

A MARCH THROUGH THE SEA

Exodus 14:1-31.

LESSON 24 -- Primary Course

MEMORY VERSE: "Let not your heart be troubled" (John 14:1).

TEXT

Exodus 14:1-31.

1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Israel, that they turn and encamp before Pihahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, over against Baalzephon: before it shall ye encamp by the sea.

3 For Pharaoh will say of the children of Israel, They are entangled in the land, the wilderness hath shut them in.

4 And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, that he shall follow after them; and I will be honoured upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host; that the Egyptians may know that I am the LORD. And they did so.

5 And it was told the king of Egypt that the people fled: and the heart of Pharaoh and of his servants was turned against the people, and they said, Why have we done this, that we have let Israel go from serving us?

6 And he made ready his chariot, and took his people with him:

7 And he took six hundred chosen chariots, and all the chariots of Egypt, and captains over every one of them.

8 And the LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he pursued after the children of Israel: and the children of Israel went out with an high hand.

9 But the Egyptians pursued after them, all the horses and chariots of Pharaoh, and his horsemen, and his army, and overtook them encamping by the sea, beside Pihahiroth, before Baalzephon.

10 And when Pharaoh drew nigh, the children of Israel lifted up their eyes, and, behold, the Egyptians marched after them; and they were sore afraid: and the children of Israel cried out unto the LORD.

11 And they said unto Moses, Because there were no graves in Egypt, hast thou taken us away to die in the wilderness? wherefore hast thou dealt thus with us, to carry us forth out of Egypt?

12 Is not this the word that we did tell thee in Egypt, saying, Let us alone, that we may serve the Egyptians? For it had been better for us to serve the Egyptians, than that we should die in the wilderness.

13 And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will shew to you to day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever.

14 The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.

15 And the LORD said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward:

16 But lift thou up thy rod, and stretch out thine hand over the sea, and divide it: and the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea.

17 And I, behold, I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians, and they shall follow them: and I will get me honour upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen.

18 And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gotten me honour upon Pharaoh, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen.

19 And the angel of God, which went before the camp of Israel, removed and went behind them; and the pillar of the cloud went from before their face, and stood behind them:

20 And it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel; and it was a cloud and darkness to them, but it gave light by night to these: so that the one came not near the other all the night.

21 And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided.

22 And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry ground: and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left.

23 And the Egyptians pursued, and went in after them to the midst of the sea, even all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen.

24 And it came to pass, that in the morning watch the LORD looked unto the host of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and of the cloud, and troubled the host of the Egyptians,

25 And took off their chariot wheels, that they drave them heavily: so that the Egyptians said, Let us flee from the face of Israel; for the LORD fighteth for them against the Egyptians.

26 And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand over the sea, that the waters may come again upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen.

27 And Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to his strength when the morning appeared; and the Egyptians fled against it;

and the LORD overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea.

28 And the waters returned, and covered the chariots, and the horsemen, and all the host of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them; there remained not so much as one of them.

29 But the children of Israel walked upon dry land in the midst of the sea; and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left.

30 Thus the LORD saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the sea shore.

31 And Israel saw that great work which the LORD did upon the Egyptians: and the people feared the LORD, and believed the LORD, and his servant Moses.

NOTES

God Went With the People

When god told the Israelites to go out of Egypt He went right with them to take care of them. In the daytime He led them by a beautiful white cloud, and at night by a pillar of fire. When the cloud stopped, the people stopped. When they followed God they did not go too fast nor go into dangerous places. It is always best to follow God.

The King Tried to Bring Them Back

Although Pharaoh had told the people to go out of his country, he changed his mind and took 600 of his best chariots, and many more chariots, and went after the people of Israel. When they knew that the Egyptians were following them, the people were afraid. There was a sea in front of them and their enemies were back of them, so they cried to the Lord for help.

Moses trusted God and told them not to be afraid. He said that they should trust God and see what great things God would do for them.

God Told Moses What to Do

God had given Moses power to do great things with his rod, and now God said that Moses should lift up his rod and there would be dry land for his people to pass over. The water would stand like a wall on both sides of the road. Moses obeyed God.

The Egyptians Were Drowned

The cloud with God in it was light to Moses and his people but darkness to the enemies. God let the wheels of their chariots come off and they had much trouble. They wished they could go back, but they could not get out of that place; for Moses again lifted up his rod and the water flowed back into the sea and covered the Egyptians. The people God was protecting walked on dry land and reached the shore in safety. They were thankful to God for His help.

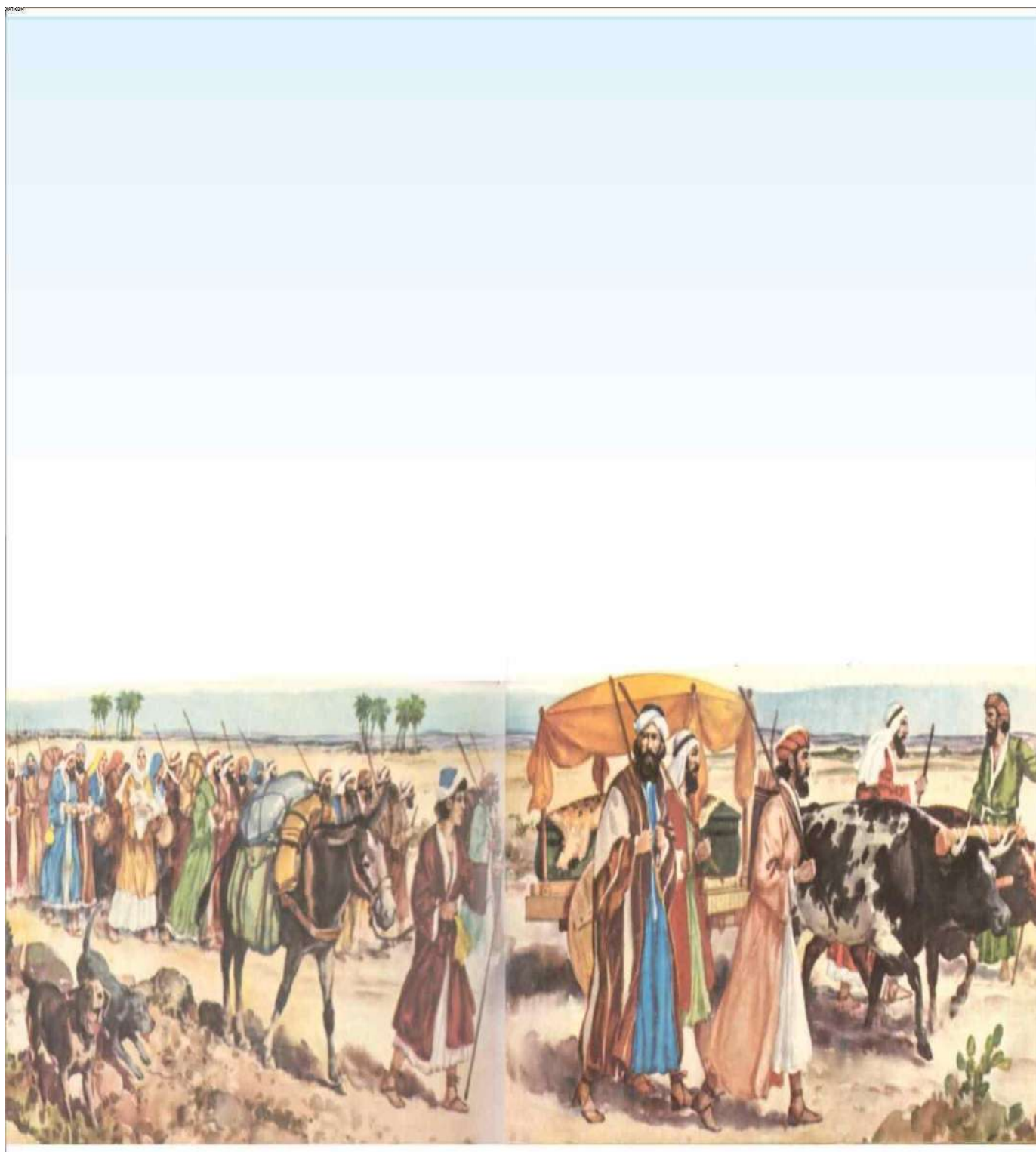
Now they were certain that God was with Moses who trusted and obeyed Him. They found that it was good to do what Moses told them and what God told them to do.

QUESTIONS

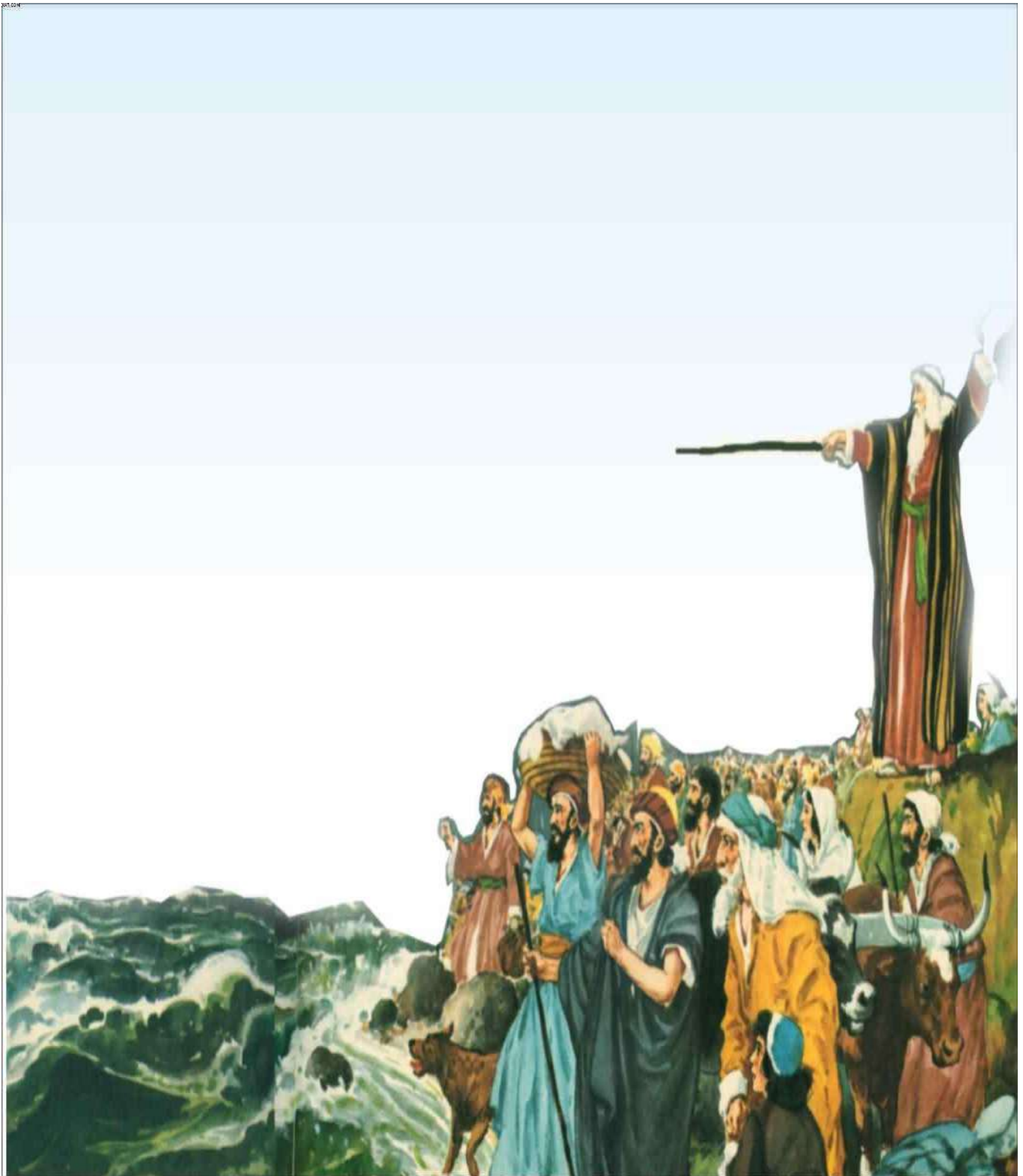
1. What sign did the Lord give the people to show them the way? Exodus 13:21, 22.
2. What did Moses do that made the waters divide? Exodus 14: 21.
3. What happened to the Egyptians in the middle of the sea? Exodus 14:25.
4. Then what did Moses do? Exodus 14:27.
5. Who made the path dry in the midst of the sea? Exodus 14:30.

LESSON RESOURCES

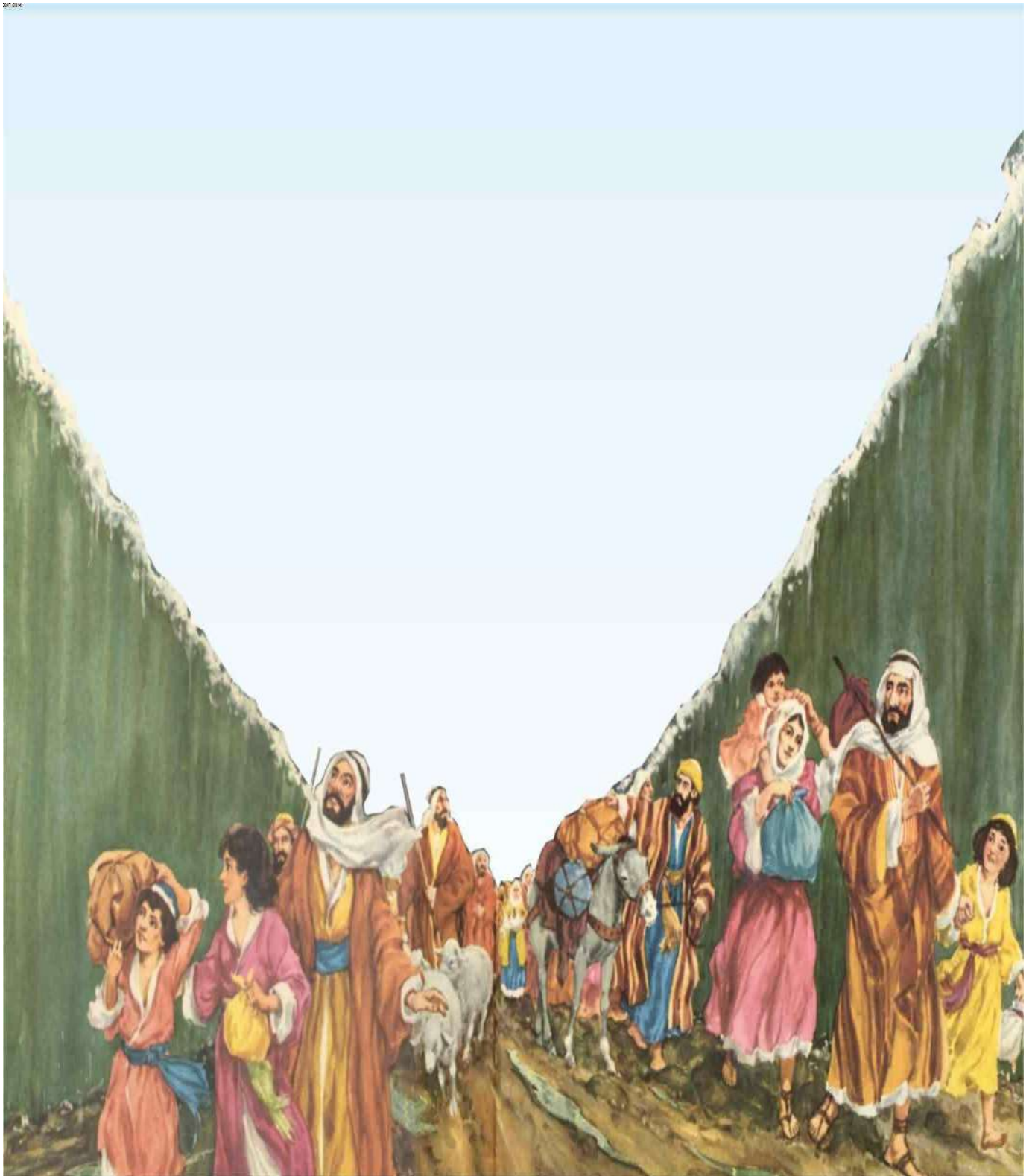
PICTURE 1



PICTURE 2



PICTURE 3



PICTURE 4



How Did Moses Cross The Red Sea?

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How Did Moses Cross The Red Sea?

Moses led a mighty nation from a long captivity;
God prepared a way before them, Sent his cloud for all to see;
Fed them manna from the heaven, Shod and clothed continually,
Then he faced the deep red sea.

How did Moses cross the red sea? – 3ce How did he get across?
Did he swim? No, no; Did he sail? No, no
Did he fly? No, no, no, no; Did he walk? No, no
Did he run? No, no; How did he get across?
God blew with his wind, puff, puff, Puff, puff
He blew just enough, ‘nuf, ‘nuf, ‘nuf, ‘nuf
And through the sea God made a path,
That’s how he got across.