

In the Wilderness

God helped the people get out of Egypt. God helped the people cross the sea. The people were happy.

God led the people into the wilderness. The people did not like the wilderness. It was hot and dry and sandy. The longer the people traveled in the wilderness, the more unhappy they became. They began **moaning and groaning**. (Have the children moan and groan.)

The people were thirsty. They needed water, but there was none to be found. They began **moaning and groaning**. (Have the children moan and groan.)

They finally came to a place with water, but when they tried to drink the water, it did not taste good.

"We can't drink this water," they complained. The people started **moaning and groaning**. (Have the children moan and groan.)

God told Moses to throw a piece of wood into the water. Moses obeyed God. When the wood hit the water, the water became sweet to drink. The people drank the good water.

God helped the people have good water to drink, but the people kept **moaning and groaning**. (Have the children moan and groan.)

"We're hungry," they cried. "We don't have any food to eat!"

In the morning, God sent bread. The people called the bread **manna**. Manna were small flakes that fell from the sky. Moses told the people to pick up enough manna to feed their families for one day.

In the evening, God sent quail. The people caught the quail so they would have meat to eat.

God helped the people have the food they needed, but the people kept **moaning and groaning**. (Have the children moan and groan.)

The people moved to a new place. Again, they couldn't find water.

"We're thirsty," cried the people. "There's no water to drink." The people started **moaning and groaning**. (Have the children moan and groan.)

God told Moses what to do. Moses took his staff and struck a rock. Suddenly, water flowed from the rock. The people had cold water to drink.

Finally, the people stopped **moaning and groaning**. (Have the children be very quiet.)

God was with the people wherever they went.



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The LORD is my strength and my power; he has become my salvation. Exodus 15:2

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