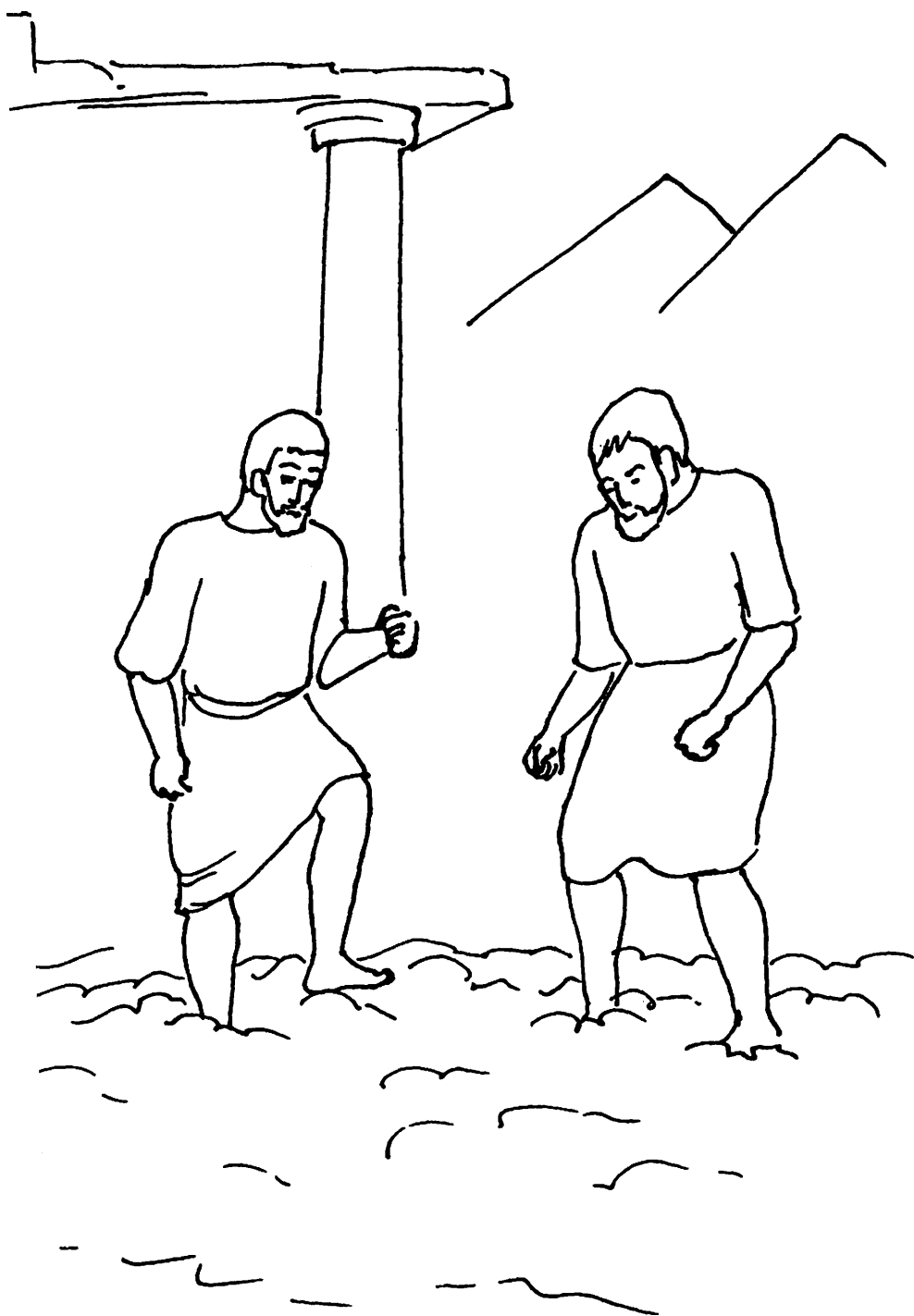
"Kill all of the baby boys that are born to Hebrews," the Pharaoh ordered next. "Let only the girls live."

The women that Pharaoh had told to do this feared God. They did not believe that it was right to kill, so they did not follow Pharaoh's orders. When Pharaoh heard this, he commanded everyone to throw their baby boys in the river but to let their daughters live.

—Sis. Monica Murphey

“And they made their lives bitter
with hard bondage, in mortar,
and in brick....” Exodus 1:14





Handling A Bully

"Leslie! What happened to you?" exclaimed Mother as her son walked into the kitchen after school. Leslie's left eye was blue and puffy, and his lip was cut and bleeding. His clothes were dirty and his shirt was missing a top button.

"Tom is just a big, mean bully! That's all he is, and I wish I could knock him out forever!" exploded Leslie. Mother put her arms around him and drew him to the sink for a gentle cleaning.

Soon Leslie felt better, so he sat down with cookies and milk and told Mother about Tom, the new school bully.

"He just came to school a few weeks ago, and nobody likes him. He is rude to everybody. Two times now he cut in front of me in line at the water fountain, and he does it to others too. He picked up the cinnamon roll off my plate yesterday, and he has eaten other people's desserts also. Today he hopped on my bicycle when I laid it down for a minute, and he wouldn't get off of it. The boys told me to whip the meanness out of him, so I tried."

"Leslie, how is Tom?" asked Mother.

"He might have some bruised legs, but he grabbed me by the shirt collar and hit me with his fist a couple times before I could do much to him. I'll get him tomorrow, just wait and see!"

"No, Leslie, no, that isn't the answer," said Mother. "I believe I need to call the principal and report this to him. Tom needs to be punished by his authorities, and not by you. Right now let's pray and ask the Lord to quickly heal your face and put forgiveness in your heart for Tom."

"I'll forgive Tom after I get even," mumbled Leslie.

"No, Leslie, you should feel sorry for Tom because he has a bad problem. He doesn't know how to get along with others. Perhaps his home life is

unhappy, or he isn't learning well in his lessons. Whatever the problem, Tom needs help from the Lord, and you are the best person to show him God's love. Fighting with Tom will only make him behave worse."

So Leslie prayed with his mother that Tom would change his ways. The next day at school, Tom was called into the principal's office and punished for his conduct. Tom came back to class looking sad and lonely. Suddenly, Leslie felt sorry for him. As soon as school was out, he found Tom and handed him a couple of cookies.

"I'm sorry about what happened yesterday, Tom," said Leslie. "We could be friends if you want to be."

Tom looked surprised, then he smiled. "You want to be friends with me? I don't have friends."

Before Leslie knew what he was saying, he was inviting Tom to church. Mother was right—Tom did have a sad past and he needed the best Friend, Jesus, who had suffered on the cross for his sins.

The black eye and cut lip seemed a small matter to forgive when Leslie thought of Jesus and His forgiveness.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. How old was Joseph when he died?
2. What did Joseph ask his family to take to Caanan?
3. Why was Pharaoh worried?
4. Who made the Hebrews work?
5. What kind of work did the Hebrews do?
6. Did work keep the Hebrews from multiplying?
7. What did Pharaoh order next?
8. Why didn't the women obey Pharaoh?

Answers: 1. 110. 2. His bones. 3. There were many Hebrews, and they were mighty. 4. The taskmasters. 5. Built towns. 6. No. 7. To kill the baby boys. 8. They feared God.

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Treasure in a Basket

Pharaoh had ordered that when all Hebrew boys were born, they must be thrown in the river. After Pharaoh made this decree, one of the Hebrew women found out she and her husband were going to have a baby. They had a baby boy. She did not feel that she could throw her son in the river. After her son was born, she hid him for three months. He was a strong and handsome child. At this point, she felt like she couldn't keep him a secret any more, so she made a basket for him out of bulrushes. She put the baby boy in the basket and laid it in the river.

The baby boy had a sister named Miriam. She stood by the banks of the river and watched to see what would happen to the boy in the basket.

Pharaoh's daughter came down to the river to bathe. Her servants were walking with her when they saw the basket floating down the river. Pharaoh's daughter was curious. She opened the basket and saw a baby boy. He was crying.

"This is one of the Hebrew children," she decided. She felt compassion for the poor child. Miriam was still watching from her spot beside the river. She watched as the princess looked into the basket and discovered her baby brother. Now Miriam went up to the princess. "I can find a nurse for the child," Miriam offered.

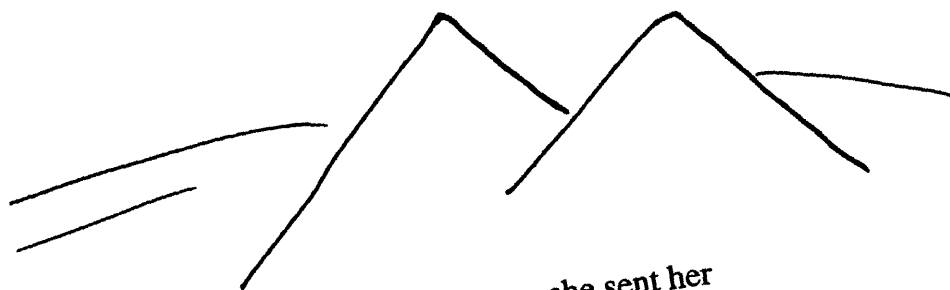
"Go," the princess agreed. After this, Miriam's mother nursed the adopted son of the Egyptian princess.

"I will call him Moses," the princess said. "Because I took him from the water."

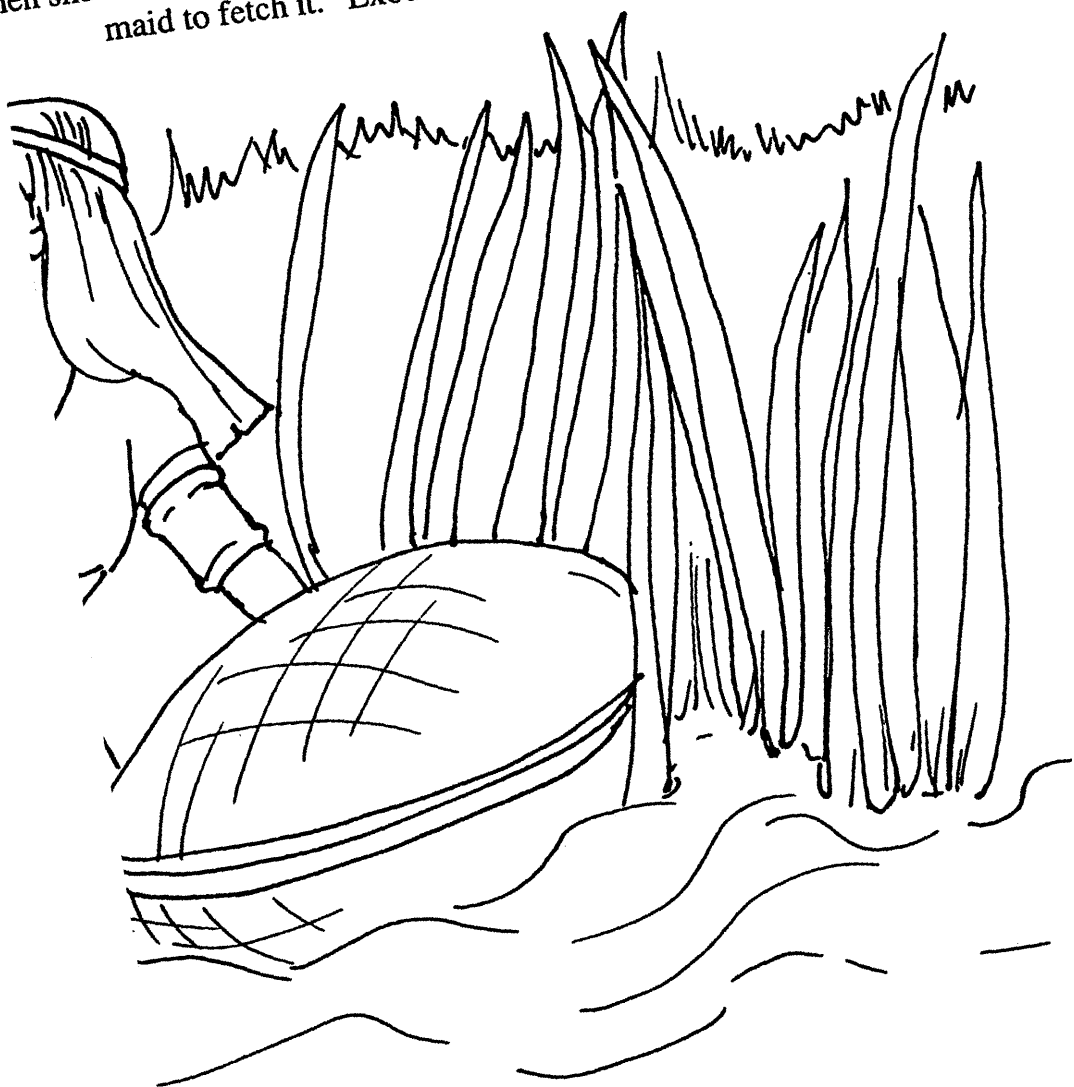
Moses grew. He lived in the palace as part of Pharaoh's family. He grew up with many luxuries and was able to experience many of Egypt's treasures. After all, everyone treated him like a prince.

—Sis. Monica Murphey





hen she saw the ark among the flags, she sent her
maid to fetch it." Exodus 2:5



Lasting Love For The Bible

In 1523, William Tyndale was busy in his cold, stone room in the castle of Sir John Walsh. He was translating the Bible into English, and all his work was done by hand under candle light. Though it was hard work, Tyndale loved every second of his labor.

He was dedicated to a vow that he had made to some lazy monks who were telling lies about the Bible to poor peasants. He had said, "If God spare my life, ere many years pass, I will cause a boy that driveth the plough to know more of the Scriptures than thou knowest."

In England, during Tyndale's time, it was against the law for a common man, woman, or child to read a Bible. First of all, the Bible was not written in English so that they could read it, and second, they were told only the Roman Catholic leaders could read and interpret God's Holy Word. Therefore, the poor people paid lots of money to the Catholic leaders who were to tell them what the Bible said and pray for them.

Tyndale knew what the Bible said in Latin, Greek, and Hebrew, and he did not like the lies that the Catholics were telling the people. He loved the real Bible truth, and he wanted every man, woman, and child to know and love it also. God inspired him to translate the Bible into English, and in 1525, he had his first Bible translation printed.

This made Pope Clement VII very angry. He did not want people to know the truth and be saved directly by the blood of Jesus, as the Bible teaches. He had King Henry VIII to send soldiers to arrest William Tyndale and put him in prison.

Though they hindered Tyndale's work, they did not stop his English

Bible from spreading over the country to the hungry people who were eager to read God's Word for themselves.

In 1535, it was against the law to have one of Tyndale's English Bibles; however, people were willing to hide them and risk their lives because they loved God's Word so much.

Tyndale suffered many things, somewhat like Apostle Paul. He suffered shipwreck, loss of his writings, was followed by secret spies, and betrayed by friends. Through all of this, Tyndale was faithful to God and to His Word.

In 1536, Tyndale was taken to the stake and burned. His final words were: "Lord, open the king of England's eyes." He wanted everyone to know the truth in God's Word.

Almost one hundred years later, King James I came to the English throne. He wanted the Bible printed in English so all his people could read it for themselves. Guess what Bible he had the translators follow? Yes, William Tyndale's sacrifice and love for God's Word is even blessing us today when we read our English Bible.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. What did Pharaoh command?
2. What did the mother do for three months?
3. What did the mother make?
4. Where did the mother put her son?
5. Who found the basket?
6. What did she do with the baby?
7. Who nursed Moses?
8. Who watched Moses from the riverside?

Answers: 1. Hebrew baby boys to be killed. 2. Hid her son. 3. A basket. 4. In the basket in the river. 5. Pharaoh's daughter. 6. Adopted him. 7. Moses' mother. 8. Miriam.

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Moses Leaves Egypt

Moses grew up living as the adopted son of a princess in Pharaoh's palace. One day, when Moses was grown, he went to visit his people. He saw all of their burdens. Suddenly, Moses stopped, horrified. There was an Egyptian beating a Hebrew! Moses looked all around. He did not see anyone. Moses killed the Egyptian and quickly buried him in the sand.

Moses left the palace the next day and walked around among the Hebrews again. Two Hebrew men were arguing and fighting with each other. Moses looked at the man who was in the wrong. "Why are you hitting your fellow Hebrew?" Moses asked.

"Who made you a prince and judge over us?" the man asked. "Are you going to kill me, like you killed the Egyptian?"

This made Moses afraid. He said, "Surely everyone knows what I did." When Pharaoh found out what Moses had done, he planned to kill Moses. But Moses had already fled from Pharaoh's land.

Moses walked through the desert until he reached the land of Midian. He sat down by a well to rest. The priest that lived in Midian had seven daughters. They all came to get water for their father's animals. Some shepherds came to the well and tried to make the girls leave, but Moses stood up and helped the girls water their animals.

"Why are you finished so soon?" the girls' father asked them.

"An Egyptian helped us water our animals," they answered.

"Call him, so that he may eat with us," their father ordered.

Moses liked this family. He stayed with them for a long time. Jethro, the girls' father, let Moses marry Zipporah, one of his daughters.

—Sis. Monica Murphey



“...They can



d drew water...Moses stood up and helped them..." Exodus 2:16-17

In Canaan Land Today

"Please come quickly, Bro. Warner," said Bro. Wolfenberger. "Our little boy is lying sick with a high fever, and the doctors do not expect him to live. Could you please come quickly and pray for him? We believe God hears your prayers."

It was a Wednesday morning, June 13, 1887. Bro. Warner and his company were eating breakfast when this worried father came riding to his neighbor's house asking for prayer. Right away, Bro. Warner and his company rode to Bro. Wolfenberger's house. The five-year-old boy had only eaten a bite of apple in the past four days, and he was burning with fever.

"Do you have this child in God's hands?" Bro. Warner asked the parents. They said that the doctor and his medicine was not helping their son. They were willing to trust only in God. "Then let us pray," said Bro. Warner.

After he had prayed for their faith to increase and for God's favor, Bro. Warner anointed the child's head with oil, like the Bible tells God's people to do, and they agreed in prayer that God would heal this boy.

Soon after prayer, the fever broke and the little boy opened his eyes. "I want a cookie," he weakly told his mother. She rejoiced and praised the Lord as she gave him a cookie, and then another cookie.

"We want to draw closer to the Lord," said the father as he wiped tears from his eyes. "Please pray with us that the Holy Spirit of God will sanctify my soul. I want to give God everything for His goodness to my family."

During prayer, the Holy Spirit blessed the father with His sweet

peace and assurance. They were rejoicing in the Lord when the sister came home from school, having been notified that her brother was dying. When she saw the wonderful works of the Lord, she rejoiced and told the family that she had found the Lord while pleading for her brother's life.

"Oh, praise God for His goodness!" exclaimed Sis. Frankie Miller, who was part of the prayer circle with Bro. Warner. "We are rejoicing with the angels in a little bit of Heaven right now! Jesus is just the same today and His miracles are witnessed in the Church of God. Let us sing about Canaan Land and the wonderful benefits of God."

So they sang songs of victory because the Lord was so merciful. Then Bro. D. S. Warner and his company of gospel workers traveled to another town to hold a revival meeting there. In this way, Bro. Warner was used of God to spread the Truth about Holiness to thousands of people. Even today we are blessed by the songs he wrote in the Evening Light Songbook and benefit from his labors.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. Where did Moses grow up?
2. What did Moses see happening?
3. What did Moses do to the Egyptian?
4. Why was Moses afraid?
5. What did Pharaoh decide to do?
6. What did Moses do?
7. Who did Moses stay with?
8. Who did Moses marry?

Answers: 1. In Pharaoh's palace. 2. An Egyptian beating a Hebrew. 3. Killed him. 4. He thought everyone knew what he did. 5. Kill Moses. 6. Fled from Egypt. 7. Jethro in Midian. 8. Zipporah.

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Holy Ground

Pharaoh died while Moses lived in Midian. The children of Israel, the Hebrews, were burdened down by their hard work. They cried out to God and He heard their prayers.

Moses took care of the animals for his father-in-law, Jethro. One day he led the animals to the bottom of the mountain of God. It was called Horeb. Moses saw a strange sight. There was fire shooting from a bush, but the bush was not turning to ashes. Moses went closer to investigate. God called to Moses from the burning bush.

"Moses," God said.

"Here am I," Moses replied.

"Do not come closer," God told Moses. "Take off your shoes. You are standing on holy ground. I am the God of your father. I am the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. I have seen the afflictions of my people in Egypt. I have heard their cries. I have come to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up to a good land, flowing with milk and honey, the land of Canaan. I will send you to Pharaoh so that you may help to bring my people out of Egypt."

"Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh?" Moses asked.

"I will be with you," God told Moses.

"When I go to the children of Israel and say that the God of your fathers sent me to you, and they ask, 'What is His name?' how shall I answer them?" Moses inquired.

"I am that I am," the Lord answered Moses. "Tell them that I AM hath sent me to you. You will tell the children of Israel that the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob sent you. Go and gather all of the elders of Israel together and tell them that God appeared to you. They will listen to you. Pharaoh will not let you go, but I will send plagues to Egypt, and then he will let you go. You will not go away empty. Every woman shall borrow silver, gold, and clothing from her neighbor."

—Sis. Monica Murphey

“...The bush burne



h fire...." Exodus 3: 2



Obeying God's Word

After a quiet supper of cabbage soup, Father called all his family into the sitting room for family worship.

"Children," said Father, "I want to read to you Luke 10:30-37 about the good Samaritan who helped the poor man who had been beaten and robbed. The Samaritan took time to be kind, and Jesus tells us to be this way also."

Father read from his German Bible about how two men turned away from the poor bleeding man, but the Samaritan, when he came by, had compassion on the hurt man. He dressed and bound up his wounds, put him on his own donkey, and took him to a nearby inn for care. The Samaritan paid for his stay at the inn as if this poor man was a family member. What a wonderful friend the good Samaritan had been to a total stranger!

"I want to be like that good Samaritan, obeying God's Word," said Father. "I do not plan to hurt anyone because they have different family blood lines than I do. I shall be kind to those around me who are hurting and do what I can to spare their lives."

All six of the Schindler children and their mother were quiet as they heard their father speak. They knew their German father was disagreeing with Hitler's firm decrees that the Jews were bad people. Father would be in danger of arrest.

"Father, we do not want to see you taken from us," cried Hans, the youngest son. "Couldn't you just let the government do what it wants with the Jews?"

"No, my son, God's laws are higher than man's laws. When governments make laws that disagree with God's Holy Word, then it is a Christian's duty to obey God's Holy Word instead. Let us pray for ourselves that we will have the strength and courage to obey God. Pray for the poor suffering Jews and our fellow Christians in our country, and pray for the rulers of our country that they will stop their

cruel destruction." Father brushed a tear from his eye as he led the family in prayer.

Soon Father was hiding strangers in a secret trap door under the kitchen table. He did not tell the children about all the things he was doing, but they knew their father was a brave man to help these poor people.

Father was the owner and manager of a large enamel factory in Cracow, Germany. One day when he heard that a police raid would take place that night in the area where the Jews lived, Father insisted that his factory workers must work all night. In this way, he saved the lives of those Jews working in his factory.

Every evening, the Schindler family would read a short portion of the Scriptures and pray for protection before they would go to bed. They knew that this was against the laws of their country, but they were trusting in God.

Every time the police raided Father's enamel factory, he was able to hide those in danger. At least 1100 people have thanked Oskar Schindler for saving their lives from destruction. He was one of many other German Christian heroes who stood for what is right and just in God's sight. Because of his obedience, God spared his life and family, even though they lived in constant danger for several years.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. What did Moses do for Jethro?
2. What did Moses see by the mountain?
3. How did Moses answer the Lord?
4. What did Moses take off?
5. Where was Moses standing?
6. What did God say His name was?
7. Who was Moses supposed to help?
8. What should the women borrow?

Answers: 1. Watched his animals. 2. A burning bush. 3. "Here I am." 4. His shoes. 5. On holy ground. 6. "I AM." 7. The Hebrews. 8. Silver, gold, and clothing.

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From a Rod to a Serpant

Moses was living in the land of Midian and watching his father-in-law's animals when the Lord spoke to him from a burning bush. The Lord told Moses to go to Egypt and to help bring the children of Israel out of Egypt.

"They will not believe me," Moses told the Lord. "They will say, 'The Lord hasn't appeared to you.'"

"What is in your hand?" the Lord asked Moses.

"A rod," Moses replied.

"Throw it on the ground," the Lord commanded. When Moses threw his staff on the ground, it turned into a snake. Moses ran from it.

"Put out your hand," the Lord said. "Take the snake by its tail." When Moses did this, the serpant was once again a staff in his hand.

"This will be a sign that the Lord appeared to you," God said. "Put your hand into your coat," God commanded. Moses put his hand into his coat and pulled it out. It was white with a fatal disease.

"Put it back into your coat," the Lord said. Moses did this. When he pulled his hand out again, it was healthy and normal.

"If they do not believe these signs," the Lord said. "Then you will take water from the river and pour it onto the dry land. The water will turn to blood on the dry land."

"Oh, Lord," Moses intreated. "I am not a good speaker. I am slow of speech."

"Who made man's mouth?" the Lord inquired. "Who makes men deaf or blind? Am I not the Lord? Go, and I will be with you and teach you what to say. Your brother Aaron can speak well. Aaron will meet you and will be very glad to see you. You will tell him what to say, and I will be with both of you and teach you what to do."

—Sis. Monica Murphey

“....He cast it on



round, and it became a serpent....” Exodus 4:3



About Snakes

God made all living creatures, and they all have a place in our world, but most people have a natural fear of snakes. How would you like to open the kitchen cabinet and find a snake curled up on the shelf? Would you scream? Would you try to kill it? Would you run outside and never go back inside until Daddy or Mother killed that snake?

Back in the pioneer days of America, snakes were a common pest on prairies and in deserts. When people lived in a dugout in the ground or in a log cabin by a creek, sometimes a pioneer mother or daughter would open up a cabinet to get dishes and find a snake curled on top of them! Snakes were a pest because they liked to eat the mice that lived around people's grain. Though they ate the mice, not many people were very fond of keeping a snake around for this purpose.

Actually, only 10 kinds of snakes are poisonous though there are 2,400 kinds of snakes in the world. Usually snakes will not strike unless they are hungry or feel threatened.

Snakes do not have legs or ears. They feel vibrations or movements on the ground as they slither along. Also, a snake never shuts its eyes, but a see-through cap keeps its eyes open all the time. It sheds this cap with its skin every year. A snake keeps flicking out its tongue while moving along the ground; because this is the snake's sense of touch and smell.

The long, slender, forked tongue does not sting, but it is the hollow fang teeth that stab poison into the bitten victim. A snake must swallow its food whole. The bones of a snake's lower jaw are loosely connected to each other and to the skull. The snake can separate them and swallow an

animal two or three times as thick as its head. The biggest snake, a python, weighs up to 200 pounds and can eat a victim weighing 100 pounds.

A newborn baby snake can live for months without food and usually grown snakes only eat every few days.

In the winter, when it is cold, snakes hibernate or sleep all the time.

If you are ever bitten by a rattlesnake, water moccasin, copperhead, coral snake, sea snake, gaboon viper, fer-de-lance snake, or a cobra, then you must be treated for a poisonous bite.

Leave the place where the snake is so that it will not strike again, but **DO NOT RUN**. This will keep the poison from quickly spreading through your body. Pray and ask God to help you, and find your parents or an adult.

A person who has been bitten by a snake must drink plenty of water and juice to cleanse the poison out of his body. There are people who have survived a poisonous snake bite, but it is serious.

If you ever see a snake, whether in your cabinet or not, it is best for you to call an adult to come right away. Do not take any chances of being snake bitten.

—Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. What was Moses holding?
2. What did it turn in to?
3. What happened to Moses' hand?
4. What would happen to the water?
5. Why was Moses afraid?
6. Who did the Lord say would speak for Moses?
7. Who was coming to see Moses?
8. Who would teach both Moses and Aaron?

Answers: 1. A rod. 2. A serpent. 3. It had a disease. 4. It would turn to blood. 5. He could not speak well. 6. Aaron. 7. Aaron. 8. The Lord.

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First Encounter with Pharaoh

The Lord met Moses on a mountain one day when Moses was watching his father-in-law's animals. "Go and help your people leave Egypt," the Lord told Moses. "All of the men that wanted to kill you are dead."

So Moses put his wife and sons on his donkey and returned to Egypt. The Lord had told Aaron that Moses was coming. "Go to the wilderness to meet Moses," the Lord said. Moses told his brother what the Lord had said. When they got to Egypt, Moses and Aaron met with the elders of the children of Israel and told them what the Lord had said. The people believed what Moses and Aaron said. They bowed their heads to worship the Lord.

Moses and Aaron went to ask Pharaoh to let the Israelites leave Egypt. "The Lord says this, 'Let my people go, so that they can worship me in the wilderness.'"

"Who is the Lord?" Pharaoh asked. "Why should I obey Him? I do not know Him, and I will not let the children of Israel go."

Pharaoh saw that the people had stopped work to see what would happen. He did not like that. The children of Israel had helped build cities for Pharaoh. They made bricks from straw. Before this, they always had the straw brought to them for the bricks. "Do not give these people straw for their bricks anymore," Pharaoh commanded the overseers. "Make them gather their straw. Let there be more work for them."

"You must get the same amount of work done in a day's time as before," the overseers told the people. "Hurry along with your work." The people were beaten when this didn't happen.

They met Moses and Aaron. "Let the Lord judge you," they said. "You have made Pharaoh angry with us."

Moses prayed to God, "Since I spoke with Pharaoh, he has treated our people terribly. Why have I come here?"

"You will see what I will do with Pharaoh," the Lord replied. "He will drive your people out of his land. I am the Lord. I will bring you out from the burdens of Egypt and give you the land of Canaan."

—Sis. Monica Murphey





“So the people were scattered
abroad...to gather stubble....” Exodus 5:12

One Disobedience

Mother and Daddy were planning an evening out to dinner to celebrate their wedding anniversary. Carefully and sternly they instructed their four children how to behave and obey the babysitter.

"There shall be no bossing or fussing," said Daddy. "I want you to be very nice to Aunt Hilda and play the games she has planned for you all."

Just then, they heard the door bell ring. Aunt Hilda was there. The children said hello to Aunt Hilda and good-bye to Mother and Daddy. Then the long evening began.

"Daddy said we can enjoy ourselves, so let's pop some popcorn and have ice cream," said Tim.

Aunt Hilda wasn't sure; because Mother had not mentioned anything about those snacks. "I tell you what we'll do," said Aunt Hilda, "if you will play this game without fussing, then we will have some milk with the cookies I brought. If there is any fussing, we will have no snacks, but go to bed early."

The children enjoyed the games that Aunt Hilda had brought, and the evening passed quickly.

"You all have been so good!" exclaimed Aunt Hilda. "Now it is time for snacks before we say evening prayers."

Right then the telephone rang, calling Aunt Hilda away to a bedroom for a few minutes' private discussion. While she was gone, Tim got out the popcorn popper.

"Now, Tim, you know we are to have just cookies and milk," said Trina.

Tim went ahead and plugged in the corn popper. Then he found the

popcorn.

"Aunt Hilda told us not to get into the popcorn and ice cream," insisted Trina.

Ignoring Trina, Tim put lots of oil in the popper and poured plenty of popcorn into the oil. Trina went to find Aunt Hilda while the boys waited for the popcorn to pop.

Aunt Hilda was almost ready to hang up the phone. "I smell something hot," she whispered to Trina. "What is it?"

"Popcorn," replied Trina. "The boys are making popcorn."

Aunt Hilda hung up the phone and hurried back to the kitchen, where she confronted the boys.

"Boys, why are you disobeying me when I said plainly that I had cookies and milk and we were not to dirty the kitchen with popcorn clutter?" she asked.

"Tim, I will have to tell your parents about your disobedience," said Aunt Hilda. "I asked you not to make popcorn, but you refused to obey. This one sin of rebellion mars your good record of obedience for this evening." —Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. Where was Moses to go?
2. Who met Moses?
3. Did the people believe Moses?
4. Did Pharaoh let the Hebrews go?
5. What did Pharaoh take away from the people?
6. Why were the people upset?
7. What did Moses wonder?
8. Where will the Lord bring His people?

Answers: 1. Egypt. 2. Aaron. 3. Yes. 4. No. 5. Straw to make bricks. 6. They suffered even more. 7. Why he was there. 8. Canaan.
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Rivers of Blood

"Go and speak to Pharaoh again," the Lord told Moses. "I will harden Pharaoh's heart. He will see My signs and wonders in the land of Egypt. He will not let you leave Egypt. I will stretch out My hand over Egypt and the Egyptians will know that I am the Lord. Then they will ask that My people leave their land."

Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh a second time. Moses was eighty years old, and Aaron was eighty three years old when they went to Pharaoh.

Aaron threw his rod down in front of Pharaoh. Immediately, it became a snake. Pharaoh did not think this was much of a trick. He called for his magicians. When they threw their rods down, they also turned into snakes. They were surprised, however, when Aaron's snake ate all of the other snakes!

Still, Pharaoh would not let the Hebrews leave Egypt. The Lord gave Moses more instructions. The next morning, Moses met Pharaoh by the river when he went to get a drink. He took up the rod that had turned into a snake and hit the water with it. Pharaoh and his servants watched as the water turned into blood. It was not fit to drink. The river stank. All of the fish in the river died. Blood was flowing throughout the land of Egypt.

Once again, Pharaoh was not impressed. He called his magicians, and they were able to turn water into blood also. Pharaoh's heart was hardened once again. He would not let the children of Israel leave Egypt.

Because they could not drink from the river, the Egyptians tried to dig around the river to find water.

—Sis. Monica Murphey

“...He lifted up



d, and smote the waters...." Exodus 7:20



Little-Faith

In *The Pilgrim's Progress*, Christian, who is on his journey to the Heavenly City, tells Hopeful a story about a friend of his named Little-Faith. Let us listen in and hear what Christian has to say about Little-Faith.

"As I walk past this place in the road, I remember what happened here to my friend, Little-Faith. He was a good man and traveled this narrow way also, but he never did recover from the robbery that took place here on his journey.

"Little-Faith had just awakened from a good sound nap when three, big, mean brothers came and caught him from behind. Faint-Heart held up a club and Mistrust tied his hands, while Guilt stood before him with a sneering look.

"Hand over your purse of money," said Faint-Heart, but before Little-Faith could do it, Mistrust had grabbed the purse of money from his pocket.

"Look at all this silver!" laughed Mistrust. "This will feed us for a few days."

"Stop, thieves, stop!" cried Little-Faith.

"Then Guilt bellowed an ugly roar and hit Little-Faith over the head with his big club, causing him to fall to the ground.

"Suddenly, they heard someone coming down the road, and the three robbers fled back to Dead-Man's Lane, which, in turn, led to the Broad Way. It was Great-Grace who came to help Little-Faith on his way.

"Did Little-Faith leave the narrow way?" asked Hopeful. "Did he ever recover from the blow and the loss of money?"

"Great-Grace nursed Little-Faith and helped him," continued Christian, "but Little-Faith kept picking at his wound and wouldn't let it heal.

"Poor man," said Hopeful.

There was silence for a moment as Christian and Hopeful each thought about Little-Faith. If Little-Faith would have let the wound on his head heal, then he could have been happier along the narrow way.

"What about Great-grace?" asked Hopeful. "I wish to be sturdy and firm like he is."

"Yes, so do I," replied Christian. "He is one of the King's Champions. He is a full-grown man who has been through many battles, and every time wins the victory. He knows the Good Book through and through and can use that sword very wisely. As we grow in spiritual things and have learning experiences, we can be like him. Let us take time right now to study the Good Book and learn how to use it skillfully. We need not be like Faint-Heart, but we can be like Great-Grace if we put forth the effort."

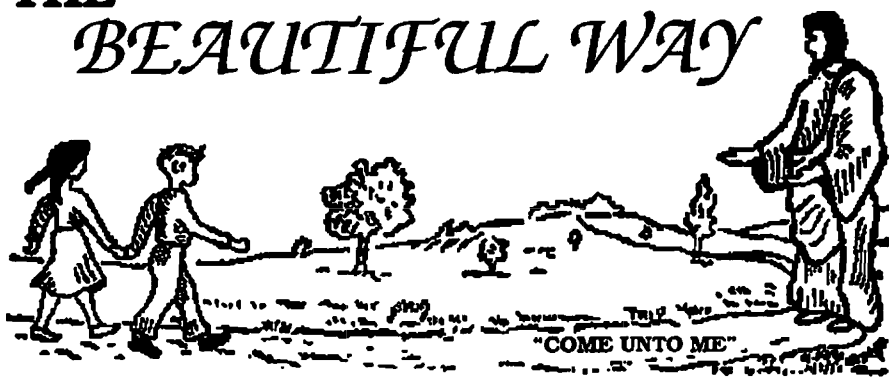
—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. Who visited Pharaoh?
2. What did they ask Pharaoh?
3. Did Pharaoh listen to them?
4. What did the rod turn into?
5. What happened to the magician's snakes?
6. What did Moses do to the river?
7. What happened to the water?
8. What happened to the fish?

Answers: 1. Moses & Aaron. 2. To let their people go. 3. No. 4. A Snake. 5. They were eaten by Aaron's. 6. Hit it with his rod. 7. It turned to blood. 8. They died.

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The Plague of the Frogs

"Go to Pharaoh," the Lord told Moses. "Tell him that the Lord said to let His people go so that they may serve me."

Pharaoh's heart was hard toward Moses and Aaron. He would not let the Israelites leave Egypt. Aaron stretched his rod out over the streams, rivers and ponds, and frogs began coming out of them. Frogs covered the land of Egypt. There were frogs everywhere, even in Pharaoh's house. There were frogs on Pharaoh's bed. They were in the homes of Pharaoh's servants and all of the homes of the Egyptians.

Pharaoh called for his magicians. They also brought frogs up out of the rivers. Finally, Pharaoh had enough of this plague. He called for Moses and Aaron.

"Ask the Lord to take away the frogs from me and my people," Pharaoh requested. "Then I will let your people go so that they may make sacrifices to the Lord."

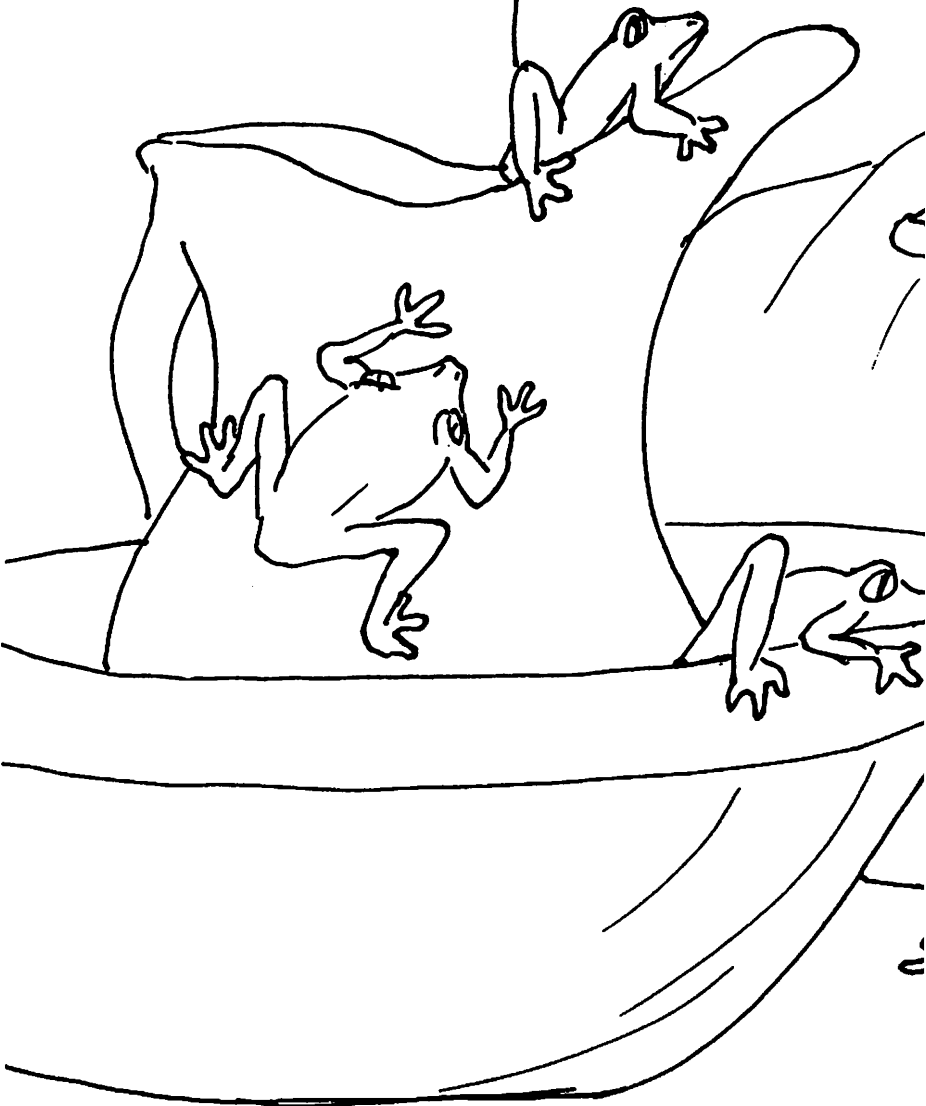
"The frogs will leave your houses and return to the river," Moses and Aaron said. "Then you will see that there is no other god like the Lord our God."

Moses and Aaron left Pharaoh and cried unto the Lord for deliverance from the frogs in Egypt. The Lord did what Moses asked. The frogs began to die. Once again, the frogs were in the river, where they belonged. There was peace in the homes, fields, and villages of the Egyptians. The Egyptians put the dead frogs in heaps and all of Egypt smelled their stink.

When Pharaoh saw that the trouble was ended, he hardened his heart toward the Hebrews once more. He would not let the children of Israel leave Egypt.

—Sis. Monica Murphey

“...And frogs came up, and
covered the land....” Exoc





Healing Victories

(True Story)

Kevin was sick; really sick! His stomach hurt; his whole body hurt. He hurt all over. Mother and Daddy didn't know what was wrong with him. They just knew their little boy was sick. He hadn't been well for two days.

Kevin had a fever, and he slept a lot. When he woke up in the afternoon, his mother was by his bed putting cool cloths on his arms and forehead.

"Do you want some soup and crackers?" she asked Kevin.

Kevin shut his eyes. He felt so bad. "Just call Bro. Smith, please," he said. "Have Bro. Smith pray for me that Jesus will make me well."

Mother called Bro. Smith, and he and another brother came over. They anointed Kevin with oil and prayed in the name of Jesus that all the fever and hurting would leave. They spoke a few words of encouragement and read some Scriptures about trusting Jesus for healing. Kevin went back to sleep before they left.

When Kevin woke up later that night, he felt some better. He wasn't so hot, though he still hurt some. Slowly, the hurting went away and Kevin began to eat soup and crackers again. In three days, he was out of bed and playing with his brothers and sisters. Jesus had made Kevin well.

Later, in another town, a little girl named Melonie was sick. She was allergic to damp mildew and flower pollen that was in the air. Melonie

could hardly breathe at times, and it made her lungs hurt. When Melonie coughed and coughed, her mother and daddy would pray to Jesus, and Jesus would ease the hurt and help Melonie stop coughing. Sometimes, Mother would call Grandma and Grandpa for prayer. They all would agree in prayer that Melonie would be healed and not hurt when she breathed. Prayer worked every time. Melonie always thanked Jesus when He answered prayer and took away the coughing.

There are so many stories we could tell about Jesus healing boys and girls today! When He keeps us well and protects us from accidents, we want to thank Him for that also. Isn't Jesus wonderful! Can you tell some things about the healing power of Jesus?
—Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. What did Aaron & Moses tell Pharaoh?
2. Did Pharaoh let them leave Egypt?
3. What came up out of the waters?
4. Where were the frogs?
5. Did the magicians do the same as Aaron?
6. Did Pharaoh agree to let them leave?
7. What changed Pharaoh's mind?
8. What caused a stinking smell in Egypt?

Answers: 1. To let the Hebrews leave. 2. No. 3. Frogs. 4. Everywhere in Egypt. 5. Yes. 6. Yes. 7. The trouble was ended. 8. Dead frogs.

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Lice and Flies

The Lord told Aaron to stretch out his rod. Aaron stretched out his rod and hit the dust of the earth. All of the dust in Egypt turned into lice. The lice latched upon all of the people and animals that lived in Egypt.

Pharaoh's magicians tried to turn dust into lice, but they could not. "This is the finger of God," the magicians told Pharaoh. Pharaoh would not listen to them. The Lord had told Moses that Pharaoh would not let the Hebrews leave Egypt until he had seen many of the Lord's signs and wonders.

The Lord told Moses and Aaron what to do next. Moses got up early the next morning and stood by the place where Pharaoh went to get a drink of water. "Let my people go so that they may serve God," Moses entreated. "If you do not, God will send swarms of flies to you, your servants, and all of your people. There will be no flies in the land of Goshen where the Hebrews dwell. When you see this, you will know that the Lord is God."

Pharaoh would not let the Hebrews go. Swarms of flies came into Pharaoh's house. They were in his servants' houses. The entire land of Egypt was covered with flies.

Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron. "Go and make sacrifices to God here in the land," Pharaoh said.

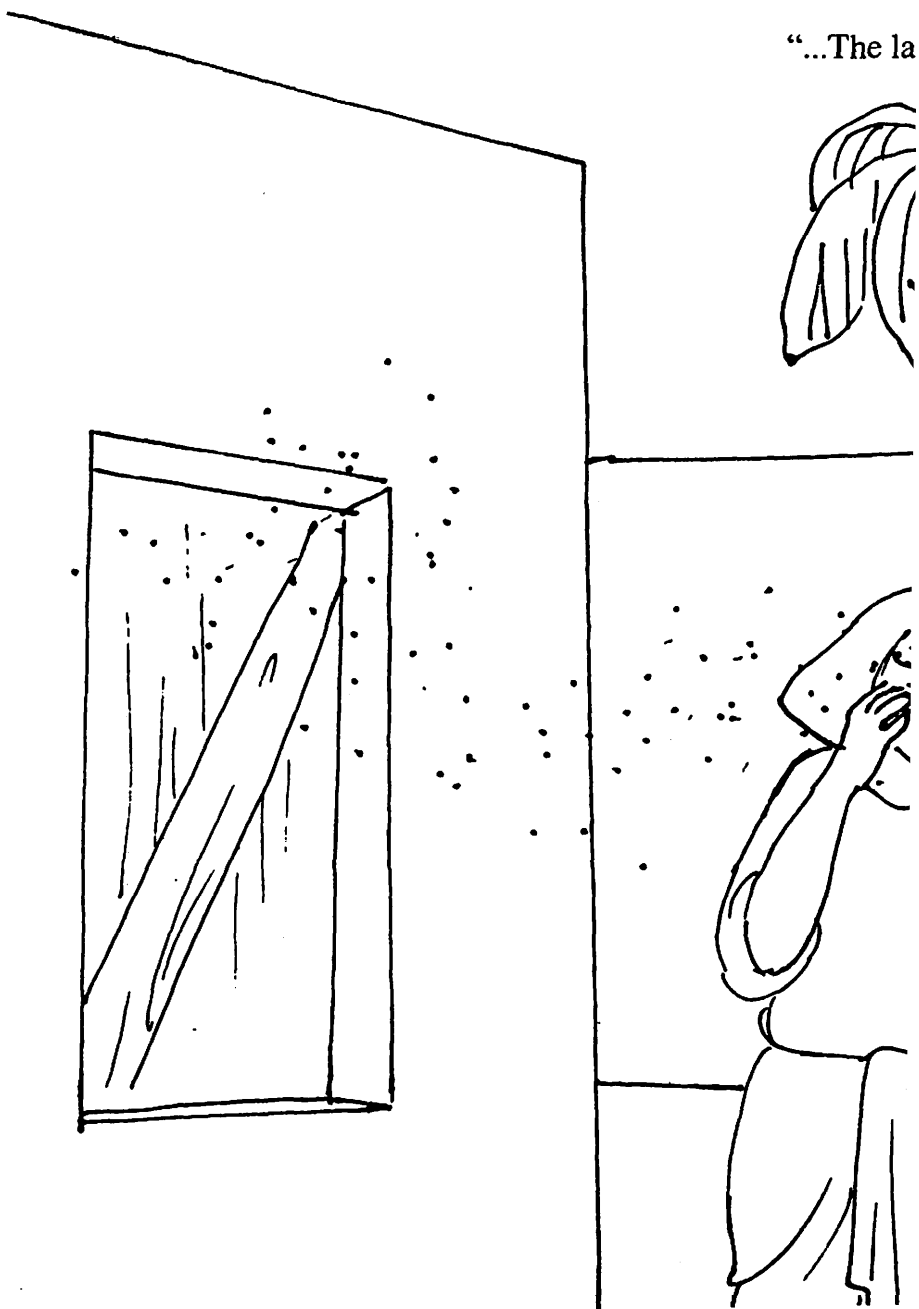
"That is not acceptable," Moses argued. "We will need to journey three days in the wilderness and make sacrifices to the Lord, as He commanded us."

"I will let you go," Pharaoh agreed. "Only do not go very far away. Ask the Lord to take away the flies."

Moses left Pharaoh and asked the Lord to remove the flies from the land of Egypt. After the Lord did so, Pharaoh once again hardened his heart toward the people and would not let them leave Egypt.

—Sis. Monica Murphey

“...The la



s corrupted by ...the swarm of flies." Exodus 8:24



Lilies

"I just love springtime!" exclaimed Ellen as she helped Mother weed the freshly-dug flower bed. "The new flowers and the baby green leaves on the trees make me feel clean and happy."

"Yes," agreed Mother. "It is nice to feel the warm sunshine after the cold winter winds have been here."

"Look at the pretty cupped crocuses and the yellow daffodils! Oh, I just love these pink tulips! I don't know which ones I like best! Mother, which flowers are your favorite?"

"That would be hard to say," replied Mother. "Each flower is special in its own way."

"Do you think God has a special flower He likes best?" asked Ellen.

"Well, I don't know," said Mother thoughtfully. "There are so many thousands of flowers in the world that it seems God wanted a beautiful bouquet. However, there is one particular type of flower mentioned more often in the Bible than any other flowers. It is the lily flower."

"Oh, you mean the Easter lily," Ellen said. "Was an Easter lily put by the tomb after Jesus died?"

"No, I don't think so," said Mother with a smile. "The clean whiteness of lilies makes a person think of purity and loveliness. The lily form was carved about the tops of the pillars in Solomon's temple. Then in the Song of Solomon, the beauty and sweetness of a lily is often referred to as Jesus. He was pure and divine, without fault. His tender flesh was beaten and left bruised like a crushed lily splashed with red blood. Then came the greatest miracle of all. Jesus

came from the tomb shining more radiant than any lily of the field. He was no longer crushed underfoot, but He arose to reign with God, His Father. That is where Jesus is today. He is bowing His head, listening to prayers, and honoring faith wherever He sees it."

Ellen was silent for a moment as she thought about Jesus, the Lily of the valley. She touched a tender flower petal and thought how it hurt the tender flesh of Jesus when He hung on the rough cross. He gave His life so that He could help her out of her sins. Then she could feel clean and pure like a white lily. Ellen sighed.

"When will Easter be here?" she asked her mother.

"This Sunday will be Easter," replied Mother. "Let's gather a bouquet of pretty flowers to put on our table."

"From now on every time I see a lily it will remind me of the clean pureness of Jesus. I think lilies are one of my favorite flowers, also," said Ellen.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. What did Aaron hit?
2. What did the dust turn in to?
3. Were the magicians able to make lice?
4. Would Pharaoh let the people go?
5. Where did Moses meet Pharaoh?
6. What did God send next?
7. Did Pharaoh agree to let the people go?
8. Did the flies leave Egypt?

Answers: 1. Dust. 2. Lice. 3. No. 4. No. 5. By the water. 6. Flies. 7. Yes, but he changed his mind. 8. Yes.

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Boils and Beasts

Pharaoh and his people suffered through waters turned to blood and frogs, lice, and flies covering the land of Egypt. But still Pharaoh would not allow the children of Israel to travel to the wilderness and make sacrifices to God.

The Lord sent a new plague to the Egyptian people. This time all of the horses, donkeys, camels, oxen, and sheep became sick with disease. All of the cattle in Egypt died, but none of the animals in Goshen, where the children of Israel lived, were sickened.

Even after this, Pharaoh would not listen to Moses and Aaron's requests. He would not let the Israelites leave.

"Take handfuls of ashes from the furnace," the Lord told Moses and Aaron. "Let Moses sprinkle it toward the heavens in front of Pharaoh. It shall become small particles of dust and shall turn into a boil (a sore). Every person and animal in Egypt will become infected with these sores."

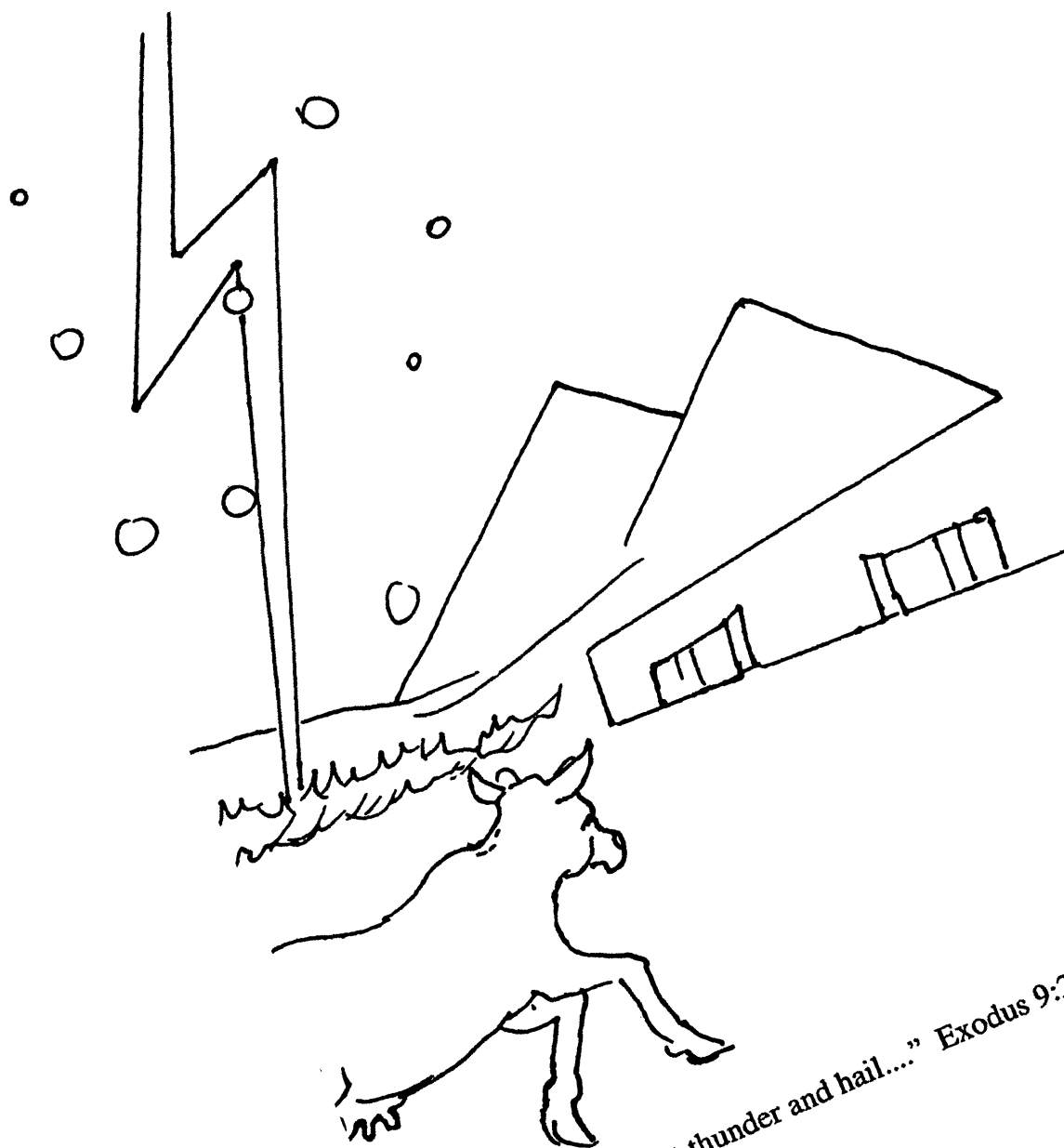
Moses and Aaron did as the Lord commanded. Pharaoh's magicians did not try this trick. They were too sick, with the sores covering their bodies.

The Lord said to Moses, "Stretch your hand up toward heaven, so that there may be hail in all of Egypt."

When Moses stretched his rod toward heaven, thunder crashed. Hail began to pour down upon the earth. Fire ran along the ground. The hail crashed down on every person and animal in Egypt. It spoiled every plant and broke every tree in the fields. In the land of Goshen, there was no hail.

—Sis. Monica Murphey





“...And the Lord sent thunder and hail....” Exodus 9:23

Water for the Lake

"Ryan, let's make a road over this way," said Scott as he scooped a narrow trail in the dirt with a cupped hand.

Scott and Ryan were building roads for their trucks and cars in their backyard.

Two big friendly sycamore trees shaded most of the yard where the two brothers spent many happy hours. Mother had told the boys they could make their roads in the corner of the yard by the shed. She told them not to dig into any grass and to stay away from her flower beds. Sometimes she peeked out her kitchen window to check on the boys.

"Let's put a lake right here," said Scott. "That way my house will be right on the lake. We can go fishing then."

Ryan looked at the grassy place which Scott pointed to.

"I don't think Mother would like for us to put it there," he said. "That would dig up some of the grass, and it is by her flower bed."

"We can be careful with the grass and plant it back when we are through," said Scott.

"Okay," said Ryan.

"Why don't we put some water in the lake," suggested Scott. "It isn't really a lake without water."

"I know, but Mother doesn't like for us to play in the water," said Ryan. "She told us not to get muddy. We can just pretend there is water in the lake."

"We aren't going to play in the water," objected Scott. "The lake is too little. If we don't get muddy, Mother won't care if our lake has water."

"Okay," said Ryan, as usual. He picked up the sand pail and went to the outside water faucet. After three pailsful of water, the lake was finally holding water, but the water did not stay. It sunk into the ground!

"What shall we do to make the water stay?" asked Ryan.

The boys thought for a while, then Scott had an idea. "I know!" he said. "Plastic will hold water. Go get a plastic trash bag! Then we will lay it at the bottom of the lake and it will keep the water from leaking out."

Ryan hurried to get the plastic bag. He slipped into the house and came back outside with it.

"Here, Ryan, hold the bag over there while I pull it over here. Oops! Don't slide in the mud! Ryan, look at your feet!" Ryan looked down at the mud between his toes.

"I had better wash this off before Mother sees it," he said, "and I'll bring some more water for the lake."

As Ryan was coming back with a pailful of water, Scott did not see him and they bumped into each other. Splash! went the water over both boys.

"Help!" yelled Scott, as he sat down hard in the lake.

Mother heard Scott, and she came to the back door to see what was the matter.

"Boys! Why are you digging holes by my flower bed?" she asked. "Didn't I tell you to never dig into the grass and to stay away from my flower beds? Why have you disobeyed me?"

Both boys hung their heads. Scott's reasons for digging the hole had seemed so right until now.

"We are sorry, Mother," both boys replied. "We will fix it back like it was."

"Cover the hole with dirt and grass," said Mother, "but it won't look the same until new grass grows over it. Remember, there are always reasons why you should obey. Now I want you boys to come in and take a nap."

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. Where did the Hebrews want to go?
2. Would Pharaoh let them?
3. What happened to the Egyptian cattle?
4. What did Moses take from the furnace?
5. What did the Egyptian people become covered with?
6. Could the magicians do this trick?
7. What came down on them next?
8. What was spoiled by the hail?

Answers: 1. To the wilderness to worship. 2. No. 3. They got sick & died. 4. Ashes. 5. Boils. 6. No. 7. Hail. 8. Plants & trees.

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Plague of the Locusts

After seeing the hail falling down on the land of Egypt, Pharaoh sent for Moses and Aaron. "I know I have sinned," Pharaoh repented. "Please ask the Lord to stop the thunder and hail. Then, I will let your people go."

As soon as Moses left the city, he spread out his hands. The hail and thunder stopped. The flax and the barley crops in Egypt were ruined, but when Pharaoh saw that the storms had stopped, he once again hardened his heart. He would not let the children of Israel leave Egypt.

The Lord told Moses and Aaron to visit Pharaoh again. "How long will you refuse to humble yourself before the Lord?" Moses and Aaron asked Pharaoh. "Let my people go, so that they may serve me. If you refuse, tomorrow I will bring locusts into your land. They will cover the face of the earth and will eat up everything that was not ruined by the hail. They will eat every tree that grows in the field. The locusts will fill the houses of all of the Egyptians."

After Moses and Aaron left, Pharaoh's servants went to speak to Pharaoh. "How long will you let that man burden us?" the servants asked. "Let them go to worship their God. Do you not know that Egypt is destroyed?"

Moses and Aaron were once again called to Pharaoh. "Go and serve the Lord your God," Pharaoh said. "But who will go with you?"

"We will go with our young, our old, our sons, our daughters, our flocks, and our herds," Moses and Aaron answered. "We must hold a feast to the Lord." Pharaoh was angry that they wanted to take everything and everyone out of the land of Goshen. Moses and Aaron were driven away from Pharaoh's presence. Moses stretched out his rod over the land of Egypt. The Lord brought the locusts in with a wind from the east. All that day, that night, and the next morning locust came in to the land of Egypt.

—Sis. Monica Murphey



ist wind brought the locusts.” Ex. 10:13



Biking on Magnolia Court

Connie lived on Magnolia Court with her father, mother, two brothers and little sister. Magnolia Court in Guthrie was a short, dead end street with an egg-shaped center that allowed cars to turn around and go back up the bent street to Hill Drive. Mostly neighbors drove down Magnolia Court, so in the evenings after supper time, the street was usually quiet.

On warm evenings, many of the neighborhood children would get on their bicycles and ride around the egg-shaped center they called *The Egg*. They would ride up the street, down the street, and around *The Egg* again. They had traffic rules about going one way around *The Egg* and stopping at the smaller top to look both ways and make sure another biker wasn't in the way before going on.

Connie would jump on Ole Betsy, her bike, and take off riding. Her legs and feet would pump fast up and down on the pedals as she tried to ride as fast as Pepe and Damon, the big neighbor boys next door to her house. There were several big boys and girls in the neighborhood. Connie did not think they were as mean as the ones who lived on her old street, but she still had to learn to get along with them.

Damon liked to be the policeman and he liked to give out verbal tickets. The first two tickets he would holler out to the traffic offender, but the third time he put the offender in jail on his front porch, where they had to sit ten minutes before riding their bike again.

Connie would bring her bike close to the stopping line and then speed on without stopping.

"Hey, you on that little red bike! That's one ticket!" Damon hollered at her.

Connie ducked down and rode faster. She looked to see where Damon was before disobeying the law again, and she ran right into the cement curb.

BUMP! Connie's bike twisted. She fell across the handle bars and landed in the grass. Most of the bikers laughed, and Connie laughed with them because she really did not get hurt.

"Are you okay?" asked Damon as he stopped his bike by Connie. "I need to give you another ticket for reckless driving. You need to watch where you are going!"

"Well, it wasn't my fault," said Connie. "That curb shouldn't have gotten in the way! Give the curb a ticket!"

"I'm afraid it doesn't work that way, ma'am," replied Damon in a grownup voice. "You need to keep your hands on the handle bars and your bike between the curbs. Now don't talk back to me any more or I'll throw you in jail for harassing an officer!"

"That's not fair!" exclaimed Connie as she climbed on her bike.

"Hey, what did I say?" warned Damon shaking a finger at her.

Connie laughed as she rode off. One more time of not stopping at the line and she would be thrown in jail. Her brother, Don, rode past her on his bike.

"You had better stop at the line next time," Don cautioned her.

"So what would it be like to go to Damon's jail?" Connie wondered. She sped past the stop line again to find out.

"Hey, you reckless driver!" yelled Damon. "You are going to jail! Get off that bike right now!"

From Damon's tone of voice, Connie knew he meant business. Maybe she should have listened to Don and not disobeyed on purpose.

(To be continued)

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. Who did Pharaoh send for?
2. What did Pharaoh want stopped?
3. What crops were ruined?
4. Who wanted Pharaoh to let Moses go?
5. Who would go with Moses to worship?
6. Did Pharaoh allow them to go?
7. What did Moses stretch out over Egypt?
8. What did the Lord send in on an east wind?

Answers: 1. Moses and Aaron. 2. The hail. 3. Flax and barley. 4. Pharaoh's servants. 5. All of the Hebrews and their animals. 6. No. 7. His rod. 8. Locusts.

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Darkness Over Egypt

When Pharaoh refused to let Moses and Aaron and their people go to worship God in the wilderness, God sent locusts to the land of Egypt. The locusts came in on an east wind and covered all of Egypt. The Egyptians had never seen anything like these locusts, and they have never seen anything like them since. There were so many of them, the land was dark. The locusts ate all of the green things left in Egypt.

Finally, Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron. "I have sinned against God and against you," Pharaoh said. "Please forgive me and ask the Lord your God to take away these locusts." When Moses left Pharaoh, he prayed for deliverance from the locusts. A strong west wind began blowing. It took away the locusts and cast them into the Red Sea. There was not one locust left in the land of Egypt. When Pharaoh saw that the locusts were gone, he hardened his heart. He would not let the children of Israel leave his lands.

"Stretch out your hand toward heaven," the Lord told Moses. "Then there will be a darkness over the land of Egypt."

Moses stretched out his hand toward heaven. There was a thick darkness in all of the land of Egypt for three days. The people could not see one another. They stayed in their houses for three days. There was light where the children of Israel lived.

"Go and serve your God," Pharaoh told Moses. "Only, do not take your flocks or your herds."

"We must have animals for sacrifices," Moses replied. "Our cattle shall go with us."

Pharaoh's heart was hardened once again. "Get away from me," Pharaoh commanded. "Do not let me see your face anymore. If you do, you will die."

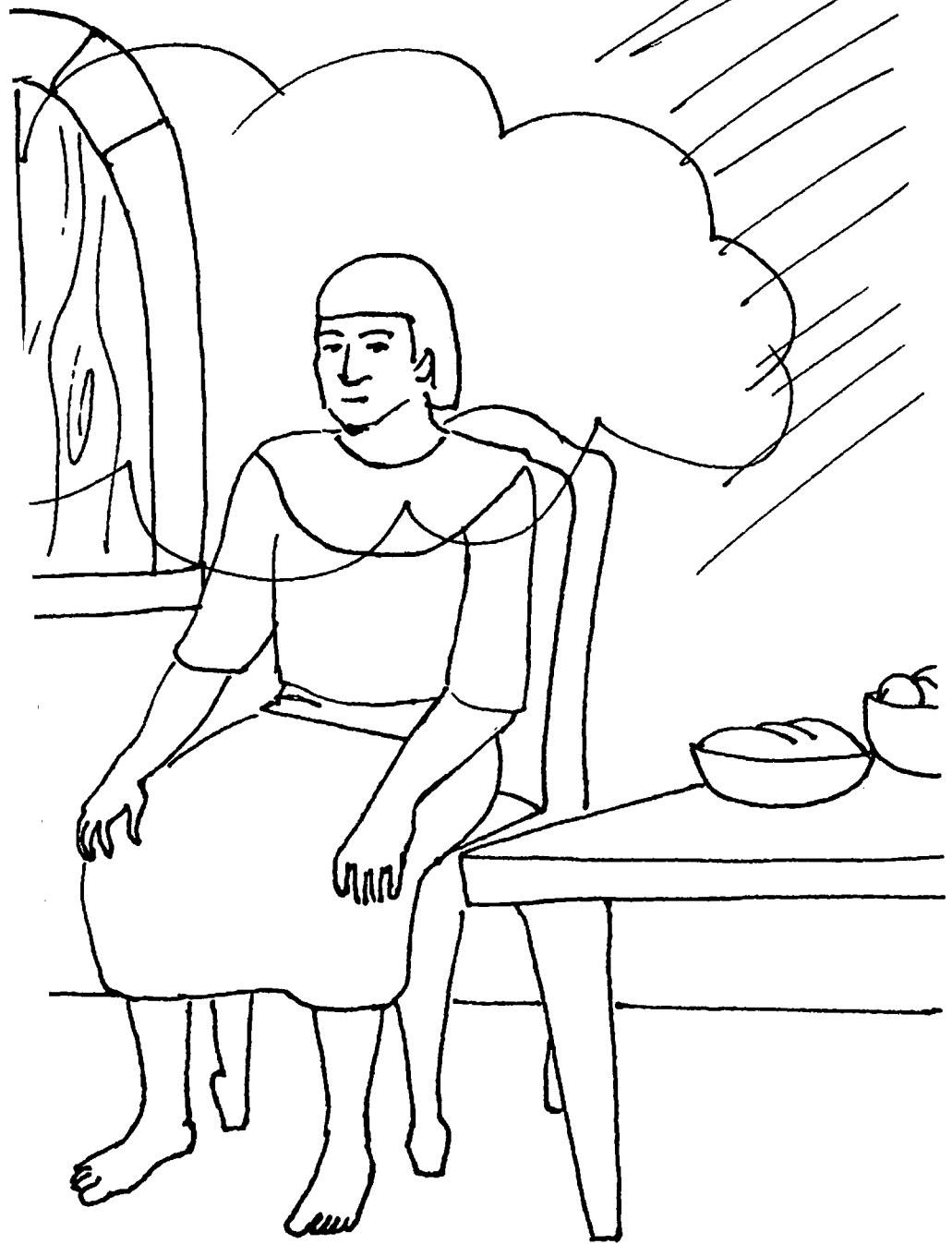
"You are correct," Moses countered. "I will not see your face anymore."

—Sis. Monica Murphey

"They saw not one an



; neither rose any from his place for three days:" Ex. 10:23



Bikers' Play

(Continued)

Connie was already off of her bike when Damon came over to where she had parked it.

"I'm going to put this rope around your hands and take you to my porch," Damon told her. He looked really big and smelled sweaty as he grabbed Connie's hands and twisted a small rope around her wrists. "This is what you get for disobeying my law three times!"

"Ouch! Don't wrap it so tight!" exclaimed Connie.

"Now get going!" demanded Damon as he shoved her toward his porch.

Suddenly Connie decided she did not want to go. She stopped walking and Damon bumped into her. "I don't want to go to your jail, and don't shove me around, Damon!" she said.

Damon was upset because she had stopped walking, so he shoved her again and she kicked him in the leg.

"Why you mean little brat!" exclaimed Damon as he grabbed her by the shoulders. By now the other bikers had parked their bikes to watch what was happening.

"Untie her hands!" demanded the girls.

"Don't kick our officer!" ordered the boys.

"Get your hands off of my shoulders and untie my hands!" demanded Connie angrily.

"No!" said Damon. "You deserve to go to jail for what you have done!"

Connie kicked Damon again and he kept shaking her by the shoulders. By now the other bikers were circled around them, the girls for Connie and the boys for Damon. Connie's brother, Donnie, ran to get her Daddy.

"What is going on here!" demanded Daddy. His bass voice silenced the crowd. By now Connie was crying. Damon put his hands down to his side and answered, "Well, sir, we were playing this game and she disobeyed the law of the game and then she

kicked me....

"So why are her hands tied?" asked Daddy.

"Well, I didn't want her to hit me when I put her in jail. She has already bruised up my legs!"

Snickering went around the circle of onlookers.

"Untie her hands," demanded Daddy. "Don't ever tie another girl's hands like this again. A big boy like you should never bully younger ones around like this. You are playing too rough if you are physically harming others."

Damon untied Connie's hands as Daddy was talking. Connie was ever so glad to run to Daddy for comfort. "I don't know what laws or rules you have to this biking game," Daddy said, "but you had better treat each other with respect. No hand tying, hitting, shoving, kicking—let's behave around here."

"Yes, sir," replied Damon.

Daddy looked at Connie. "Yes, sir," she replied. She knew she hadn't acted nice either. Soon everyone was back on their bikes riding and playing. This time Connie tried to obey the bike rules because Daddy and Mama were sitting in lawn chairs watching the biking game from their drive way.

(To be continued)

Questions: —Sis. Connie Sorrell

1. What took the locusts away?
2. Where did the locusts go?
3. Were there any locusts left?
4. Was there anything green left?
5. What did the Lord send to Egypt next?
6. How many days did the next plague last?
7. Where did the Egyptians stay for three days?
8. What would happen if Pharaoh saw Moses again?

Answers: 1. A west wind. 2. Into the Red Sea. 3. No. 4. No. 5. Darkness. 6. Three. 7. In their homes. 8. Moses would die.

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Preparation to Leave

Even after seeing all of the waters of Egypt turned to blood, the land covered with frogs, lice, flies, and locusts, the cattle getting sick, Egyptians being covered with boils, and hail and darkness falling over the land of Egypt, still Pharaoh hardened his heart against the pleas of Moses and Aaron. He would not let his servants leave the land of Goshen to worship God.

"Pharaoh will let you go after the next plague I will send to Egypt," the Lord told Moses.

The Lord gave Moses and Aaron many instructions of how they should get ready to leave. For seven days, the Hebrews ate unleavened bread. On the seventh day, the Hebrew men killed a lamb for their households. They put the blood from the lamb on their doorposts and roasted the lamb in the fire. The Hebrews ate unleavened bread and bitter herbs along with the meat. They wore their clothes and their shoes. They were ready to leave the land of Egypt.

At midnight, the Lord passed over the land of Egypt. All of the firstborn men and animals in Egypt were killed unless there was blood on the doorposts of the home. Even Pharaoh's son was killed. Pharaoh and his servants had a hard time sleeping that night. They heard terrible cries throughout the land, because there was not a house in Egypt that did not have someone that was dead.

"When you get to the land that I have promised you," the Lord ordered. "You will continue to keep this service at this particular time. When your children ask you why you keep it, say 'It is the sacrifice of the Lord's passover, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel and killed the firstborn Egyptians.'"

Jesus was in Jerusalem keeping the Passover when He was killed by the religious leaders. When Jesus shed His blood and died on the cross for us, He became our Passover Lamb. Even today, we remember His sacrifice by having a special service. During this service, we eat unleavened bread. This stands for the body of Christ, and how He bled and died for our sins. We drink red grape juice, which stands for the blood that Jesus shed for us. Then, we follow Christ's example of being a servant to all and wash our neighbor's feet.

—Sis. Monica Murphey

“...eat it...with your shoes on your feet, and your s



a..hand:" Ex. 12:11



Writing Books

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Connie really did like her second grade teacher, Ms. Ellis. She was young and styled her short blonde hair into a flip right over her shoulders. Connie watched that flip of hair glide over Ms. Ellis' shoulders and back when she wrote consonants and vowels on the chalk board. Connie turned and whispered to her friend, Gary, and Ms. Ellis said, "Connie, stop talking to Gary."

Connie got quiet and looked at the back of Ms. Ellis' head. Her hair was still gliding back and forth as she wrote. Connie sighed. She just wanted to tell Gary about the new story she was going to write so Gary could think about the pictures to draw. Together they were making books about dogs, horses and monkeys because Gary liked to draw animals best. Connie and Gary had big plans about publishing books when they were grownups.

One day, Ms. Ellis arranged the desks by twos, and then she said, "Each of you pick a partner that you want to work with on a project."

Right away Gary and Connie picked each other. "I don't know about you two sitting together," said Ms. Ellis. "I already have trouble with you talking in class."

"We will be quiet," they promised.

"If you talk without permission, I will separate you," said Ms. Ellis.

"Okay," they agreed. They were happy that they wouldn't have to hand papers across the aisle. Now Gary could read while Connie wrote. They used typing paper folded in half and Ms. Ellis helped them to staple the pages together down the middle.

When they were finished with their class work, Ms. Ellis let them write on their books. Connie wrote about Ned the talking horse. In one picture Gary put Ned on a hillside with flowers all around and the sun was smiling down. Connie thought it looked very nice, and Gary thought her stories were

good. They had three books made and were working on the fourth one when something terrible happened to Connie.

One lovely Spring morning, Connie woke up with her jaws and neck hurting and a sore throat. She jumped out of bed and went to look in the bathroom mirror. Her cheeks and jaws were puffy. They looked horrible! Connie burst into tears. Donnie, Lonnie, Cindy and Mother all had the mumps and she had tried so hard not to get them. Now she had them, too, and wouldn't be able to go to school for two whole weeks!

Connie wouldn't be at school to write more stories and Gary would not be drawing. They wouldn't get any more books made before school was out for the summer!

Mother found Connie crying in the bathroom.

"Honey, come and rest," said Mama as she led Connie back to bed. "Jesus will help us through this trial. Let's just be patient and rest."

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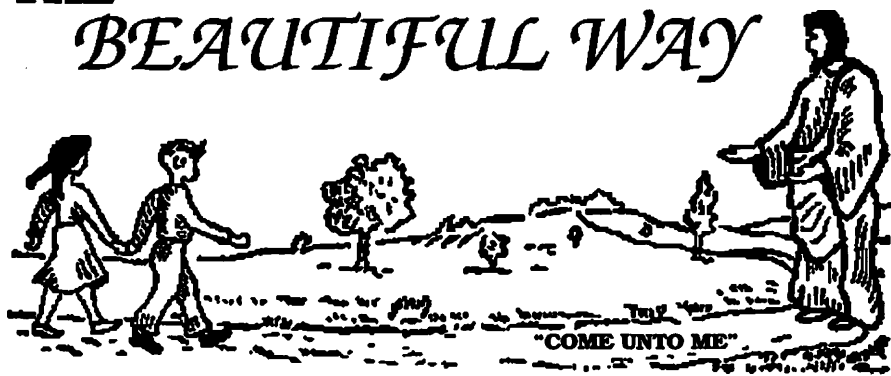
—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. Name some of the plagues placed on Egypt.
2. After these, did Pharaoh let Moses go?
3. What did the Hebrews eat for seven days?
4. What did they kill on the seventh day?
5. What were they to wear while they ate?
6. What did they put on the doorposts?
7. What happened when the Lord passed over?
8. Who's example do we follow by having a service?

Answers: 1. See first paragraph, answers vary. 2. No. 3. Unleavened bread. 4. A lamb. 5. Shoes and clothing. 6. Lamb's blood. 7. Firstborn died in every home that had no blood on doorpost. 8. Jesus'.

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The Great Exodus

Pharaoh heard the cries of his people as the Lord passed over the land of Egypt. If there was no blood on the doorpost of a home, the firstborn men and animals would die. There was not a home in Egypt that wasn't affected. The people urged Pharaoh to send the children of Israel away from Egypt. "We will all be dead," they said.

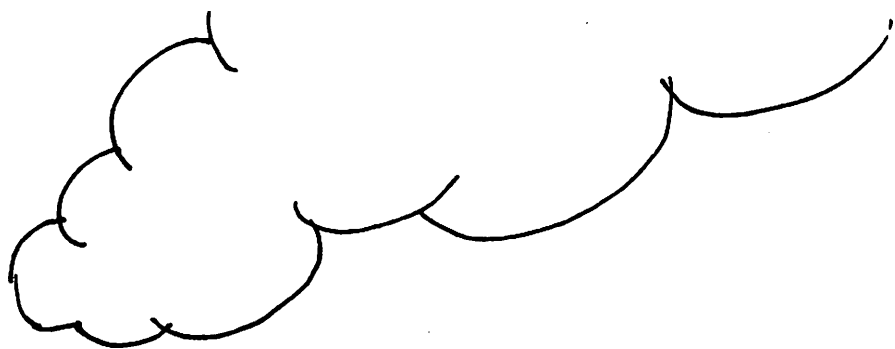
It was still in the dark of night that Pharaoh sent for Moses and Aaron. "Take your people and leave Egypt," Pharaoh ordered. "Take your flocks and all of your possessions and be gone."

The people were ready to go. They borrowed gold and silver from their neighbors, as the Lord commanded them to do. The Egyptians let them take whatever they needed. There were about six hundred thousand men on foot that left Egypt. Many flocks, herds, and cattle left with them. They took unleavened bread and left Egypt as quickly as they could. The children of Israel had lived in Egypt for four hundred and thirty years.

The Lord led the children of Israel on their journey. He caused a pillar of a cloud to lead them during the day, and a pillar of fire to lead them at night.

Pharaoh heard soon that the Israelites had left Egypt. "Why have we let the Israelites leave us?" the people asked. "They were our servants." This caused Pharaoh to want the Israelites back in his land. He took six hundred chariots and captains for each chariot and went after the children of Israel. Pharaoh's army overtook the children of Israel as they were camping by the sea. When the Hebrews spotted Pharaoh's army, they were afraid. "Have you brought us to die in the wilderness?" the people asked Moses.

—Sis. Monica Murphey



“..the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of cloud....” Ex. 13:21



Waiting Through the Mumps

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Connie was the last one of her family to get the mumps except for Daddy who never did get them. Big lumps swelled up under both jaws, and it hurt to talk or eat. Mother was sick with them also. She made pallets in the living room for Connie, Donnie, Lonnie and Cindy. They all laid on their own quilt and pillow while Mother laid in the recliner. No one felt like talking so they listened to Gospel records on the stereo, colored pictures in color books and rested.

In the evening time, Grandma Miles brought them kettles of soup. Several of the women in the Guthrie congregation of the Church of God took turns making supper for them. Each day the children wondered what kind of soup they would have for supper.

"I hope the soup that comes tonight doesn't have green peas in it!" declared Donnie.

"Me too," replied Connie "but we can pick out green peas easier than chopped onions."

"I don't like the slimy tomatoes," said Lonnie.

"You children can learn to eat whatever is put before you," said Mother from the recliner. "It is wonderful that supper is brought to us, and we need to be thankful."

"I was thankful for the chicken and dumplings that Grandma brought last night," said Donnie. "Everything in that slid down real good."

They all laughed and then sighed because laughing hurt their jaws. At least writing didn't hurt the jaws and Connie was busy thinking and writing another story. "Lord, please help me to make these stories good!" she prayed.

One evening Grandpa Miles came with Grandma. The family was nearly well and they were restless. They were glad to see Grandpa who told them funny stories. It still hurt Connie's jaws to laugh but talking didn't hurt as much.

Connie sat down by Grandpa on the couch and listened to his stories. "Should I tell Grandpa about my stories," she wondered. Finally, she said, "Grandpa, I have some books that I have been writing. Would you like to see them?"

"Well, where are they?" he replied.

Connie brought them out from under the couch. As Grandpa read through her stories, he took his sharp proof readers pencil and added punctuation to the pages. Grandpa worked on the Linotype at a print shop so he did a really neat job on each page. She was so pleased and could hardly wait to show Gary what Grandpa did to their books.

She knew it was a special answer to prayer that only the Lord knew about. It made her know God was real and that He listened to the prayers of the heart.

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—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. Who died in Egypt?
2. Who wanted the Israelites gone?
3. When did Pharaoh send for Moses?
4. What did Pharaoh tell Moses?
5. What did they borrow?
6. How many men left?
7. How did the Lord lead them?
8. Who came after them?

Answers: 1. All firstborn of men animals. 2. Pharaoh and his people. 3. At night. 4. To take everyone and leave. 5. Gold and silver. 6. Six hundred thousand. 7. With a cloud by day, fire by night. 8. Pharaoh and his army.

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Caught in the Sea

Pharaoh allowed the Israelites to leave after his firstborn was killed during the Passover, but he began to think of all of the work the Israelites did for Egypt. Pharaoh regretted letting the Israelites go. He got horses, chariots, and captains and went after the children of Israel.

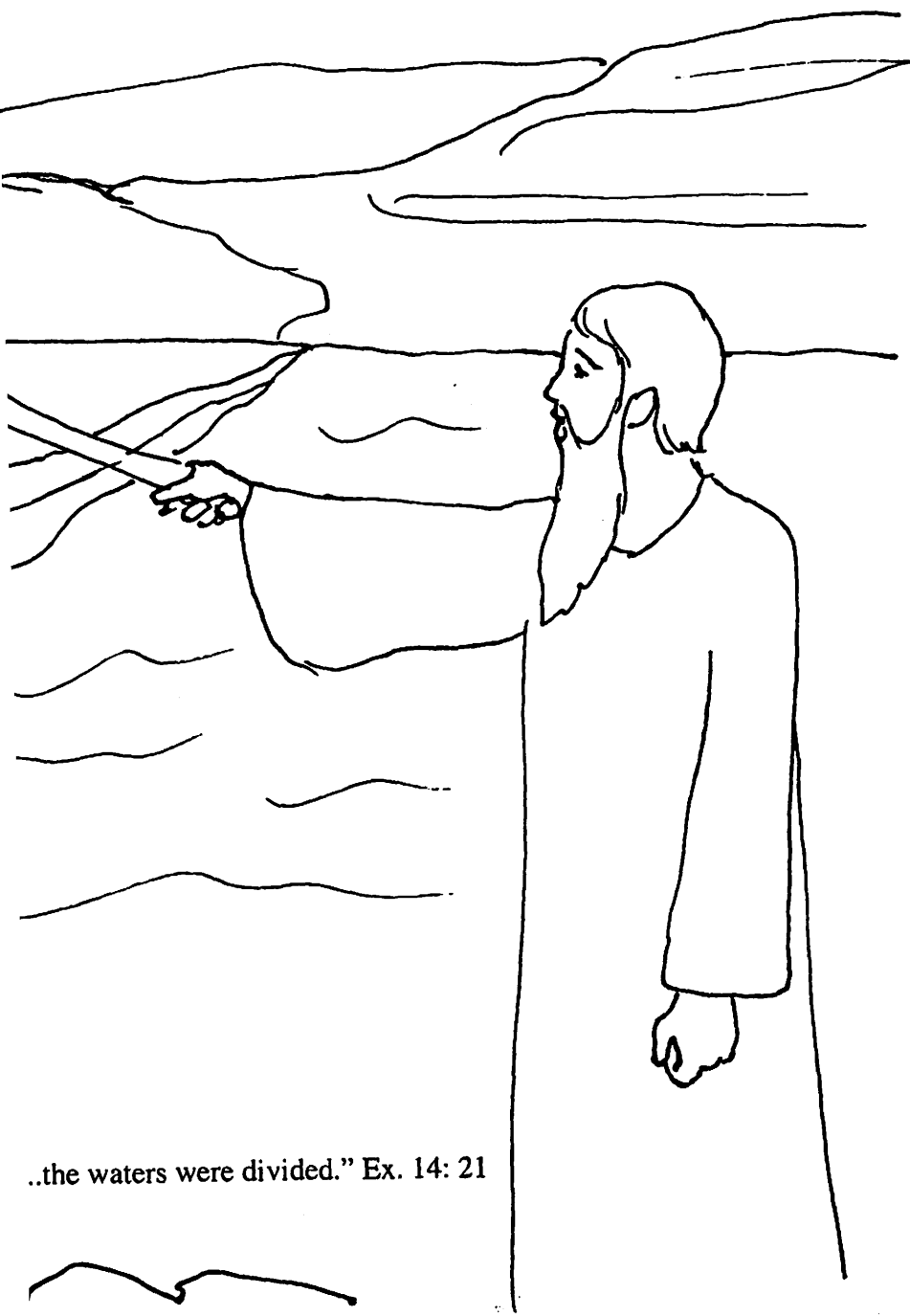
The Israelites were camped by the Red Sea when Pharaoh and his army caught up with them. "It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness," the children of Israel cried when they saw the Egyptians. "Do not be afraid," Moses told them. "Stand still and see that the Lord will save you. You will not see the Egyptians any more after today. The Lord will fight for you, and you will hold your peace."

The Lord had been leading the Israelites with a cloud by day and a pillar of fire at night. Now, He caused the cloud to come between the Egyptians and the Israelites' camp. Darkness came over the Egyptians. They could not see anything. Moses stretched his hand out over the sea. The Lord caused a strong wind to pass over the water and divide it so that there was a dry path for the children of Israel to walk across. The children of Israel walked across the sea between great walls of water to their right and to their left.

The cloud and the pillar of fire confused the Egyptians. They followed the Israelites into the sea. The Egyptians had problems with their chariots. Some of them began to feel afraid. "Let us run from this place," they said. "The Lord is fighting against us." "Stretch out your hand," the Lord told Moses. When Moses stretched out his hand, the waters returned to the way they were. The water covered the Egyptians and their horses and chariots, and they all died. But the children of Israel were on dry land. The people feared the Lord and believed in Him.

—Sis. Monica Murphey





..the waters were divided.” Ex. 14: 21

More Book Work

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Finally, Connie did not have a fever and the swelling in her neck and jaws went away. She was glad to hear Mother say, "I think you can go back to school tomorrow."

The early Spring morning was still cool when Connie and Donnie walked up Magnolia Court to catch the school bus.

"Here comes puffy cheeks," teased Damon.

Connie stuck out her tongue at Damon which made him laugh, then she ran to greet Cara. "Hi, Connie," said Cara. "I'm glad you're well again! Do you think you can come and play after school today?"

"I don't know," said Connie. "I'll ask and see." Cara wasn't in Connie's class at school so she only played with her during recess at school and in the neighborhood.

As soon as Connie walked into her classroom she looked for Gary. While she was absent, Ms. Ellis had put the desks back into rows, so she had to find her desk at its new place. She frowned when she saw Gary's desk was far away from hers. *How would they ever get these books finished before school was out?*

Gary was glad to see her. Connie had just enough time to give the books to Gary so he could see what Grandpa had done to them before the bell rang and they all had to be in their seats. Together the class stood up, crossed their right hand over their heart, and said the Pledge of Alliance to the flag.

"You may be seated, class," said Ms. Ellis. "Now we will do the roll call."

When Connie's name was called, she said, "Here!" and Ms. Ellis said it was good to have her back in class. Connie was glad to see Ms. Ellis and she was happy to be with her friends again. She was really glad when lunch time came. She took the unfinished fourth book that she and Gary were

working on and they met under the only tree on the play ground. As they sat on the ground by the tree trunk, some of the boys started teasing them.

"Two little love birds sitting under a tree....." said one boy as he ran by.

"Stop it!" said Connie. "We're business partners and we are working on a job!"

"Kiss-y! Kiss-y! Kiss-y!" said another boy running by.

"Go kiss-y yourself!" retorted Connie.

"Are you writing love notes?" asked another boy running by.

"Quit running by here!" demanded Connie.

"Hey, Connie," said Gary. "Don't worry about them. Do you like this picture?"

Connie saw that Gary was ignoring the boys, so she did too. In time they did finish the fourth book before school was out, though it did not have Grandpa's neat punctuation marks in it. At the end of school, Gary took two books, and Connie took two. She put hers away in such a safe place that she couldn't even find them later. However, she always remembered how wonderful those books were, and how the Lord answered her prayers about them.

(to be continued)

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. Who came after the Israelites?
2. Where were the Israelites?
3. Who would fight the battle for them?
4. What led them by day?
5. What led them by night?
6. What came in front of the Egyptians?
7. What gave the Egyptians problems?
8. What covered the Egyptians?

Answers: 1. Pharaoh and his army. 2. By the Red Sea. 3. The Lord. 4. A cloud. 5. A pillar of fire. 6. The cloud and fire. 7. Their chariots. 8. Water.

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Bitter Waters

Moses and the children of Israel rejoiced after the Lord delivered them from the Egyptians. "The Lord is my strength and my song," Moses and the Israelites sang. "He has thrown Pharaoh and his chariots into the sea. The Lord's right hand is powerful. The Lord will reign forever and ever."

Moses' sister, Miriam, led the women in dances and songs. The Israelites were very thankful for what the Lord had done for them. "Sing unto the Lord. He has triumphed over our enemies," Miriam rejoiced.

The Israelites left the Red Sea and came into the wilderness of Shur. They journeyed in the wilderness for three days without seeing any water. Finally, they reached the waters of Marah, but when they tasted the water, it was bitter. The Israelites could not stand to drink the water.

The children of Israel began to complain. "What will we drink?" they asked.

Moses cried out to the Lord. The Lord showed Moses a tree. When Moses threw the tree into the water, the waters were sweet.

"If you will listen to the voice of the Lord and will do right in His sight, and will keep His commandments, I will not allow the bad things to happen to you that happened to the Egyptians," God promised the Hebrews. "I am the Lord that heals you."

After this they came to Elim. Elim had twelve wells of water and many palm trees. They camped there by the water. The Israelites left Elim and journeyed deeper into the wilderness.

—Sis. Monica Murphey

“....the waters were made sweet:” Ex. 15:25





Singing with Cara

(continued)

Connie did not get to play with Cara for a few days after she started back to school. Mama wanted her to be completely strong so that she would not have a back set of the mumps. Connie certainly didn't want that so she obeyed Mama and went to bed early. It felt good to sleep because she was very tired after school.

Finally, Mama said she could play with Cara for an hour after school. The girls liked to be in Cara's big front room that had a circular fireplace. One half of the fireplace faced the lower part of the room where there were built in seats around the three walls. This setting made a great auditorium for their wild singing performances.

Connie and Cara stood on the black hearth of the fireplace, each holding a jump rope handle for a microphone to sing over. They sang the Beatie songs, wiggled like Elvis and imagined there was a huge crowd of people sitting on the empty seats in front of them.

When Cara jumped off the hearth, Connie had to jump too or let go of the jump rope. They landed on the floor giggling and breathless.

"You make a good dancer," said Cara. "Ask your mama if you could go to dance school with me. It is really fun and the teacher is so groovy!"

"I don't know," said Connie. She knew right away Mama would say no but she didn't want to explain why to Cara.

"Let me get a record player," said Cara, bouncing up the three stairs to the upper part of the room. "I will play the record we are learning a new step to dance with."

"Okay," said Connie cheerfully. Deep inside she knew what the preachers said about dancing. "People in this ole wicked world are drinking and dancing right down the broad way to Hell! God is not pleased with all this lustful moving and wiggling that the young people are going after...."

Connie let the happy toe tapping music drown out the preacher's voice speaking to her mind. She watched Cara's steps and imitated them. They laughed at each other and tried to

stay together.

Suddenly, the music stopped. Cara's mother had picked up the arm and needle playing the record. "Your mother called, Connie," she said. "It is time for you to go home for supper. It was nice to have you here; come back and play again sometime, okay?"

"Yes, ma'am," replied Connie. "Bye, Cara. See you tomorrow at the bus stop."

"Okay, Connie," said Cara as she walked with Connie to the front door. "Remember to ask your mama about the dance school."

Connie smiled and nodded as she slipped outside into the evening coolness. She didn't have a jacket so she started running to keep warm and to try to forget about the dancing question. What was wrong with dancing, anyway? She had enjoyed dancing with Cara and that didn't seem so sinful.

As Connie ran down Magnolia Court her heart beat faster. She wouldn't say anything about the dancing to her parents. It didn't seem important anyway when she saw everyone at the supper table ready to eat. She washed her hands and found her place around the table. Daddy thanked the Lord for the food, and his prayer warmed Connie's heart. She felt safe and loved, and she felt like singing a church song

(To be continued.)

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. Why did the Israelites rejoice?
2. How did they show thanksgiving?
3. How long did it take to find water?
4. What was wrong with the water in Marah?
5. What did Moses throw into the water?
6. What happened to the water?
7. What did the Lord promise the Israelites?
8. How many wells did Elim have?

Answers: 1. The Lord delivered them from Egypt. 2. Singing and dancing. 3. Three days. 4. It was bitter. 5. A tree. 6. It was sweet. 7. To keep them safe, if they obeyed Him. 8. Twelve.

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Food from the Sky

After the children of Israel left Elim, they traveled in the wilderness. They began to complain about leaving Egypt. "Even if we had died, we should have stayed in Egypt," they complained. "At least we had as much meat and bread as we wanted there. You have brought us into the wilderness to starve."

"I will send bread from Heaven for you," the Lord told Moses. "The people will go out and gather a certain amount each day. On the day before the Sabbath, they will gather twice as much as normal."

Moses and Aaron gathered all of the children of Israel together. "In the morning you will see the glory of the Lord," Moses told Aaron. "He has heard your complaints. When you complain about us, you are complaining about the Lord."

As Aaron repeated Moses' words to the people, they saw the glory of the Lord appearing in a cloud in the wilderness.

In the evening, quails covered the camp. The next morning, the dew covered the ground. When the dew was gone, there lay small round pieces of bread. "It is manna," the Israelites decided. They had never seen anything like it before. When the hot afternoon sun beat down on the manna, it melted.

"Gather up enough for your families," the Lord commanded.

The Israelites did as the Lord said. "Do not leave any of it until morning," Moses instructed. Some of the men did not listen to Moses and saved their bread for the next morning. When they got up, they saw that the bread was full of worms. It stank badly! Moses was angry that the men hadn't listened to him. The Lord provided manna every day except for the Sabbath. That morning, the bread which they had saved did not stink. The people rested on the seventh day.

—Sis. Monica Murphey



“...quails came up, and covered the camp:”



Bowing Out of Dancing

(Continued)

Several times Connie had fun singing and dancing with Cara in her front room. Each time Cara asked Connie about dance class, Connie would say she hadn't asked her parents about it yet. They were having another fun time dancing when Cara said, "Well, I'll ask your mama myself! You seem to be a scaredy-cat to ask!"

"Oh, you don't need to bother," said Connie. "My mama wouldn't want me to go to a stranger's class because she doesn't like me being with people she doesn't know."

"Well, my teacher is really groovy, and you would like her. If it is the money that bothers you, my daddy probably wouldn't mind paying for you to go. He's a dentist and makes a lot of money."

This made Connie rather upset. "Well, my daddy is a printer and he makes lots of money, too," she said. "It isn't that my parents don't have the money, it is because they love me too much to allow me to be with strangers, and they don't know anyone who goes to dance class!"

"I think you don't want to go," said Cara slyly. "You may not do very well, either. I know you can't wear a dress all the time, that's for sure!"

"No, I don't want to go," said Connie. Her cheeks felt warm and her eyes were stinging. How could Cara be so rude! "I want to go home!" she told Cara and walked to the front door.

"Okay," said Cara carelessly as she adjusted the record player. "I can have fun myself!"

Connie shut the door a little harder than she should have and took off running. She didn't want to ever play with such a rude girl again! When Connie rushed into the house, Mama could tell right away something was wrong. "Come here to my bedroom, Connie," she called. "I'm sewing you a new dress. What happened?"

"Oh, Cara is so rude!" said Connie. "She thinks her family is richer than we are, and I don't want to ever play with her again!"

Then Connie broke down into tears and cried on Mama's shoulder. "There, there," said Mama. "I'm sure the problem can be mended and you girls can be friends again. What were you playing before you left?"

Connie chose to tell Mama the truth. "We were dancing to some music she brought home from dance school. She keeps wanting me to go with her, but I told her I don't want to."

"I see," said Mama quietly. "Did you tell Cara why?"

"No," said Connie as she leaned into Mama's arm that was around her. "I really don't know why except that the preachers say dancing takes people to Hell."

"Yes, that's right," replied Mama. "but we need to talk about the reasons why it is bad. Come here; let's sit down by the bed and have a little visit. I think we can find a good answer to give to Cara and still be friends."

Connie brushed away her tears and sat down beside Mama to listen.

(To be continued)

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. Why did the people complain?
2. What did the Lord promise to send?
3. What day were the people not to get bread?
4. What did the glory of the Lord appear in?
5. What covered the camp in the evening?
6. What covered the ground in the morning?
7. What happened to the bread that was saved?
8. On what day did the people rest?

Answers: 1. They were hungry. 2. Bread. 3. The Sabbath. 4. A cloud. 5. Quails. 6. Dew/manna. 7. It spoiled. 8. The Sabbath.

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Water from a Rock

The children of Israel continued on their journey in the wilderness. The Lord still led the children of Israel on their journey. The Lord told them where to go. They stopped in Rephidim, but there was no water to drink. They went to Moses.

"Give us water to drink," they complained. The Israelites were very thirsty. "Why has Moses brought us up out of Egypt," they asked. "Are we, our children, and our cattle going to die with thirst?"

"What should I do with these people?" Moses asked the Lord. "I am afraid they are angry enough to try to kill me."

The Lord gave Moses some instructions. Moses went before the people. He had his rod in his hand. Some of the elders of the children of Israel went with Moses.

On Mount Horeb, Moses found the rock the Lord had told him about. He took his rod and hit the rock. Water gushed from the rock, and the people were able to drink. Once again, the Lord heard the cries of the people and supplied them with their needs.

Moses called the place Massah, which meant 'strife.' He named it this because of the complaints from the children of Israel. They had complained, "Is the Lord with us, or not?"

Amalek and his men came upon the camp of the Israelites and fought with the Israelites while they were staying at Rephidim. Moses called for Joshua and asked him to choose men to fight with Amalek.

—Sis. Monica Murphey

“...there shall come water out of it....”E





Why Dancing is Bad

(continued)

In Mama's bedroom, Connie sat on the bedside with Mama. They were having a private conversation together.

Mama asked Connie, "I know you and Cara didn't have any bad thoughts while you were dancing and playing together, but if your daddy or her daddy would have walked into the room, would you have felt embarrassed?"

"Yes," nodded Connie.

"Why? If your daddy sees you playing baseball or riding a bike, that doesn't embarrass you. Why would it embarrass you for him to see you and Cara dancing?"

"Well, we were acting pretty silly," replied Connie with a giggle.

"Do you want to show me how you were acting silly?" said Mama kindly.

Connie shook her head. "No, you would probably laugh."

Mama hugged Connie. "I'm glad you feel embarrassed about it. That is a good thing. Keep your modesty of heart, for that will make you beautiful to the Lord and to good people. Let me explain to you why dancing takes away the modesty of your heart.

"When people dance, they usually dress and move their bodies in such a way that causes other people to think thoughts that are not pleasing to God.

"Little children dancing in happiness is not displeasing to God. But if our dress or actions become immodest, drawing attention to our bodies, then God is not pleased with us. God's law is the same for both boys and girls. He wants all of us to behave in such a way that others will know we love Him. The way the world dances does not make others think about God and good things. Do you understand?"

Connie nodded. She knew what Mama was saying was true. She had seen others dancing and it wasn't modest. It was embarrassing to her to watch them.

"Think about it," continued Mama. "When you feel inside that something is taking away the purity of your heart, then it is going to lead you away from God. If you ever have any questions or just want to talk, come to me. I will always give you time to talk things over. Okay?"

Connie nodded again. "Okay. Thank you, Mama. I see what you are saying."

Later that evening, the telephone rang. It was Cara asking for Connie. Both girls told each other they were sorry.

"Cara. I want to be friends and we can play together, but I really don't care to dance," said Connie.

"That's okay," said Cara. "Bring your little Polly pocket doll and we can play with them tomorrow."

"Okay," said Connie. "See you later, alligator!"

"After while, crocodile!" replied Cara.

(To be continued)

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. Who led the children of Israel?
2. What did Rephidim not have?
3. Why did the Israelites complain?
4. Why did they think they would die?
5. Where did the Lord tell Moses to go?
6. What did Moses take with him?
7. What did Moses hit?
8. What did Moses name the place?

Answers: 1. The Lord. 2. Water. 3. They were thirsty. 4. No water. 5. Mount Horeb. 6. His rod and the elders. 7. A rock. 8. Massah.

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Battle with Amalek

While the Israelites were camped in Rephidim, Amalek and his men attacked the Israelite camp. Moses called for Joshua.

"Choose men to fight with Amalek," Moses ordered. "Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in my hand."

Joshua chose men to be in his army and fought with Amalek. Moses went to the top of the hill. Aaron and Hur went with him. When Moses held up his hand, the children of Israel were victorious over their enemies. When Moses dropped his hand, Amalek and his men began winning the battle.

Moses' hands began to grow very heavy. He could not hold them up. Aaron and Hur found a stone. They put the stone under Moses. Moses sat on the stone while Aaron and Hur stood on both sides of Moses and held up his hands. They kept Moses' hands steady until the sun began to set.

Joshua and his men beat Amalek and his men in the battle. They fought with swords. Amalek was defeated.

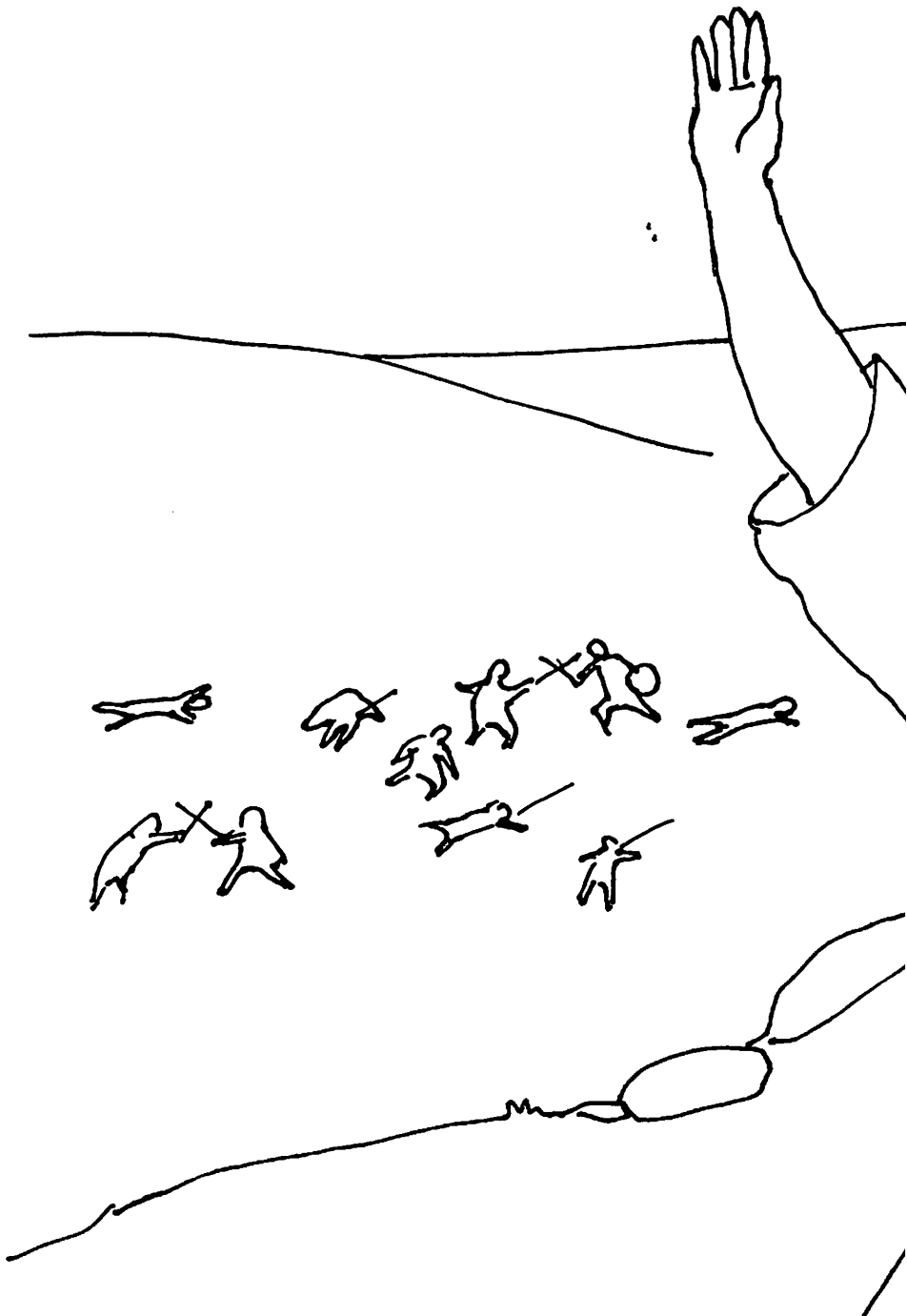
"Write this down in a book so that you will always remember it," the Lord told Moses. "I will wipe away any remembrance of Amalek from the earth."

Moses built an altar in praise to the Lord. He named it Jehovahnissi.

"I will call it this because the Lord has promised that the Lord will battle with Amalek and his descendants from generation to generation," Moses said.

—Sis. Monica Murphey

“...when Moses held up his hand..Israel prevailed....”





Summer Work

(Continued)

Warm sunlight streaming through Connie's bedroom window woke her up as she lay beside her little sister in their bed. It was summertime—no school and no deadlines to meet. She felt lazy but Mama was calling them to get up.

"Get up, Children, get up!" she called. "I want you to help me snap green beans and shuck the corn. We have a lot to do!"

"Oh, we have corn and green beans!" remembered Connie. They had gone to Grandpa and Grandma Eck's house Friday night and had brought home a trunk load of fresh vegetables to can or freeze. Really she didn't mind helping with the garden vegetables. Canning seemed so dangerous and exciting.

Connie went to the bathroom and brushed her teeth before her two brothers and sister were awake.

"Hurry and get dressed," said Mama. "I want you to bring in the bags of vegetable from the car trunk before it is too hot in the garage."

Connie dressed and went into the kitchen. "Here are the car keys," said Mama as she handed them to Connie. "Just bring in the bags and set them inside the dining room where it is cooler."

Obedient Mama, Connie soon had all the sacks of green beans and corn in the house. Then she went to get Cindy out of bed. She stopped at the boys room to shake their shoulders and pinch their toes. "Get out of bed and get to work!" she told them.

Soon the kitchen was warm and steamy. Mama washed quart glass jars and set a few in the sink. Connie set a metal funnel over a jar and began to fill it with washed, snapped green beans. She shook the jar and put beans almost to the top rim of the jar.

Mama put a teaspoon of salt in the top of each one then poured hot water into each jar. With tongs, she picked out of boiling water a lid with a rubber ring around the inside. She placed the rubber side on the jar and then Connie screwed on a metal ring to hold the lid. Mama tightened each ring as she set the jars into a big

pressure cooker setting on the stove top. She put a big lid on top and fastened it down. The lid had a funny little steeple on top that would shake and whistle when the cooker was hot. Mama would time the whistle and when it had blown long enough, she would turn off the heat and let it cool down.

"Never, ever touch the whistle," Mama told all of her children. "It will burn you very badly and could cause the jars to explode inside." Connie wondered how big of an explosion those jars would make, but she minded Mama and did not touch the steeple to find out.

Daddy came into the kitchen to eat. Mama had seasoned a pan of green beans and potatoes, fried chicken, and buttered corn on the cob for their lunch. Eating the delicious meal was payment for all the hard work of the morning. Connie and Donnie took the corn cobs and stacked them like the wood pile out back. They were going to run their hot wheel cars over them but Mama called them back to work.

"Remember, we have to clean this place up," she said. "So don't make a bigger mess than what we already have." That was an important lesson for Connie to remember.

(To be continued)

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. Who attacked the camp?
2. Who chose men to fight?
3. Where did Moses go to stand?
4. What happened when he held up his arms?
5. What happened when his arms dropped?
6. Who helped Moses hold up his arms?
7. Who won the battle?
8. What did Moses build in praise to God?

Answers: 1. Amalek. 2. Joshua. 3. On a hill. 4. The Israelites won. 5. Amalek won. 6. Aaron and Hur. 7. The Israelites. 8. An altar.

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Advice from Jethro

Moses' wife was staying with her father, Jethro, while Moses led the children of Israel to their promised land. Jethro heard about all of the miraculous things the Lord was doing for the children of Israel. He took Moses' wife and sons with him and met Moses in the wilderness.

Moses and his father-in-law talked for a long time. Moses told Jethro everything that the Lord had done for his people. Jethro rejoiced at hearing all of these things. "Blessed is the Lord," Jethro said. "Who has delivered you out of the hand of Pharaoh and the Egyptians. Now I know that the Lord is greater than all gods." Jethro made a sacrifice to the Lord. Aaron and all of the elders of Israel came to eat with Jethro.

The next day, Jethro saw Moses sitting in front of the people. People would come to Moses with a problem, and Moses would judge the people. People came all day and all evening with problems.

"Why are you sitting alone, with all of these people coming to you from morning until night?" Jethro asked.

"When they have a problem," Moses replied. "I judge them with the help of the laws of God."

"This is a good thing," Jethro counseled. "But you will become very tired from all of this work. There are too many problems for one person to handle. You need to teach the people the laws of God, and then choose able men to be rulers of thousands. Choose other men to rule under these men. Let them judge the people. The biggest problems can be brought to you, but they will take care of the small things. Then you will not have to do all of the work."

Moses listened to Jethro's advice and picked out several men to be judges over the children of Israel. After this, Jethro left Moses and went back to his own land.

—Sis. Monica Murphey

“...Moses sat to judge the people....”Ex. 18:13





The Lost Keys

(Continued)

The kitchen at the Miles home steamed with the odor of fresh cut corn and canned green beans. Mama was happy to count 28 quart jars of pretty green beans and 15 plastic bags of cut creamed corn for the freezer. Connie was in the kitchen helping to sweep the corn silks from the floor when Daddy came into the kitchen.

"Honey, do you still have my car keys," he asked Mama. "I need to go get a hair cut before the barber closes."

"Well, I thought I gave them back," Mama replied looking on the bar by the telephone. "I don't see them here. Let me look on top of the refrigerator. No, they aren't here either. Well, what did I do with them?" Mama was anxious to find them because Daddy did need a hair cut. Connie had heard her say so that morning.

"When was the last time you had them in your hand?" asked Daddy.

Then Mama remembered. "Connie, did you give me the car keys after you opened the trunk this morning?"

"I think so," replied Connie. She didn't want to be blamed for their lost keys.

"Where did you put them?" asked Mama.

Connie thought a moment. "I don't know. I just thought I gave them back to you."

"Well, start hunting for them," said Daddy. "I need my keys."

Mama hunted in the laundry room and kitchen while Connie went back to the garage and checked the floor around the trunk. No keys.

"Remember where all you went and what you did after opening the trunk," said Daddy. His voice sounded irritable and Connie was getting worried. "Oh, Lord, help me to find those keys," she prayed. She walked down the hall, looked in the boys bedroom

and then in her bedroom. No keys.

All the family started hunting for the keys and time was passing by. "You should have given those keys right back to your mother," Daddy said sternly to Connie. She was crying now. What had she done with those keys?

Connie went to her bedroom and knelt by the bed. She prayed earnestly to the Lord for help. "If you will help me find those keys," she told the Lord. "I will testify that You helped me find them." Then a quiet voice spoke to Connie's heart. *"Right by your knees—pull out the shoe box from under the bed and look in it."*

Connie reached down and pulled out the open shoe box and there laid the car keys! "I FOUND THEM! I FOUND THEM!" She shouted overjoyed! She handed them to Daddy who hurried out the door to get his hair cut before 5:00.

Connie went to kneel by her bedside again. She thanked the Lord for helping her find the keys and she remembered her promise to testify that the Lord had helped her.

(to be continued)

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. Who came to meet Moses?
2. What did Moses tell Jethro about?
3. Who came and ate with Jethro?
4. Why was Moses sitting alone?
5. What helped Moses judge?
6. Who came to Moses with problems?
7. How long did Moses judge the people?
8. Who did Moses put over the people?

Answers: 1. Jethro, his wife, and sons. 2. The miracles of the Lord. 3. Aaron and the elders of Israel. 4. He judged the people. 5. The laws of the Lord. 6. The people. 7. From morning until night. 8. Other people to judge.

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Voice from the Mountain

The children of Israel had been away from Egypt for three months when they came into the wilderness of Sinai. They camped at the base of Mount Sinai.

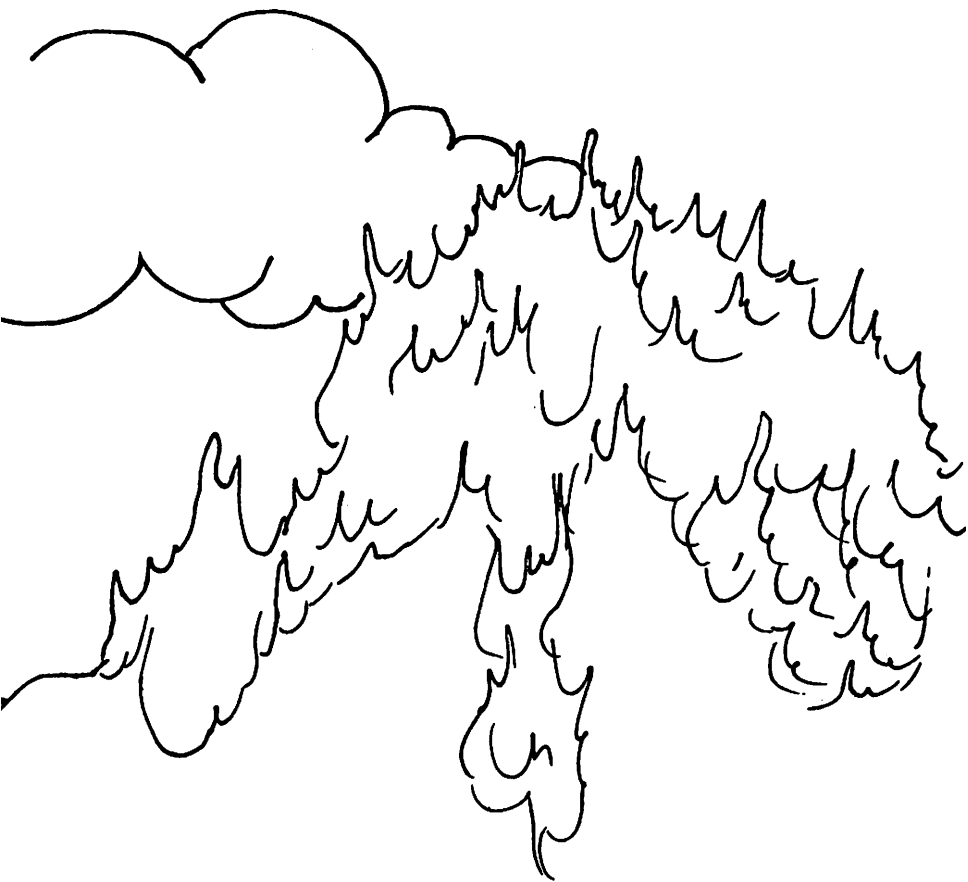
Moses went to the mountain to talk to God. The Lord called to him out of the mountain. "You will tell the children of Israel these things that I have to tell you," the Lord instructed. "Say, 'You have seen what I have done to the Egyptians, and how I delivered you. If you obey my voice and keep my laws, you will be a treasure to me above all people. You will be a kingdom of priests and a Holy nation.'"

Moses called for the elders of the people and told them what the Lord had said. "We will do all that the Lord has said," they answered. Moses told the Lord about their answer. "I will come to you in a thick cloud," the Lord told Moses. "This way, the people will hear when I speak with you. They will believe what you say after this. Tell the people to wash their clothes and to be ready in three days, because the Lord will come down on Mount Sinai in the sight of all of the people. Anyone who touches the mountain will be put to death. When the trumpet sounds, they will come up to the mountain."

Moses went to the people and told them everything that the Lord had commanded. They washed their clothes and got ready for the third day. On the third morning, the people heard thunder and saw lighting on the mountain. The trumpet sounded so loudly that all of the people in the camp trembled. Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet with God. Mount Sinai was covered in smoke. The Lord descended upon it in fire. The whole mountain shook. The Lord spoke to Moses and called him to come up to the top of the mountain.

—Sis. Monica Murphey





Sinai was ..on a smoke..the Lord Descended upon it in fire:" Ex. 19:18



The First Testimony

(Continued)

The Lord had helped Connie find Daddy's lost car keys and she had promised to testify that He had helped her. Connie knew that when she made a promise to the Lord, she would have to keep the promise. At the time that she had promised, she was desperate, but after the worry and fear had left, Connie began to dread "the testimony".

When should she testify? What should she say? She sure didn't want to look dumb when she testified, so she decided to ask Grandma Miles about it. Grandma testified, preached and sang songs in church—which meant to Connie that she was an expert at testifying.

That night when Grandma stopped by to visit on the way home from the Faith Publishing House, Connie decided to quiz her about testifying. Grandma was in the kitchen admiring the canned green beans on the counter top. She had peeked in the freezer to see the bags of corn.

"Oh, these will make your family wonderful meals in the winter time," she told Mama. "Your father wants us to go to the farm and prepare some vegetables for the print shop. Maybe we can do that sometime this week if it doesn't rain."

"Yes," replied Mama. "the garden has ripe tomatoes and the corn in the field is almost ready to pick. Let me know when you are to go, and we will go with you."

Connie stood nearby listening to all their small talk while she had this burning question on her mind. Finally, she could wait no longer.

"Grandma, if you promised the Lord that you would testify and thank Him for something He did, do you think you should do it during church or Sunday school, or on Wednesday night prayer meeting—or just *when should you do it?*"

"Well, that is quite a long question," replied Grandma. "Suppose you tell me what happened and we will discuss it."

Connie cleared her throat. She explained all about the lost keys and how she must have dropped them in

the bedroom when she went to wake up Cindy. She didn't know that, but the Lord did, and when she prayed, He told her where they were. Then she told Grandma about her promise.

"Yes, you do need to keep your promise," said Grandma. "Probably Wednesday night prayer meeting would be the easiest time to testify. Don't be afraid. Just stand up and tell the family of God how He answered your prayer."

So it was, the following Wednesday night, Connie wiggled and squirmed on the church bench. Finally, she took a deep breath like she was going under water, and stood up. "I thank the Lord for helping me to find some lost keys on Saturday. They were Daddy's car keys and he needed them so he could drive to the barber shop and get a hair cut before they closed. The Lord helped me find them before 5:00 so Daddy did get a good hair cut." She sat down with a lot of "Amens!" ringing in her ears and a few chuckles too.

Whew! That wasn't any worse than talking during show and tell at school. She felt light and happy. She swung her feet back and forth and smiled back at Donnie who was smiling at her.

(To be continued)

Questions: —Sis. Connie Sorrell

1. What mountain did the Israelites camp at?
2. What were the people to obey?
3. What were the people supposed to wash?
4. What were the people supposed to hear?
5. How many days did the people wait?
6. What did they see on the third morning?
7. What happened to Mt. Sinai?
8. Where did the Lord tell Moses to go?

Answers: 1. The wilderness of Mt. Sinai. 2. The Lord's voice and commandments. 3. Their clothes. 4. A trumpet. 5. Three. 6. Thunder and lightening on the mountain. 7. It shook and was covered with smoke. 8. Up the mountain.

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The Ten Commandments

Moses went up the mountain to speak with the Lord. The Lord told him, "I am the Lord your God who has brought you out of slavery in Egypt. Do not worship any other gods. Do not make any images of things in heaven or on earth. Do not bow down to the images or worship them. I am a jealous God and will show mercy to all of the people who love me and keep my commandments.

"Do not take the name of the Lord in vain. Remember the Sabbath day. Keep it holy. You may work for six days, but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord. You shall not do any work on that day. The Lord made the earth in six days and rested on the seventh day. The Lord has blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

"Honor your father and your mother, so that your days will be long on the land that the Lord had given you.

"Do not kill. Do not commit adultery. Do not steal. Do not lie about your neighbor. Do not covet your neighbor's house, his wife, his servants, his animals, or anything that is your neighbor's.

"You will tell the children of Israel that I have talked to you from Heaven. You will make an altar to me and make a sacrifice on it."

After the Lord gave Moses these commandments, He also gave Moses many laws concerning servants, punishments for people who committed murder, lied, stole things, or committed adultery.

—Sis. Monica Murphey

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called Moses..to the top of the mount...." Ex. 29:20



The Muddy Way

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Early Friday morning, Grandma's little green Rambler parked in front of the Miles house. The sun was not even awake yet when Connie helped Lonnie to the car and Donnie helped Cindy. Then Mama climbed into the back seat with her rain boots.

"Good morning," said Sis. Meek who was sitting in the front seat with her grandson, Teddy, and Grandma Miles.

"Good morning," replied Mama. Connie was glad to see them but it was rather early to feel good. There had been some rain in the night, so she felt chilly and sleepy. She snuggled with her brothers and sister under a big quilt Mama brought and soon they were asleep.

For an hour and a half the Rambler chugged toward Covington as the sun peeked over the wheat fields. Connie woke up when the car turned onto the shale road leading to Grandpa Eck's house.

"It looks like they got quite a bit of rain," commented Grandma as the mud slapped against the underside of the car.

"I don't know why they don't pave this road!" Connie quoted Daddy's famous line. The car tires were slipping on the road so Grandma began to pray. The car was going down a hill when the back wheels slipped right into the ditch. Grandma pushed on the gas pedal to get out, but the tires spun and flew mud all over the roadside weeds.

"Do it again, Grandma," shouted Donnie. "That was neat!"

"I don't see anything neat about it," said Grandma. "I'm afraid we are stuck!"

Mama put on her rain boots. "I'll see if I can push you out," she said.

"Oh, no, honey!" exclaimed Grandma. "That is too much for you to do! You will get all dirty!"

Connie, Donnie and Teddy wanted to help but Mama said, "No, I think my push will be enough."

On the count of three, Mama pushed on the back of the car while Grandma pushed the gas pedal. The

car moved up while mud splattered all over Mama's dress. But it was Grandma who cried, "Oh, Honey, I am so sorry!" when Mama climbed back into the car.

"That's okay," said Mama. "I will put on one of my mother's dresses when we get there."

But they weren't to get there soon. In the last draw before Grandpa's hill, the car slid into the ditch again. This time one back wheel went over the edge of the wooden bridge and Mama couldn't push it out. "I will walk to the house and get Daddy to bring the tractor to pull the car out," said Mama as she climbed out of the back seat.

They watched Mama trudge up the muddy hill and disappear behind the cedar trees in the front yard of the house. After a while they saw an old green and yellow John Deere tractor rolling toward them. The children cheered as they heard the chugga-chugga-chug of the tractor getting closer.

"This is so much fun!" exclaimed Donnie. "Look! Grandpa is going to hook this car to that bar on his tractor!"

Grandma and Sis. Meek were praying but all the children were excited when they felt the first tug. When the tractor brought the little green Rambler into the farmyard driveway, Grandma said, "Thank the Lord—we made it safely!"

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. Where did Moses go?
2. What should we not worship?
3. What should we not make images of?
4. What shouldn't be taken in vain?
5. What should be remembered?
6. Who should we honor?
7. What are some other commandments?
8. What did the Lord tell Moses to do?

Answers: 1. Up Mt. Sinai. 2. Other gods. 3. Anything in the heavens or earth. 4. The Lord's name. 5. The Sabbath day. 6. Our parents. 7. Do not kill, etc. 8. Make an altar.

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A Golden Calf

Moses stayed on Mount Sinai for forty days and forty nights. God gave Moses two tables of stone with the Ten Commandments written on them. The people began to get restless when Moses had been gone for a long time. Several of them went to pay Aaron a visit.

"Make us gods to worship," they pleaded. "We do not know what has become of Moses.

"Break off your golden earrings," Aaron demurred. "Bring all of the gold jewelry that you can find to me." When Aaron received them, he melted them down and made a golden calf. "This will be your god, Oh Israel," the people said. "He brought you out of Egypt."

The children of Israel got up early the next morning and offered burnt offerings to the idol. Then they sat down to eat, drink, and play.

"Go down to your people," the Lord told Moses. "They have sinned. They have turned aside from the way I commanded them and have made an idol to worship. They are sacrificing to the idol and saying that it brought them up out of Egypt. I am angry with these people. I will kill all of them and make your descendants be a great nation."

Moses pleaded with the Lord on behalf of the people, and the Lord was sorry of the evil that He had wanted to do to the people.

Moses went down from the mountain with the two stone tablets in his hand. Joshua had been waiting for Moses while he spoke with the Lord. "There is the noise of battle in the camp," Joshua worried. "No, it is singing that I hear." Moses reached the camp. He saw the calf and the people dancing. Moses became very angry. He threw the tables down. They broke. He took the calf and ground it to powder, put it in the water and made the children of Israel drink it.

—Sis. Monica Murphey

“..Moses..went down from the mount..the two tables.



hand...."Ex. 32:15



Corn Day

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Even after being delayed with a car stuck in the mud, the morning was still new when the riders in the green Rambler climbed out to stretch. Breakfast smells called everyone to the white frame farmhouse where Grandma had prepared fried bacon, scrambled eggs, homemade bread, jellies and fresh churned butter.

The children were hungry after the excitement of watching Grandpa's tractor pull the car out of the mud. They sat down at the table in front of the kitchen stove and asked the blessing. Connie wanted to eat as much as the boys, but she also wanted to tell Uncle Larry all about Mama pushing them out of the mud.

"Connie," said Grandma Miles. "Please mind your manners and don't talk with your mouth full. Slow down and swallow your food before speaking." That was so hard to do when there was so much to say, and the food was rapidly disappearing too!

Grandpa had already brought some corn in from the field the night before. It was a big mountain of green on the concrete floor inside the brick garage. Soon Uncle Edwin Eck came, and the two brothers sat on stools in the garage and began to shuck the corn. They loved to sing, and the children tried to help so they could listen to the singing and the talking. When a basket of shucked corn was ready to send to the house, Connie took her turn carrying one.

Inside, the ladies had hot water boiling, sharp knives and cutting boards ready. They would put the corn on the cob into the water to boil for five minutes or so. Then the corn was lifted out of the water and left to cool on the cutting board. With sharp knives the corn was cut and scrapped off the cob. The corn was bagged into quart bags, wrapped with aluminum foil, dated with a marker and put in the freezer in the wash house.

"Wash your hands, Connie," said Mama, "and help Ruthie bag the corn. You can also take the bags and put

them in the freezer."

Connie frowned but obeyed. She did not want to be stuck in the house with the women. She wanted to be with the boys—Uncle Larry, Teddy and Donnie. While taking bags of cut corn to the freezer in the wash house, she kept sneaking over to be with them.

"Connie, we need you in this house to help," called Mama. When Connie came in, Mama said, "You stay in here and help us. Grandpa has much more corn to bring in from the field, and we must keep working to finish by night time."

"I can work out there, too," said Connie. "I like it out there better."

"Why?" asked Mama, but she knew—that's why she wanted Connie to stay with her, and not flirt with the boys.

Connie picked up a bag to stuff with corn. "I like to hear Grandpa and Uncle Edwin singing and telling stories" she said.

"Oh, we can sing in the kitchen too!" said Grandma Miles. She started singing *"...what a mighty God we serve! what a mighty God we serve! Reigning now above on His throne of love, what a mighty God we serve!"*

Connie joined in singing with her mother, two grandmas, Aunt Ruthie and Sister Lillian Meek. She decided she could be just as happy with the women as with the men.

—Sis. Connie Sorrell

Questions:

1. How long was Moses on the mount?
2. What did the people ask Aaron to make?
3. What did Aaron ask them to bring?
4. What did Aaron make?
5. Who did they say delivered them from Egypt?
6. What did the Lord want to do to the people?
7. Who waited for Moses?
8. What did Moses break?

Answers: 1. 40 days and nights. 2. A god. 3. Gold jewelry. 4. A golden calf. 5. The calf. 6. Kill them. 7. Joshua. 8. The tables of stone.