



# Traveling in the Desert

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Moses continued to lead God's people as they traveled through the desert on their way to the land God had promised them. But the people had left Egypt in a hurry. They took with them only what they were able to carry. Soon the people were hungry and thirsty. What were they going to eat? What were they going to drink? The people grumbled and complained. The people had forgotten that God gives us what we need.

God knew that the people needed food and water. In the morning, God sent wafers of bread that appeared all over the ground. The bread tasted sweet, like it was made with honey. The people called it manna.

When the people grumbled and complained about having only manna to eat, God sent birds called quail

into the camp. It was easy for the people to catch the quail and roast them for supper.

And when the people grumbled and complained about needing water, God told Moses to do something unusual. Moses was to hit a rock with his walking stick called a staff. Moses obeyed God. When he hit the rock, water came gushing out from it. Suddenly, God's people had plenty to drink.

God was patient and forgiving with His people. He is patient and forgiving with us.

Everything we have comes from God. God loves us and knows what we need. He knows that most of all we need a Savior from sin. So He sent Jesus to save us. Jesus died on the cross and arose at Easter so that we now have forgiveness, life, and salvation!

God gives what we need.



*Parents:* Consider your family prayer life. Say a simple prayer at each meal such as these words from Psalm 107:1: **Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good.** This will remind you and others that "this is who we are—a family who thanks God for blessing us."

