

# MOSES

## THE LAW GIVER

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# Introduction

## Teaching Bible truths

We fall short of our responsibility as teachers if we only tell children Bible stories. It is essential that children learn the truths those stories were written down to teach us, and that we then take them a step further to show what that truth means to them in their daily lives. Of course, we cannot in one lesson cover all the teaching any particular story would provide, so in each of these lessons one central truth has been chosen. The teaching of the central truth has been woven throughout the narrative, but to help you in your preparation the teaching sections have been marked CT. These are also marked out in the lesson plan. You will notice that the central truths are marked with a U or an S to show the kind of children the truth is applied to - unsaved or saved. This is also made clear in the text by using phrases such as “If you have not trusted the Lord Jesus to forgive your sin ...” or “Christian, you ...” The application of the truth has been highlighted in the margin of the text. You may feel it necessary to adapt the applications to better suit the children you teach. The important thing is that the Word of God is applied to their lives.

## Making yourself available (MYA)

When you present the Gospel message, there will be children who will respond to it independently. They may or may not tell you that they have trusted the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour at a later date. There will, however, be others who would like some help. They may have questions to ask; they may need help or encouragement in knowing what to say. As you also teach the saved children, there may be times when they would like advice in a difficult situation; they may need clarification on how a particular lesson applies to their daily lives; they may find themselves in a situation where they do not know what the Bible says they should do; they may want to share a difficulty so that you can pray for them, especially if you are the only Christian support they have. For these reasons it is important that the children know you are available to talk. It is also important that they know when and where to go when they want to talk to you. Finally, it is essential that unsaved children do not confuse coming to the Lord Jesus with coming to you.

In all cases you should not make yourself available at the same time as giving the Gospel invitation, so that the children never get the impression that they cannot come to Christ without coming through you, or that they are saved simply by waiting to speak to you.

### ***An example of MYA for the unsaved child***

“Do you really want to live for the Lord Jesus, but you don’t know how to come to Him? I will be glad to explain it from the Bible; come and see me. I’ll be standing by that tree when the meeting is over. Remember, I can’t take away your sin. Only the Lord Jesus can do that, but I will be glad to help you understand better how you can come to Him. Just come and sit with me under the tree.”

### ***An example of MYA for saved child***

“If you have trusted the Lord Jesus as your Saviour and you have never told me about it, please let me know. I’ll be standing beside the piano after the meeting is finished. I would like to know if you too have trusted the Lord Jesus as your Lord and Saviour, so that I can pray for you and perhaps help you.”

### Memory verses

A Scripture verse to teach the children is suggested for each lesson. If you are teaching the lessons as a series over six weeks it would be advisable to choose two or three verses to teach well, which the children will then remember. If you try to teach all six, the children may not really know any of them well.

### Review questions

Review questions are provided. Review time, if conducted in an orderly way, can be an ideal opportunity to reinforce what you have taught while still being fun for the children. You will often discover misunderstandings or gaps in their knowledge which you can correct there and then.

# Overview

Lesson	Central truth	Application	Memory verse
God speaks at Sinai Exodus 17:1-7 Exodus 19:1 - 20:26	God has spoken	Unsaved: Heed what God says - turn to the Lord Jesus Christ Saved: Heed God's Word - listen to what He says to you - obey	"Your word is truth" John 17:17b
The idolatry of the people Exodus 24:12-18 Exodus 31:18 Exodus 32 Exodus 34	All have disobeyed God's Word	Unsaved: You deserve God's punishment for your sin - you must turn to the Lord Jesus Christ to be saved Saved: God must have first place in your life	"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" Romans 3:23
Exploring the new land Numbers 13-14 Deuteronomy 1:19-46	You must trust in the Lord	Unsaved: You must trust in the Lord Jesus Christ to save you Saved: You must trust the Lord for strength and help to live the Christian life	"... God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid" Isaiah 12:2a
Moses sins against God Numbers 20	Watch out for the enemy	Saved: Satan is the enemy of all God's children - you need to be on guard for his attacks	"... He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world" 1 John 4:4b
A serpent of brass Numbers 21:1-9 John 3:1-16	Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved	Unsaved: You must turn from your sin to the Lord Jesus Christ - look to Him - He is your only hope	"As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life" John 3:14-15
Moses and the transfiguration Numbers 27:12-23 Deuteronomy 31:1-8, 11-12 Deuteronomy 34 Luke 9:28-36	God is good	Unsaved: God in His goodness gave His Son for you - you must believe in Him Saved: Recognise God's goodness to you - He has given you Christian leaders, His promises, Heaven, etc	"For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting" Psalm 100:5a



# Lesson 1

## God speaks at Sinai

### Suggestions for teachers

Make the introduction relevant to your situation. You could speak of the President or Prime Minister, etc.

Be prepared to really encourage the children to read the Bible for themselves. You could provide simple Bible reading notes. You may have to provide portions of Scripture for those who do not have Bibles. Encourage the children to share with you what they are learning from God's Word. For example, if you were using the visualised chorus "Faith is just believing what God says He will do" (CEF Press®), ask if anyone has found a promise from God, as they study the Bible at home. Use natural openings in your programme to draw from the children what they have been learning.

### Scripture for teachers

Exodus 17:1-7

Exodus 19:1 - 20:26

### Central truth

God has spoken

### Application

Unsaved: Heed what God says - turn to the Lord Jesus Christ

Saved: Heed God's Word - listen to what He says to you - obey

### Memory verse

"Your word is truth" John 17:17b

### Visual aids

- ♦ Flashcards 1-1, 1-2, 1-3, 1-4, 1-5

Or

- ♦ Figures: ML-1, ML-2, ML-3, ML-4, ML-5, ML-6, ML-7, ML-8, ML-9, ML-10, ML-11, ML-12, ML-13, ML-14, ML-15 and ML-16
- ♦ Backgrounds (optional): Scene with Mount Sinai rising in the background, rock overlay, water overlay and cloud overlay

### Lesson outline

#### Introduction

The Queen speaks to Sarah

#### Progression of events

- 1 The Israelites wait for the King of kings to speak to them CTSU
- 2 Israel camps at Rephidim
- 3 The people complain because they have no water
- 4 God provides for His people CTSU
- 5 Israel sets up camp at Sinai
- 6 God speaks to Moses on Mount Sinai
- 7 Moses brings God's words to the people CTSU
- 8 Israel prepares for God to come to Mount Sinai and speak to them CTSU

#### Climax

God speaks CTSU

#### Conclusion

"Lord, thank you for speaking to me through your Word, the Bible - help me to obey"

Remember, God's Word is truth

## Lesson

Sarah managed to squeeze into the front row. She was the smallest in the class, so no-one minded.

It was wonderful. The Queen was visiting their town, and Sarah's school had been taken to see her open a new building.

"I wonder will she wave at us?" Sarah was so excited. She had often seen the Queen on television, but now she was actually in their town.

A big cheer went up as the royal car arrived and the Queen stepped out. She looked over at Sarah and her friends. Was she going to wave at them? No! She began to walk over to them - Sarah couldn't believe it - and when the Queen stopped beside her and spoke to Sarah it was like a dream!

Sarah was the centre of attention for the next few days. She was interviewed on the local radio station, her photograph was in the newspaper, and everyone wanted to know, "What did the Queen say to you?" It was an experience Sarah would never forget.

The people of Israel were waiting for a king to come to speak to them. Not the king of one country or empire, but the King who rules over all kings, queens, presidents and rulers - the Lord God.

Instead of the sound of cars or helicopters there were clashes of thunder and streaks of lightning. The sound of a trumpet echoed loudly from the steep cliffs of the mountain. The Israelites were terrified.

*Place Israelites (ML-2, ML-3 and ML-4).*

This was the Lord who had forced Pharaoh, King of Egypt to let them go free. This was the Lord who had opened the Red Sea so that they could cross on dry ground. The One Who was more powerful than anyone else, was going to speak to them. They were right to be afraid.

Today God speaks through His Word, the Bible. God has not changed. His power is no less, yet so many people don't heed what He has said. They show no fear. Instead they make jokes about God, they use His name as a swear word, they say the Bible is old-fashioned and has no place in their lives! Are you like them?

Or do you want to know what God has to say to you, but there is so much you don't understand! I will be at the front of the room at the end of Good News Club®. You can bring your questions and I will try to answer them from the Bible.

The Lord had led the Israelites through the desert by the miracle cloud after they left Egypt. In the daytime it was a cloud and at night, a pillar of fire.

As they journeyed through the wilderness, the Lord provided all that they needed. Where did their food come from? What about water?

### Flashcard 1-1



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Rephidim means  
"refreshment" according



*Allow the children to answer.*

*Add Moses (ML-1).*

When they had camped at Rephidim, the people were thirsty. There was no water, so what did they do?

“Did you bring us out of Egypt to kill us by starving us of water?” they had complained.

Moses had cried to the Lord, “What can I do with these people? They are ready to stone me to death.”

*New scene, placing Moses (ML-5), Israelites (ML-3) and rock overlay.*

God had answered, “Go to the rock called Horeb and I will show you. Strike the rock with your rod. Water will pour out of the rock for the people to drink.”

*Add water overlay.*

When Moses obeyed God, water flowed from the rock in a great rushing stream! The people had all the water they needed.

Imagine how much food and water two million people would use! God never failed to provide for them, even though they often failed to trust Him. Now God Who cared so much for these people was going to speak to them.

Do you realise that every good thing that comes into your life is from God? Can you understand just how much He cares for you when He gave His beloved Son, the Lord Jesus Christ to die for you? Surely you want to hear what He has to say to you? Surely you want to obey Him.

The Israelites waited to hear God speak to them. They were camped on the longest and widest part of the desert valley, and before them was Mount Sinai, the highest of all the mountains in the desert.

*Place Moses (ML-1) and people (ML-2, ML-3 and ML-4) at Mount Sinai .*

Moses’ mind must have been filled with memories of Mount Sinai.

*Aim to draw the answers from the children.*

Do you remember what happened when Moses was caring for his father-in-law’s sheep on the mountain?

*Encourage the children to answer.*

(God had spoken to Him from the burning bush.)

*Replace Moses (ML-1) with figure ML-6.*

Let’s read the promise God gave to Moses then (Exodus 3:12).

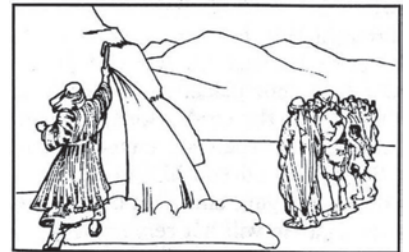
“... When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.”

That is exactly what happened. With the Israelites camped in front of Sinai, Moses had climbed the mountain. The Lord had called to

to Nelson’s Illustrated Bible Dictionary (Thomas Nelson Publishers, Nashville, 1986).



**Flashcard 1-2**



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**Flashcard 1-3**

Preschoolers can pretend to climb the mountain.

him from the mountain, “Tell the people, ‘You saw what I did to the Egyptians and how I brought you out of Egypt. Obey Me and you will be My own people.’”

*Replace Moses (ML-6) with figure ML-1.*

Moses had given the message to the leaders and all the people that they were to obey God. They had answered, “All that the Lord has spoken we will do.”

Moses then returned to the mountain and told God what the people had said. God said to him, “In three days I will come to you in a thick cloud on Mount Sinai. The people will hear Me talk to you so they will trust you. Set a boundary around the mountain so the people will not break through and try to see Me.”

So the people of Israel waited.

What was going through their minds?

*Discuss.*

... Fear?

... Wonder?

... Excitement?

If you had been there, how would you have felt?

*Discuss.*

CTSU Don't you realise that God does speak to people today? It may not be in the way He spoke to Moses or to the people of Israel, but all that they heard has been recorded in the Bible. This is more than a history book, this is the living and eternal Word of God. These words are for you today. God does not change. He speaks to you and me through His written Word.

During the three days they waited for the Lord to come to Mount Sinai, the people had to prepare themselves as God had instructed.

CTSU Are you prepared for God to speak to you? When you read God's Word on your own, or when you are listening to someone teaching you from the Bible, are you saying in your heart, “Lord, please show me what Your Word has to say to me?”

Are you saying, “I'm sorry for the things I've done that don't please You?”

Are you thinking, “Lord, I can't believe that You, who are so great, would speak to me, but I want to hear and understand?”

What will God say to you from His Word? If you are not a Christian you will discover in the Bible how you can come to the Lord Jesus Christ and, because of His death and resurrection, find forgiveness and new life.

If you are a Christian, God will speak to you through His Word, showing you how to live to please Him, guiding you through life.

What was God going to say to the people of Israel?

*Add cloud overlay.*

Mount Sinai was covered with smoke because the Lord had descended on it in fire. The whole mountain trembled violently. The sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder!

*Remove all figures.*

Listen to God's words ...

*Read the Commandments slowly and clearly. Do not comment on them at this point.*

*Add the Commandment visuals (ML-7, ML-8, ML-9, ML-10, ML-11, ML-12, ML-13, ML-14, ML-15 and ML-16) as each one is named.*

- 1 You shall have no other gods before Me.
- 2 You shall not make for yourself a carved image.
- 3 You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
- 4 Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
- 5 Honour your father and your mother.
- 6 You shall not murder.
- 7 You shall not commit adultery.
- 8 You shall not steal.
- 9 You shall not bear false witness.
- 10 You shall not covet.

God had spoken. His people had heard His Law.

God spoke in the past, sometimes directly to the people (as He did at Mount Sinai), and more often through men He had chosen, like Moses. All He has spoken is here for you in His Word, the Bible.

Do you think any of the Israelites stayed in their tents that day and thought, "I'll not bother going to hear what God has to say today - maybe some other time"? Of course not, no-one would have dared!

God has spoken. You have heard His words. What will you do? Christian boys and girls, I pray that you are saying, "Lord, thank You for speaking to me through Your Word, the Bible. Help me to obey."

If you are not a Christian, will you say, "Thank You, Lord, for speaking to me, and showing me that I need the Lord Jesus as my Saviour. I want to come to Him today."

Remember, God's Word is truth (John 17:17b).

**Flashcard 1-4**



**Flashcard 1-5**



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### Review questions

- 1 Why should you pay attention to what God says? (God made us; He is all-powerful; He loves us.)
- 2 Give two examples of how the Israelites had seen God's power as they travelled in the wilderness. (Pillar of smoke and fire; opening of Red Sea; etc.)
- 3 How had God shown His people that He cared for them? (Provision of food and water.)
- 4 Where did God say He would come to and speak to the people of Israel? (Mount Sinai.)
- 5 How did the people see God's power from the mountain? (God spoke from the fire and smoke that could be seen on the mountain.)
- 6 What did God say to the Israelites? (He gave them the Ten Commandments.)
- 7 How can we find what God has to say to us? (In the Bible.)
- 8 How did we get the Bible? (God spoke to men such as Moses, and told them what to write down.)
- 9 How much of the Bible is true? (All of it.)
- 10 Why should you take heed of a book that was written such a long time ago? (God does not change.)

# Lesson 2

## The idolatry of the people

### Scripture for teachers

Exodus 24:12-18

Exodus 31:18

Exodus 32

Exodus 34

### Central truth

All have disobeyed God's Word

### Application

Unsaved: You deserve God's punishment for your sin - you must turn to the Lord Jesus Christ to be saved

Saved: God must have first place in your life

### Memory verse

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" Romans 3:23

### Visual aids

- ♦ Flashcards 1-5, 2-1, 2-2, 2-3, 2-4 and 2-5

Or

- ♦ Figures: ML-1, ML-2, ML-3, ML-6, ML-7, ML-8, ML-9, ML-10, ML-11, ML-12, ML-13, ML-14, ML-15, ML-16, ML-17, ML-19, ML-20, ML-21, ML-22, ML-23, ML-24, ML-25, ML-26, ML-27 and ML-28
- ♦ Backgrounds (optional): Mount Sinai and cloud overlay

### Lesson outline

#### Introduction

The Almighty God had spoken to the people of Israel at Mount Sinai

#### Progression of events

- 1 God calls Moses to the mountain to receive the tablets of stone CT
- 2 Moses spends forty days and nights on the mountain with the Lord
- 3 The people look for Moses' return - they ask Aaron to make them a god CTSU
- 4 Aaron makes a golden calf CT
- 5 "Look! This is our god that brought us out of Egypt" CTU
- 6 Aaron builds an altar CTS
- 7 God tells Moses what is happening in the camp of the Israelites and says He will destroy the people CTU
- 8 Moses pleads for the Israelites CTU
- 9 Moses returns to the camp
- 10 He smashes the tablets of stone

#### Climax

Moses confronts Aaron CTU

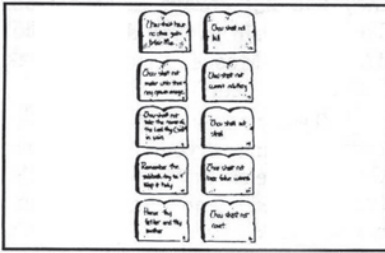
#### Conclusion

The nation is spared but many die

"All have sinned ..."

"The wages of sin is death ..."

What are you going to do?



Flashcard 1-5

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Flashcard 2-1



Flashcard 2-2



## Lesson

The Almighty God had spoken to the people of Israel at Mount Sinai. What an experience! How terrifying, and yet how wonderful it must have been to hear the voice of God. Now He told Moses, “Come up into the mountain and I will give you two tablets of stone that I’ve written the Ten Commandments on. You can use these to teach the people.”

Who can remember these Commandments?

*Place Commandments (ML-7, ML-8, ML-9, ML-10, ML-11, ML-12, ML-13, ML-14, ML-15 and ML-16) on board as the children answer.*

God had given these to the people of Israel. God has given them to you today. Remember, God does not change, His standards are always the same. They will never become old-fashioned or out-of-date.

Moses and his helper Joshua went up the mountainside. Joshua waited while Moses climbed higher.

*Remove all figures. Add cloud overlay. Move Moses (ML-6) and Joshua (ML-19) higher on mountain, then remove.*

A cloud covered the mountain for six days. On the seventh day the Israelites saw a cloud that looked like it had a fire burning in it. Suddenly God called to Moses from the cloud!

Forty days and nights Moses was with God! How special it must have been for Moses! During that time the Lord gave Moses instructions for the building of a special tent church called the tabernacle.

Before Moses left the mountain, God gave him two large tablets of stone on which He had written the Ten Commandments. The Bible tells us that they were “written with the finger of God” (Exodus 31:18).

When Moses was on the mountain, what was happening in the camp of the Israelites? Day after day the people had looked for Moses and he still hadn’t come back. The people may have wondered, “Did Moses die on the mountain?”

*Place Israelites (ML-2 and ML-3).*

These were the people who had experienced so much of God’s power and His love. The Lord God had actually spoken to them, yet they went to Aaron. Listen to what the people said:

*Add Aaron (ML-20).*

*Read Exodus 32:1.*

“... Come, make us gods that shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.”



How quickly they had forgotten the commands that the Lord Himself had spoken to them! What does the first Commandment say? (“You shall have no other gods before Me” Exodus 20:3.) What does the second Commandment say? (“You shall not make for yourself a carved image” Exodus 20:4.)

They were going to break God’s law. Do you know what the Bible calls that? (Sin.)

Are you saying, “How could they do that?” Look carefully at the Commandments. What does the sixth one say? “You shall not murder.” Do you know that the Lord Jesus said that if you think in your heart that you hate someone, you have broken the sixth Commandment, you have sinned. Have you?

What does the ninth Commandment say? “You shall not bear false witness.” That means do not lie.

John’s Mum called him, “Hurry, John, or you’ll be late for school.” “I’m coming, Mum, won’t be a minute.” Was that true? No! John was still tucked up in bed. It was at least 15 minutes before he arrived at the breakfast table.

“Have you got your homeworks, John?” “No problem, Mum, all done,” replied John. They were not! John was planning to copy them from his friends on his way to school on the bus.

Do you know someone like John who disobeys God’s command? Is it you? Are you thinking, “Yes, but I don’t want to be like this. I want to change! What do I do?” Listen carefully to the Bible lesson. If you have questions at the end, please come and talk to me. Sit in a seat at the front after Club and I will know you want to speak to me. I will show you from the Bible how you can turn from your sin to the Lord Jesus Christ. If all of you think carefully and honestly about the Ten Commandments you will know that you have failed to keep many of them. In fact the Bible tells us in Romans 3:23, “All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” Everyone has disobeyed God’s Law, just like the people of Israel.

Surely Aaron would show the people that their plan was very wrong and was against God’s Word.

Aaron said, “Take the gold earrings and bring them to me.”

*Replace Aaron (ML-20) with figure ML-21.*

What was he going to do? He melted the gold and used a tool to shape it into a statue of a golden calf!

*Add gold statue (ML-22 and ML-23).*

Aaron had been chosen by the Lord to help Moses lead the Israelites out of Egypt and to the land God had promised to them. His job was to show the people what God wanted them to do and here he was helping them disobey God!

Place Commandment visuals on board as you talk about them, or have two children hold them up.

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Flashcard 2-3

Coming from Egypt, where images like this were worshiped, the golden calf probably seemed a natural

representation of God to the Israelites.

CT

What does the Bible say in Romans 3:23? "All have sinned ..." That includes ministers, teachers, leaders ... all are guilty of disobeying God's Word.

There is only One Who lived on this earth Who always obeyed the words of God. Who was that?

The Lord Jesus Christ was tempted in every way, just as we are, but He never gave in to temptation. He never disobeyed God's Word. He had no sin, unlike you and me, and Aaron, who listened to the Israelites instead of obeying God's Word. The people were delighted with the golden calf he made.

"Look! This is our god that brought us out of Egypt!" How could they turn from the one and only true God Who opened the Red Sea, Who sent them manna each day, Who gave them water from the rock?

CTU

See Matthew 22:37,  
Mark 12:30, Luke 10:27.

Instead, they were giving a lump of gold God's place. You would never dream of calling a golden calf your God, but I wonder what it is that takes God's place in your life? Is it your friends? Is it more important to you that you please your friends, than it is to please God? God says, "Love me with all of your heart." Perhaps you spent a lot of time today thinking about your favourite football team. How much time did you spend thinking about God? You are putting others in God's place, you are disobeying His law.

When Aaron saw the people worshipping the golden calf, he built an altar in front of the statue. "Tomorrow we will have a special feast to honour the Lord." What did Aaron mean? He seemed to think that they could worship the golden calf and worship God too! Yet it had only been a few weeks earlier when God had told them that He was a jealous God and they were to worship no other gods nor make any idols to bow down to, and worship.

*Add altar (ML-17) and lamb (ML-24).*



CTS

I suppose that is like people today who say they are Christians, but think God will be satisfied if they go to Church and worship Him on Sunday, and what they do the rest of the time - well that has nothing to do with God! Is that what you think? Boys and girls, if you have trusted the Lord Jesus as your Saviour, He must be first in every part of your lives. When He isn't, you are breaking His law, you are sinning against Him. You need to tell the Lord you are sorry and ask Him for strength to give Him first place in everything.

The Israelites listened to Aaron, they brought their offerings to God, they sat down to eat, and then they did all kinds of sinful things.

Of course God, Who knows all things, knew what the people had done. He said to Moses, "The Israelites have made a graven image out of melted gold. They have worshipped and offered sacrifices to a golden calf. They've called the statue their god who brought them



out of Egypt. I am going to destroy them and make a great nation from you and your family.”

Some boys and girls think it doesn't matter if you don't obey God's Word. "It's old-fashioned," they say. "What's going to happen if you disobey!" It does matter. Everyone will have to answer to God, and God says that what we deserve for disobeying Him, for sinning, is death. That means to be separated from God for ever in a place of punishment, which the Bible calls Hell.

I'm sure there were many times when Moses was thoroughly "fed up" with all the complaining and moaning that came from the Israelites, and yet Moses pleaded with the Lord for them. "Lord, please don't destroy Your people. You brought them out of Egypt with Your great power."

God answered Moses' prayer for the people and He didn't destroy them.

If God dealt with us the way we deserve, we would have no hope, for all of us are guilty of sinning against Him. Instead, in His amazing love, He made a way that we might be forgiven. His one and only Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, Who had no sin, took the punishment our sin deserved. We can have forgiveness because of His death and resurrection. If you realise you have broken God's law, that you have sinned against Him, then today you can be forgiven. If you are truly sorry and want nothing more to do with your sin, then turn to the Lord Jesus. He has taken your punishment, now you must trust in Him with all your heart.

God says in His Word ...

*Read Acts 3:19.*

"Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out ..."

Moses went down the mountain with the Ten Commandments.

*Add Moses (ML-6) and Joshua (ML-19).*

When he met Joshua part way down the mountain, Joshua said to Moses, "It sounds like a war between the people."

Moses knew it wasn't. He said, "It is not the noise of the shout of victory, nor the noise of the cry of defeat, but the sound of singing I hear" (Exodus 32:18).

*Remove Moses (ML-6), Joshua (ML-19) and Aaron (ML- 21). Add Moses (ML-25) and Joshua (ML-26).*

When they came closer, Moses saw the people dancing around the golden calf. Moses was so angry with the people. God had spoken to them, He had given them His laws, and they had disobeyed, they had put an idol of gold in His place! Moses threw down the tablets of stone and they broke on the rocks at the bottom of the mountain.

CTU

CTU



Flashcard 2-4

Replace Moses (ML-25) with figure ML-1. Add broken tablets (ML-27). Remove gold statue (ML-22 and ML-23).

He took the calf they had made and burned it in the fire; then he ground it to powder, scattered it on the water and made the Israelites drink it.

He said to Aaron, "What did these people do to you that you led them into such great sin?"

Remove figures. Place Moses (ML-28) and Aaron (ML-20).

Flashcard 2-5



CTU

Aaron answered, "Don't be so angry. Remember how sinful these people are. They asked me to make gods to lead them. So I told them to give me their gold. When I threw it into the fire a golden calf came out!" Lies! Excuses! Didn't Aaron realise that God knew exactly what had happened?

Just as God saw all that happened in the camp of Israel, so He sees all that you do, hears all that you say, knows all that you think.

The Israelites and Aaron were frightened of Moses' anger. How much more terrible to face God's anger if you go on in your sin and reject His way of forgiveness.

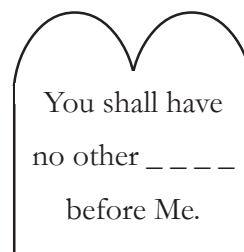
God in His mercy did not wipe out the nation of Israel, and He gave to Moses two more stone tablets containing His commands. However, because of their sin many, many Israelites were killed!

God's Word says, "All have sinned ..." (Romans 3:23). God's Word says, "The wages of sin (what you deserve) is death ..." (Romans 6:23). That means to be separated from God for ever. God in His love has made a way that you might escape the punishment you deserve and find forgiveness. The Lord Jesus Christ is that way. He is your only hope. What are you going to do?

### Review questions

1-10 Write out each Commandment on a piece of card shaped like a tablet of stone, leaving out a key word each time. The children have to give you the missing words.

Eg



11 How many of us are guilty of breaking God's laws? (All.)

12 Who is the only One who never disobeyed God? (The Lord Jesus.)

# Lesson 3

## Exploring the new land

### Suggestions for teachers

Teach this lesson near the beginning of the Good News Club hour. Use the case study (see page 25) towards the end of the programme. The aim of the study is to strengthen teaching and application for the saved child.

As you teach the memory verse, let the children know that you are available to counsel them. You might say something like, “Is God your salvation? Are you trusting? Is something holding you back from coming to the Lord Jesus Christ? Is it that you are unsure about what to do? If you think I can help, please come and talk to me at the end of Club and together we can look at what the Bible says.”

Include a spot in the Good News Club programme where you encourage Christian children to tell their friends at school, etc that they need to trust the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour. It would be helpful to have a leaflet that they could take and pass on to their friends. A number of very attractive leaflets with excellent content are now available from European CEF®.

### Scripture for teachers

Numbers 13-14

Deuteronomy 1:19-46

### Central truth

You must trust in the Lord

### Application

Unsaved: You must trust in the Lord Jesus Christ to save you

Saved: You must trust the Lord for strength and help to live the Christian life

### Memory verse

“... God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid”

Isaiah 12:2a

### Visual aids

- ◆ Flashcards 3-1, 3-2, 3-3, 3-4, 3-5 and 3-6

Or

- ◆ Figures: ML-1, ML-2, ML-3, ML-4, ML-26, ML-29, ML-30, ML-31, ML-32, ML-33, ML-34, ML-35, ML-36 and ML-37
- ◆ Backgrounds (optional): Tabernacle and cloud overlay

### Lesson outline

#### Introduction

At last the Israelites had come to the border of the land the Lord had promised would be theirs

#### Progression of events

- 1 Israelites fearful of entering Canaan CTSU
- 2 Twelve spies sent out
- 3 Spies spend 40 days in Canaan
- 4 The twelve return carrying the fruits of Canaan CTS
- 5 The reports from the spies - the difference between Caleb and Joshua, and the other ten CTU
- 6 The Israelites rebel CTS
- 7 God speaks
- 8 Moses pleads for Israel CTU

#### Climax

God spares the nation but punishes their unbelief CTU

#### Conclusion

The Israelites try to enter the land

Flashcard 3-1



## Lesson

Place Moses (ML-1) and Israelites (ML-2, ML-3 and ML-4).

At last the Israelites had come to the border of the land the Lord God had promised would be theirs. Remember His words to Moses when He spoke to him from the burning bush?

Read Exodus 3:8.

“... I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and large land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites.”

For many months they had endured the harsh conditions of the wilderness and now before them was a rich fertile land, and God had promised it would be theirs. Ah, there was a problem! What about the people already living in the land - the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites, Jebusites? If the Israelites were to go into this land, they would have to leave! Israel would really have to trust God, believe that He could and would do what He promised. So far they had not proved themselves to be very good at doing that!

How had they failed to trust God?

Try to draw answers from the children.

(For water; for food; when Moses was on Mount Sinai; etc.)

## CTSU

Let's think about our own lives. Have you been trusting God as you should? Firstly, have you trusted in the Lord Jesus Christ to be your Saviour and Lord of your life? If you have, are you living each day trusting in Him to help you and guide you? Are you trusting Him to work out His perfect plan in your life?

Despite all the times the Israelites had failed to trust God, He had never failed them. Yet even now they were not too sure about heading into this new land! God told Moses to appoint men to spy out this land. Twelve men were to be chosen, one from each tribe of Israel.

Add spies (ML-26, ML-29, ML-30, ML-31 and ML-32).

Their instructions were to go and see what the land was like, what the people were like, and to bring back some of the produce of the land.

For forty days the twelve spies travelled through the promised land. They could see that the soil was really good, the crops and fruits looked wonderful. They also saw many people living there, and these people had built strong fortified cities.

Imagine the excitement in the camp of the Israelites when they saw the spies coming back, and when they saw what they had with them!

Add fruit (ML-33, ML-34 and ML-35).

Flashcard 3-2



There were figs, pomegranates and a branch loaded with grapes which was so huge it was carried on a pole between two men.

God had promised so much to His people if they would trust Him. What does God promise to you if you trust Him? Let's find out from His Word, the Bible.

Possibly use sword drill - adapt this idea according to the age and ability of the group you are teaching.

Acts 10:43      Forgiveness

Acts 3:19-20    New life

John 3:16        Eternal life

John 14:26      The Holy Spirit

John 14:1-2     Heaven

If you are trusting the Lord Jesus as your Saviour then you have forgiveness for your sins. Did you know that God says He has put them away and will remember them no more? Isn't it wonderful to know that God the Holy Spirit is living in you and that you now have a new life where God reigns and not Satan. Just think one day you will go to Heaven - that is God's promise.

However, what God does not promise is that it will be easy to be a Christian. In fact the Bible says just the opposite, that God's children will face problems and difficulties, just as the Lord Jesus did when He was on the earth. If you are trusting the Lord Jesus as your Saviour, you must also trust Him each day for the help you need to live for Him. God's children cannot live for Him in their own strength, you must trust the Lord for His strength.

The Israelites had God's promise of a new land, but God had not promised it would be easy to take over this land. No, they would have to trust in His strength. Would they do that?

Imagine the excitement on their faces as they listened to the spies speak of Canaan where so much food grew. I think their expressions changed when they heard about the large cities surrounded by walls, and the people who were very strong!

"We looked like grasshoppers beside them!" the spies said.

Now one of the spies, called Caleb, said:

*Read Numbers 13:30.*

"Let us go up at once and take possession, for we are well able to overcome it."

Joshua, another of the twelve agreed, but what of the other ten?

*Read Numbers 13:31.*

Preschoolers can pretend to explore the land and pick fruit.

You may want to bring grapes to class for the children to enjoy.

## CTS



## Flashcard 3-3

You may want to let several children role-play this part of the story.



“We are not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we,” and they went on talking about the great dangers in the land of Canaan.

*Remove fruit (ML-33, ML-34 and ML-35).*

What was the difference between Joshua, Caleb and the other spies?

All of them knew the cities were very strong. All of them realised there were many fierce people living in the land. Only Joshua and Caleb were willing to trust God. God had said He would give them the land and they knew that nothing was too difficult for God.

CTU

Who are you like? Joshua and Caleb, or the other spies? Perhaps you have been thinking a lot about what it would mean to become a Christian, but what about your friends? You don’t want to lose them, but would they want to have anything to do with you if you were following the Lord Jesus Christ? Are you thinking about the difficulties of living the Christian life, yet more than anything else you want to know that your sins are forgiven and that you are ready for Heaven. Like Joshua and Caleb are you willing to trust God?

Will you take that step today? Tell the Lord Jesus that you know you have sinned, but that you are truly sorry and you want to trust Him as your Saviour. Tell Him that you know you can trust in Him for strength to live for Him each day.

Whose side would the people of Israel take? Would they be prepared to trust like Joshua and Caleb, or would they be too fearful to go into the promised land, like the ten spies?

They had seen so much evidence of God’s power. They had heard His voice at Mount Sinai. Surely they would realise that their God could give them this land.

All through the camp the people complained.

“Why does God want us to go into Canaan? We will be killed by the swords of our enemies! Let’s choose a new leader and go back to Egypt ...”

Back to Egypt where they had been slaves!

CTS

Have you been tempted to think it would be easier to go back? You have taken that step of faith, and are trusting Jesus to be Saviour and Lord of your life. Are you finding it very difficult to live for Him? Does your brother or sister make it really difficult for you to have your quiet time each day? Are you lonely because the friends you played with at school don’t want to know you, now that you are a Christian? Perhaps even Mum and Dad are always picking faults with what you do. “We thought you said you were a Christian!” they say over and over again.

God never promised it would be easy to follow Him, but He does promise never to fail you. Trust God. Remember how much He loves

you. Didn't He give His only Son to die for you? Trust Him for strength to show the right attitudes to your family. Ask Him for help to be a good witness to them. Trust God to give you a special friend in school who loves the Lord Jesus.

Don't listen when Satan tempts you to be like those ten spies. Follow Joshua and Caleb's example. They said to the people, "The land we explored is good. God will do what is best for us. If God wants, He will give us the land. Don't turn against God! Don't be afraid. God will help us!" Joshua and Caleb tore their clothes as a sign for the unbelieving people.

What did the Israelites do? They threatened to stone Joshua and Caleb. Then God spoke to Moses.

*Replace Moses (ML-1) with Moses and Aaron (ML-36).*

*Read from Numbers 14:11-12.*

"How long will these people reject Me? And how long will they not believe Me, with all the signs which I have performed among them? I will strike them with the pestilence and disinherit them, and I will make of you a nation greater and mightier than they."

This was the second time God had threatened to destroy the Israelites. What had happened on the previous occasion?

*Give the children an opportunity to reply.*

(Moses pleaded on their behalf.)

Once again Moses pleaded with the Lord to forgive the people.

*Remove all figures. Add Moses (ML-37) and tabernacle and cloud overlay.*

"If you destroy your people, the Egyptians will hear about it and say, 'The Lord was not able to bring them into the land He promised. He has killed them in the desert.' Show your great strength. Forgive these people as you have done since they left Egypt."

What would happen if God treated the Israelites as they deserved? They would have no hope.

What about you? If God treated you as you deserve, you would have no hope, for all you deserve is punishment for your disobedience.

Instead God in His love sent His only Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, Who took your punishment when He died on the cross. Because of Christ's death and resurrection all that is required of you is that you turn from your sins and trust with all your heart on the Lord Jesus.

The Israelites had failed to trust, but still God heeded Moses' pleas and said:

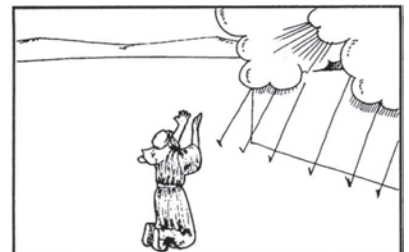
*Read Numbers 14:20.*

"I have pardoned, according to your word."

**Flashcard 3-4**



**Flashcard 3-6**



CTU

Flashcard 3-5



CTU

God would not destroy the Israelites, but oh how much they would lose because they failed to trust!

*Remove overlay and Moses (ML-37). Add figures Moses (ML-1) and Israelites (ML-2, ML-3, ML-4, ML-29, ML-30, ML-31, ML-32).*

God said, "Because they saw my glory and the miracles and yet disobeyed and tested me, they will not see the land of Canaan. Only Caleb and Joshua will live in Canaan. The people will live in the wilderness for forty years. All who are twenty years old or more, who have grumbled against me, will die in the wilderness."

What will happen to you if you do not trust the Lord Jesus to be your Saviour? You will probably have plenty of friends, you may not have to face any teasing in school, and you can just live to suit yourself. What will you lose? You won't have forgiveness for your sin, you won't have God the Holy Spirit living in you, you won't have a new life, and you will never enter heaven.

When the people heard God's Words they were sad. Early the next morning they began leaving the camp.

"Where are you going?" Moses asked.

"We know we've sinned. We are on our way to Canaan," they answered. Would they never learn?

Moses warned them, "You are disobeying God's command. God will not go with you. You will lose the battle with the people of Canaan."

But the Israelites went over the mountains towards Canaan. The Amalekites and Canaanites who lived in the mountains attacked them and many were killed.

CTU

Who are you like? Are you like the ten spies, too afraid to trust the Lord Jesus with your life? Are you afraid that the Christian life would be too difficult?

Be like Caleb and Joshua! They could see the problems, but they knew God was powerful enough to deal with them.

Will you trust the Lord Jesus Christ to save you and to give you the strength to face any difficulties that come your way?

"... God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid" (Isaiah 12:2a).

Review game

**Balloon game**

When a child answers a question, he can choose a balloon to burst and the team receives the number of points on a piece of

Review questions

- 1 What good things had God told the Israelites they would have in the new land? (Much food - fruit, vegetables, etc.)
- 2 Why did God tell Moses to appoint spies to go into the land of Canaan? (The Israelites were fearful of entering the land.)
- 3 How many spies were chosen? (Twelve.)



- 4 What did the spies bring back from Canaan? (Figs, pomegranates, grapes.)
- 5 What did the spies say about the cities and people in Canaan? (Large cities surrounded by walls; very strong people.)
- 6 What did Caleb and Joshua say? ("Let us go up at once and take possession, for we are well able to overcome it.")
- 7 What did the other ten spies say? ("We are not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we are.")
- 8 Why were Caleb and Joshua so confident? (They knew they could trust the Lord.)
- 9 Who did the Israelites listen to? (Ten spies.)
- 10 How did God punish Israel for their lack of trust in Him? (They would wander in the wilderness for forty years. All who were twenty years old or more, who grumbled against God, would die in the wilderness.)
- 11 What would happen to Joshua and Caleb? (They would enter the promised land.)
- 12 What does Isaiah 12:2a say? ("... God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid.")

### Case study

*(See suggestions for teachers on page 19.)*

Jill had trusted the Lord Jesus Christ to be Saviour and Lord of her life. Her Good News Club teacher was thrilled and really helped Jill, giving her Bible reading notes and encouraging her to tell others that she was a Christian.

Jill began to tell her friends at school, and it was fine. In fact she discovered that one of them was a Christian but had been afraid to tell anyone.

The two girls went to a Scripture Union meeting in school which was organised by some of the teachers. It was good to meet with other Christians and be taught from the Bible.

One day a teacher asked if Jill went to Church. When Jill said she didn't, the teacher invited her to come to the one she attended.

Jill wanted to go, but she was afraid. She would need her parents' permission and so far she hadn't told them she was a Christian!

Mum and Dad had no time for God. They had been reluctant to allow Jill to go to Good News Club and had warned her, "Don't take this religious stuff too seriously!"

What would they say now? Would they forbid her to go to Good News Club? What about the S.U. meeting in school? What about her Christian friends? Jill felt so afraid!

paper inside the balloon.

Alternatively, you can pop the balloon with a pin for the children.

*Discuss with the children. Try to draw from them:*

- 1 Need to pray for her parents.
- 2 To remember that God is in control and nothing is too difficult for Him.
- 3 To trust God for courage to speak.
- 4 To show by her life that she loves the Lord.

# Lesson 4

## Moses sins against God

### Suggestions for teachers

This lesson contains a lot of teaching for the saved child. God, in His love, may well use this to convict unsaved children. However, it would be good to have teaching specifically for them at another part of the Good News Club programme. Why not use songs which have a clear evangelistic thrust?

### Scripture for teachers

Numbers 20

### Central truth

Watch out for the enemy

### Application

Saved: Satan is the enemy of all God's children - you need to be on guard for his attacks

### Memory verse

"... He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world" 1 John 4:4b

### Visual aids

- ♦ Flashcards 4-1, 4-2, 4-3, 4-4 and 4-5

Or

- ♦ Figures: ML-2, ML-3, ML-4, ML-5, ML-6, ML-21, ML-28, ML-37, ML-38, ML-39, ML-40, ML-41, ML-42, ML-43 and ML-44
- ♦ Backgrounds (optional): Mountain scene, tabernacle and cloud overlay, rock overlay and water overlay

### Lesson outline

#### **Introduction**

Have you ever gone round in circles?

#### **Progression of events**

- 1 God's people are back at the place they had been forty years ago CTS
- 2 There is no water, the people complain CTS
- 3 Moses prays - God instructs him what to do
- 4 Moses gathers the people together - Moses speaks to them in anger CTS
- 5 Moses strikes the rock, he disobeys God CTS
- 6 God brings water from the rock CTS

#### **Climax**

God's punishment on Moses and Aaron

#### **Conclusion**

Be on your guard - remember that the Lord Jesus who dwells in you by His Holy Spirit, is greater than Satan who is in the world



On a map, point out Canaan and the wilderness area where the Israelites wandered for 40 years.

## Lesson

Have you ever gone round in circles? Perhaps Dad has taken you for a walk in the forest and you get a little bit lost. You say, "I think we should go that way." Dad says, "No, this is the right path." Some time later you end up at exactly the same spot and still lost!

*Optional background: Mountainous. Place Israelites (ML-2, ML-3 and ML-38) and sheep (ML-39 and ML-40).*

If I told you that the Israelites had been wandering in the wilderness for forty years and were now at Kadesh Barnea, on the border of Canaan, the same place they had been forty years ago, what would you think? They must have been lost! They had been wandering round in circles!

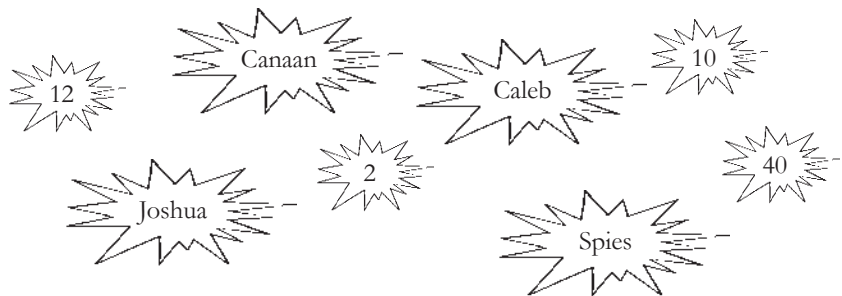
Well, they certainly were not lost, for the Lord had been leading them. How?

*Allow children to respond.*

(Pillar of fire and cloud.)

Why was the Lord leading them round and round in the wilderness? Remember what happened forty years earlier? Here are some clues.

*Place word strips on the flannelgraph board and encourage the children to tell what happened - briefly.*



## Flashcard 4-1

The people of Israel had been afraid of the people of Canaan. They hadn't realised they were under attack from a far stronger enemy - Satan - who did not want them to trust God. If only they had been on their guard for that enemy and trusted the Lord to give them victory over the people of Canaan, as He had promised to.

God had punished them. All who had grumbled and complained against God had died in the wilderness. The new generation of Israelites, now adults, were back at the borders of Canaan. Surely they would have learned to trust the Lord and be on their guard for the enemy, the devil.

## CTS

Christian boys and girls, when you turned from your sin and trusted the Lord Jesus as your Saviour you became God's children. You do not belong to Satan, but beware! He is God's enemy and yours. He is very dangerous and will take every opportunity to stop you doing what pleases the Lord. Listen to what the Bible says.

Read 1 Peter 5:8.

“... Be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.”

Pause. Remove word strips. Add Aaron (ML-21) and Moses (ML-28).

“If only we had died when our brothers fell dead before the Lord! Why did you bring the Lord’s community into this desert, that we and our livestock should die here? Why did you bring us out of Egypt to this terrible place? It has no grain or figs, grape vines or pomegranates. And there is no water to drink!”

Who spoke such words? Can you believe it was the people of Israel? Surely having seen what happened to their parents they would have been afraid to grumble and complain! Surely they had learned that they could trust the Lord to look after them. During those forty years in the wilderness had they gone hungry or thirsty? No. Did you know that all during these years their shoes and clothes never wore out? Despite all of this they were doing what their parents had done. They were letting their enemy, the devil, have his way and not trusting in God.

If you are one of God’s children then learn from the mistakes the people of Israel made. As you read about other people in the Bible, learn from their lives. Listen to advice from older Christians like your Sunday School teachers and Good News Club leaders. Learn from them. Learn to trust God and be on your guard for your enemy, the devil.

What had Moses done in the past when the Israelites complained?

Encourage the children to answer.

(Prayed.)

Remove all figures. Place Moses (ML-37), Aaron (ML-41) and tabernacle overlay.

This time was no different. In front of the tabernacle, Moses prayed to God. The Lord said to Moses, “You and Aaron gather all the people. Speak to the rock for all the people to hear. Water will flow from the rock. Give water to the people and their animals.”

What was Moses to do to the rock?

Allow the children to respond.

(Speak to it.)

Moses and Aaron gathered all the people in front of the rock as God had said. Now Moses was very angry.

Remove all figures and overlay. Add rock overlay and figures Moses (ML-5), Aaron (ML-42) and Israelites (ML-38).

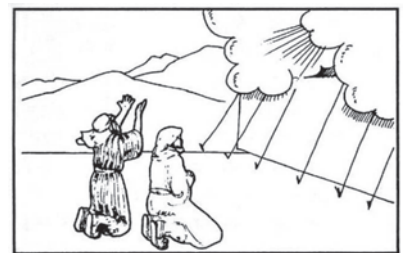
Boys and girls, be careful of anger. So often when we are angry, we drop our guard and Satan causes us to sin.



For variety, you could assign one or two children to role-play the complaining Israelites. You could print the actual words from Scripture on cards for them to read.

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Flashcard 4-2



Flashcard 4-3

CTS

In the Bible we read that God was angry, but God does not sin. We also read that the Lord Jesus was angry and He did not sin. Are you feeling angry? Have your parents forbidden you to go somewhere or do something with your friends? Think! Are you right to be angry when your parents are acting out of love and concern for you? God says, "Children, obey your parents" (Ephesians 6:1). Watch out! Satan wants you to disobey God by having a bad attitude towards your Mum and Dad.

Are you angry with your teacher because he insisted you repeat your homework? Think! Are you right to be angry? Did you put enough effort into that piece of work? Watch out! Don't let Satan cause you to have a wrong attitude towards your teacher.

Perhaps you are angry because someone you trusted has let you down badly. Be alert! Satan may tempt you to do something to hurt that person. What does God say?

*Read Ephesians 4:32.*

"... be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you."

Perhaps you are thinking, "I'll never forget what she did as long as I live!" Be alert! Don't allow Satan to cause you to sin. God says, "Be angry, and do not sin: do not let the sun go down on your wrath, nor give place to the devil" (Ephesians 4:26-27). Ask God for strength to forgive and forget.

Perhaps it would help to talk about whatever is making you angry. If you would like to speak with me, come at the end of Club. I'll be at the front of the room.

Moses needed to be on his guard. How faithfully and patiently Moses had led the Israelites. However, the devil never leaves any of God's children alone. It doesn't matter how old or how young a Christian you are. Satan will try to get you to sin against the Lord. Moses was so angry, and certainly Israel had given him plenty of cause to feel as he did, but listen to his words.

"Now listen to me, you complainers. Do you want us to bring water out of this rock?" Moses lifted his rod and hit the rock twice!

Did Moses do as God said? No.

Did Moses' attitude and words honour God? No.

Could Moses take back his words? No.

Moses had failed to watch out for Satan, and in his anger he had sinned against the Lord.

CTS

If you or I say something hurtful or wrong to someone when we are angry, Satan has had his way and we have let God down.

We can apologise to the person, we can ask for God's forgiveness, but we can't undo the damage.

*Add water overlay.*

Moses in his anger had disobeyed God, but how gracious the Lord is. He gave water from the rock. Crystal clear water flowed out and there was enough for all the people and for their animals.

Perhaps you are thinking that if Moses failed, what hope have you against Satan! Yes, our enemy is strong, stronger than any of us, but listen to what God says.

*Read 1 John 4:4b.*

"... He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world."

*Remove overlays, Moses (ML-5) and Aaron (ML-42).*

Christian boys and girls, you have an enemy who is more powerful than you, but our God is all-powerful. No-one is stronger or mightier than the Lord. When the Lord Jesus Christ died on the cross He defeated the devil. The proof of His victory is the resurrection. Jesus is alive! Satan is defeated, he is on the losing side. If you are a Christian you are on the winning side, but don't drop your guard. The devil has lost the war, but he will fight on against God's children until the Lord Jesus comes back to this earth.

What would happen to Moses and Aaron?

*Place Israelites (ML-2, ML-3 and ML-4), Moses (ML-6), Aaron (ML-43) and Eleazar (ML-44).*

God said, "You did not believe Me. You did not honour Me as holy before the people. Now you will not lead them into the land of Canaan." God would name a new leader for the people. How sorry Moses must have been.

God also said, "Take your brother Aaron and his son Eleazar up on Mount Hor. Take Aaron's special clothes and put them on Eleazar. Aaron will die on the mountain."

*Remove Moses (ML-6), Aaron (ML-43) and Eleazar (ML-44).*

Christian boy or girl, be on your guard. James 4:7 says, "Submit to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." Remember that the Lord Jesus who dwells in you by His Holy Spirit is greater than Satan who is in the world.

## Review questions

- 1 The Israelites had lived in the wilderness for 40 years. (Yes. Why: they had seen God's miracles but failed to trust Him. All the adults would die in the wilderness and the new generation would go to Canaan.)
- 2 Israel had to be on their guard for a more dangerous enemy than the people who lived in Canaan. (Yes. Why: Satan was their enemy.)

**Flashcard 4-4**



CTS

**Flashcard 4-5**



Mount Hor is near the border of Edom (Numbers 20:23), but its exact location is unknown.

CTS

## Review game

### *Yes/no game*

Decorate a paper bag with different styles and colours of "yes" and "no" printed on bag. As the questions are asked the child must then give the



answer "yes" or "no". Give points for each correct "yes" or "no" and bonus points for a correctly answered "why". Give rewards from the bag for each correct answer.

- 3 The new generation of Israelites had learned to trust the Lord. (No. Why: when there was a shortage of water they complained just like their parents had.)
- 4 Moses always knew the right answers to the Israelites' problems. (No. Why: Moses always talked to God when the people complained because he knew God could help them.)
- 5 When you are a Christian you do not need to worry about Satan. (No. Why: the Bible warns us in 1 Peter 5:8 "... be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.")
- 6 Moses needed to be on his guard against Satan. (Yes. Why: Satan never leaves any of God's children alone. It doesn't matter how old, or how young you are.)
- 7 Should Moses have hit the rock? (No. Why: because God told him to only speak to the rock for all the people to hear and see His miracle of bringing water from the rock.)
- 8 We should depend on the Lord Jesus to help us fight our enemy. (Yes. Why: the Bible says, "He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.")
- 9 Moses would not lead the Israelites into the land of Canaan. (Yes. Why: this was God's judgement on Moses because he had disobeyed God.)



# Lesson 5

## A serpent of brass

### Suggestions for teachers

Teach the memory verses after the Bible lesson, so that the children will have heard the background to the verses and will require less explanation about the serpent in the wilderness. This will leave more time to talk about what it means to believe in the Lord Jesus.

Use the memory verse time to let concerned children know that you are available to counsel them. You could say something like, "Perhaps you have never believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, and now you really want to, but are not sure what to do. If you would like to talk to me about this, I will be standing at the front (or designate some other place) when the meeting is over. You can come to me and I will show you from the Bible how you can be saved."

### Scripture for teachers

Numbers 21:1-9

John 3:1-16

### Central truth

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved

### Application

Unsaved: You must turn from your sin to the Lord Jesus Christ - look to Him - He is your only hope

### Memory verse

"As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life" John 3:14-15

### Visual aids

- ♦ Flashcards 5-1, 5-2, 5-3, 5-4 and 5-5

Or

- ♦ Figures: ML-1, ML-2, ML-3, ML-4, ML-45, ML-46, ML-47, ML-48, ML-49, ML-50, ML-51 and ML-52
- ♦ Backgrounds (optional): Mountain scene

### Lesson outline

#### **Introduction**

"Help!" "Oh no!" "Help us!"

#### **Progression of events**

- 1 Poisonous snakes in the Israelite camp
- 2 God had sent the snakes - why?
- 3 God's goodness to Israel CTU
- 4 Journey around Edom
- 5 Israel's rebellion against God CTSU
- 6 God punishes Israel CTU
- 7 The people ask Moses to pray for them CTU
- 8 God instructs Moses to make a bronze serpent CTU

#### **Climax**

Those who look at the serpent are saved CTU

#### **Conclusion**

Will you come God's way today?

Look to the Lord Jesus Christ, believe in Him with all your heart CTU

Flashcard 5-3 can be shown briefly at this point



Flashcard 5-1

CTU

## Lesson

“Help!” “Oh no!” “Help us!” “Please help us!”

Terrible cries and screams could be heard everywhere in the camp of the Israelites.

“Get them away!”

“Oh no! I’ve been bitten! Help me!”

Whatever had happened?

*Optional background: Mountainous. Place Israelites and snakes (ML-45, ML-46, ML-47, ML-48, ML-49, ML-50 and ML-51).*

There were snakes, deadly poisonous snakes in the camp. People were being bitten, people were dying.

Where had these snakes come from? Why had they suddenly invaded the camp? Listen to what the Bible says.

*Read Numbers 21:6.*

“So the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and many of the people of Israel died.”

The Lord had sent these snakes! Why?

*Remove all figures.*

Time and time again, God had shown His power and His love to the Israelites. Can you give me some examples?

*Draw answers from the children.*

(Rescued from Egypt; opening up of the Red Sea; provision of food, clothing, water.)

How did the Israelites react to all that the Lord had done for them? At the time they were thankful, but as soon as there was another problem or difficulty they moaned and complained against Moses and Aaron. In doing that they were really complaining against the Lord. They were sinning.

What about you and me? Think of all the Lord has done for us (provided clothes, homes, families, etc). All these are gifts from God. Are we thankful, or are there times when we sound just like the Israelites?

What about mealtimes? “Oh, Mum, not that again! You know I don’t like stew! I wanted burgers and chips tonight.” Sound familiar? Mum spends time preparing nourishing meals for you and all you do is complain. Is that attitude right or wrong? It’s wrong, it’s sinful. Listen to what God’s Word says.

*Read 1 Thessalonians 5:18a.*

“In everything give thanks ...”

What about holidays? Perhaps Mum and Dad take you to a caravan at the seaside. “This is boring, why can’t we go somewhere more

exciting? My friends are going to Disneyland - it's just not fair!" Is that what you have been saying? Does that attitude to your Mum and Dad please God? No, it's wrong, it's sinful.

Maybe we are not so different from the Israelites after all! They were sinning against God, just as you and I have done.

*Place Israelites (ML-2, ML-3 and ML-4).*

It was tough travelling through the wilderness. As they walked around the land of Edom terrible sand storms may have hit them in the face, scorching heat caused their throats to ache for water. Were they thinking, "Why do we have to go this way? It would have been shorter to go through the land of Edom."

They had recently defeated some of their enemies and so they probably thought the King of Edom and his army posed no real threat.

They needed to remember that it was the Lord Who had given them the victory, and it was the Lord Who was leading them round Edom rather than through it.

Can you guess what happened next?

*Add Moses (ML-1).*

"Why did you bring us out of Egypt?"

"There's no water."

"We detest this miserable food."

How could they say that? God provided manna for them. Without it they would die. How could they call God's gift to them detestable?

There is an even greater gift God has given to us. Do you know what it is?

*Read John 3:16a.*

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son ..."

God gave this most precious of all gifts, His Son, to be our Saviour so that we might live. Without the Lord Jesus we would have no hope, for our sins would separate us from God forever.

What are you saying about God's gift? I hope there are those who are saying, "Thank you ... oh, thank you Lord for Jesus," for you are trusting in Him as Saviour and Lord of your life.

I fear there may be some of you like the people of Israel. You don't want God's way for your life, you don't want the Lord Jesus as your Saviour.

When you reject God's goodness to you, you sin against Him, just as the children of Israel were doing.



**Flashcard 5-2**



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Flashcard 5-3



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*Pause. Remove Moses (ML-1) and Israelites (ML-2, ML-3 and ML-4). Place Israelites and snakes (ML-45, ML-46, ML-47, ML-48, ML-49, ML-50 and ML-51).*

The sounds in the camp of the Israelites suddenly changed. Instead of moaning and complaining, awful screams were heard. Snakes were slithering everywhere. This was God's punishment on His people for their sin. The Bible tells us God is loving, kind and patient. The Bible also speaks of God being holy and just. He will not overlook sin.

The Lord had been so good and patient with the people of Israel and yet they rebelled against Him, and God punished them.

Beware boys and girls, you too are in terrible danger if you go on rebelling against the Lord. God in His love has made a way that you might live. His Son is that way. The perfect sinless Lord Jesus Christ took the punishment that you deserve for your sin. He died that those who believe in Him might live. He is your only hope. Do not think God will overlook your sin, that you can go on living whatever way you want and it doesn't matter. The God who punished His people in the wilderness, will punish those who reject His way to be saved and go on in their sin.

The Israelites realised that what was happening to them was because they had rebelled against the Lord and they cried out to Moses.

*Add Moses (ML-1).*

"We've sinned!"

"Ask God to take the snakes away!"

Have you ever said to God, "I've sinned, please forgive me"?

If you know that you are guilty of going against God's ways, of breaking His laws, by the things you do and say and even think, then you need His forgiveness.

Would God heed Moses' pleas on behalf of the people of Israel? Yes, God listened and He told Moses what to do so that those who had been bitten by snakes might be saved. It seemed very strange!

The Lord said, "Make a snake out of bronze. Put it on a pole in the desert and those who've been bitten by a snake should look at the bronze snake and live."

Many, many, many years later a man called Nicodemus came to the Lord Jesus. He wanted to know how he could be saved. He hadn't been bitten by a snake, but like all of us he had disobeyed God. He had sinned and he needed to be saved from the punishment his sin deserved.

Listen to what the Lord Jesus said.

*Read John 3:14-15.*

"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life."

Flashcard 5-4



CTU

When the Lord instructed Moses to lift up the bronze snake in the desert so that those who looked at it would be saved from death, He gave a wonderful picture of His plan to save men and women and boys and girls from their sin. His precious Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, would be lifted up on a cross. The One who had no sin would suffer in agony on that cruel cross in our place. The wonderful good news is that Christ paid for all our sin by His death, and on the third day He arose from the grave. Jesus is alive today, and what did He tell Nicodemus?

“Whoever (that means you) believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.”

Moses obeyed the Lord. He made the serpent of bronze, put it on a pole, and set it up in the desert. And what did the people of Israel do?

*Place pole with snake (ML-52).*

Did some say, “Not today, perhaps another time I’ll look to the snake?”

Did others say, “Look at a snake on a pole? Never! What difference could that make?”

I don’t know if there were people like that. Surely no-one would have been so foolish!

I imagine that those who were bitten realised that God had given them a way that they might be saved and this was their only hope.

Perhaps friends or family had to help them, but they knew they just had to get to a place where they could look at the serpent on the pole and be saved.

Boys and girls, if you realise that you have sinned against God and you need to be saved, then do not delay. Come God’s way, today, right now. Look to the Lord Jesus Christ, believe in Him with all your heart, only He can save you. Remember Jesus’ words:

“As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:14-15).

### Review questions

- 1 What were some of the things the Israelites could thank God for? (The times God had given water from the rock, His presence in the cloud, God’s word on two tablets of stone, protection from enemies, promise of good land.)
- 2 What can you thank God for? (Clothes, homes, families, the Bible, His Son.)
- 3 How did the Israelites sin against God? (They complained.)
- 4 What did they say about the bread God provided for them? (“We detest this miserable food.”)

CTU



CTU

### Review game

#### **Zonk**

Write point values on sixteen cards and a snake on four. Place all the cards in a bag. Divide the group into two teams. Each time the team answers correctly, they draw a card. If they draw a snake, they are “zonked” and lose all previous points.

- 5 When you complain, what are you doing? (Sinning.)
- 6 How did God punish the Israelites? (Poisonous snakes invaded the camp, many people were bitten.)
- 7 What did the Israelites cry to Moses? (“We’ve sinned! Ask God to take the snakes away!”)
- 8 What instructions did the Lord give to Moses? (Make a snake out of bronze. Put it on a pole in the desert and those who’ve been bitten by a snake should look at the bronze snake and live.)
- 9 How was the snake a picture of what would happen to the Lord Jesus? (He would be lifted up on a cross so that we might be saved.)
- 10 What must you do to be saved? (Look to the Lord Jesus. Believe in Him with all your heart.)



# Lesson 6

## Moses and the transfiguration

### Suggestions for teachers

Teach Lesson 6 early in your programme. Follow this with a time of praise, focusing on the goodness of God.

Select songs which speak of the goodness of God.

Use posters or photographs to illustrate some of the evidence of God's goodness - eg a picture showing the beauty of creation, photographs of family members, etc. Remind the children that the greatest evidence of God's goodness is His gift of salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ.

Have a time of prayer. Encourage the children to pray sentence prayers, praising and thanking God for His goodness to them.

Provide the children with a small notebook containing the promises that are looked at in the lesson, which show the goodness of God. Alternatively, if time permits make this in Good News Club. Encourage the children to add promises they discover in their own quiet times.

### Scripture for teachers

Numbers 27:12-23

Deuteronomy 31:1-8, 11-12

Deuteronomy 34

Luke 9:28-36

### Central truth

God is good

### Application

Unsaved: God in His goodness gave His Son for you - you must believe in Him

Saved: Recognise God's goodness to you - He has given you Christian leaders, His promises, Heaven, etc

### Memory verse

"For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting"  
Psalm 100:5a

### Visual aids

- ◆ Flashcards 6-1, 6-2, 6-3, 6-4, 6-5 and 6-6

Or

- ◆ Figures: ML-1, ML-2, ML-6, ML-26, ML-37, ML-38, ML-53, ML-54, ML-55, ML-55a, ML-56, ML-57, ML-58, ML-59, ML-60 and ML-61
- ◆ Backgrounds (optional): Tabernacle and cloud overlay, and mountain scene

### Lesson outline

#### Introduction

Forty years had passed since the people of Israel had left Egypt ...

#### Progression of events

- 1 God's goodness to Israel during the forty years in the wilderness
- 2 Moses prays for a leader for the people
- 3 God tells Moses to appoint Joshua CTS
- 4 God's promises to the people of Israel and to Joshua CTS
- 5 Moses climbs Mount Nebo and sees the promised land
- 6 Moses dies CTSU
- 7 The Lord Jesus takes Peter, James and John to a mountain to pray

#### Climax

The Lord Jesus is transfigured - Moses and Elijah appear and speak with Him CTSU

Disciples awake - Peter wants to make three tents

#### Conclusion

A cloud covers them - God speaks

## Lesson

Forty years had passed since the people of Israel had left Egypt. That's a long time, much longer than you have lived! Much longer than many of your Mums and Dads have lived! During all those years God had never failed His people. Over and over again the Israelites saw that their God was good.

*Ask the children for examples.*

Moses had lived a lot longer than forty years. Can you work out his age? He spent forty years in Egypt, forty in Midian and forty in the wilderness.

*Place Moses (ML-1).*

Moses knew he would never enter the land God had promised to Israel. Why?

*Encourage children to answer.*

He knew that he would die very soon and he was concerned about the Israelites. What would happen to them without a leader? Moses prayed:

*Replace Moses (ML-1) with figure ML-37, before tabernacle and cloud overlay.*

"Choose a leader for your people. Your people need someone to lead them like a shepherd leads his sheep."

*Replace Moses (ML-37) with figure ML-1. Add Israelites (ML-2 and ML-38).*

God answered Moses, "Take Joshua before Eleazar and all the people. Tell Joshua, 'God has chosen you to lead the people.' When the Israelites hear you they will obey Joshua."

How good God is. Despite the number of times the people of Israel had disobeyed and rebelled against Him, God loved them and He had a leader for them.

*Add Joshua (ML-26) and Eleazar (ML-53).*

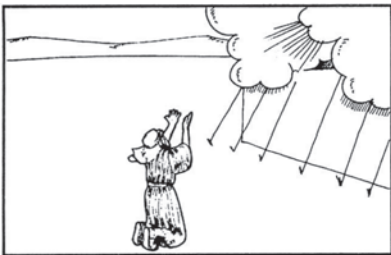
Just as the Israelites needed someone to lead them in God's ways, so do Christian boys and girls today. You need people who will help you to know God's way for your life.

Remember, you have an enemy who wants you to go the wrong way. Satan has many ways of trying to make you stray from God's plan for your life. He can use television programmes, magazines, even your friends to encourage you to think and do things that are not pleasing to God.

God who is so good, has given you leaders. Christian school teachers, Sunday School teachers, pastors, ministers and Good News Club teachers can help you in the Christian life. Listen to what they say, heed their advice, follow their example.

What do you know about Joshua?

*Allow the children to respond.*



Flashcard 6-1



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Joshua would be a fine leader. Listen to the words God gave Moses for the people.

*Read Deuteronomy 31:6.*

“Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them (the people of Canaan); for the Lord your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you.”

Then Moses spoke God’s Word to Joshua.

*Read Deuteronomy 31:7-8.*

“Be strong and of good courage, for you must go with this people to the land which the Lord has sworn to their fathers to give them, and you shall cause them to inherit it. And the Lord, He is the One Who goes before you. He will be with you, He will not leave you nor forsake you; do not fear nor be dismayed.”

How good God was to give these words of promise and encouragement to Joshua and the people.

How good God is to His children today. As we read His Word, the Bible, we discover many promises. Let’s look at some.

*With older children use sword drill to find the following verses. If your group is composed of younger children have some of the verses visualised appropriately.*

John 3:36a “He who believes in the Son has everlasting life ...”

John 10:27-28 “My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.”

Psalms 32:8 “I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye.”

Hebrews 13:5b “I will never leave you nor forsake you.”

*Think of the Christian children in your group. What areas do they need encouraged in? You may feel you want to use other verses which would be more applicable to their needs.*

How good God is to us! How good God was to the people of Israel! How good God was to Moses!

Moses reminded the people to worship and obey God, and then he left them to climb Mount Nebo alone.

*Replace Moses (ML-1) with figure ML-6.*

From the mountain God showed Moses the wonderful land of Canaan from north to south, east to west. Wasn’t God good to allow Moses to see the land that day!

*Remove Moses (ML-6).*

Moses never came down from the mountain. He died on Mount Nebo. Who buried Moses? The Bible tells us that no man was with him but God Himself buried Moses! (Deuteronomy 34:6.)

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Flashcard 6-2



CTS

Moses never entered the land of Canaan, but Moses is in Heaven which is far, far better than any country on this earth.

If you know the Lord Jesus as your Saviour, are you excited to know that God is preparing a place for you there? Listen to what the Lord Jesus said.

*Read John 14:2.*

“In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.”

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Perhaps you are not excited. Perhaps you are afraid, because you don’t know the Lord Jesus as your Saviour. Think back to the promises we thought about earlier. Do you remember what John 3:36a says?

“He who believes in the Son has everlasting life ...”

We deserve nothing from God but His punishment for our sin. In His goodness, God has made a way that you and I might be forgiven. The Lord Jesus Christ, God’s sinless Son, paid for our sin with His life. Today, now, this minute, if you will depend on Him with all of your heart, God’s promise is that you will have everlasting life.

Many, many hundreds of years after Moses’ death the Lord Jesus took three of His disciples - Peter, James and John - up a mountain to pray. But soon the disciples fell asleep.

*Remove all figures. Place Jesus (ML-54), sleeping disciples (ML-55) and background figures (ML-55a, ML-56 and ML-57).*

While Jesus prayed His face shone like the sun! His clothes glistened in the light! It was as though the glory He had in Heaven was now on earth.

*Remove Jesus (ML-54). Add Jesus (ML-58), Moses (ML-59) and Elijah (ML-60).*

Suddenly Moses, along with Elijah, another man who had been in Heaven with God, stood with Jesus on the mountain. Where were they? In the land of Canaan! What a special honour Moses had to be with Jesus, the Son of God, in the promised land! How good God is.

There on the mountain Moses and Elijah had the privilege of talking with the Lord Jesus about the most important event that would ever take place. What was that? They spoke of the death of the Lord Jesus Christ on the cross.

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Isn’t it amazing! God the Son left Heaven and came to this world to suffer and die like a criminal on a cruel Roman cross for sinners like the Israelites, like you, like me! Because He died and rose again, sin and Satan and death have been defeated. Because of His death we can be saved. Without His death there would be no hope, only the certainty of punishment for our sin.

Maybe you really want to ask the Lord Jesus to save you, but you are unsure of something. I will be glad to help you from the Bible. Come

Flashcard 6-3



Flashcard 6-4



Flashcard 6-5

and talk with me when Club is over. I will be standing beside the table (or designate some other place which is suitable).

How good God was to Moses, that he was with the Lord Jesus on the mountain. Do you recognise how good God has been to you? You have had the privilege of hearing all these marvellous truths from the Bible. There are millions in the world who know nothing of Jesus!

As Moses and Elijah were about to leave, the three disciples woke up.

*Replace sleeping disciples (ML-55) with disciples awake ML-61.*

Imagine their surprise and fear! Peter, not knowing what to say, asked if they could put three tents on the mountain - one for Jesus, one for Moses, one for Elijah. But suddenly a cloud covered them and God spoke from the cloud, "This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!"

*Remove Moses (ML-59) and Elijah (ML-60).*

When the cloud disappeared, the disciples saw only the Lord Jesus. How good God was to them that they should see and hear such wonderful things. Our God is good!

Psalm 100:5a - "For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting."

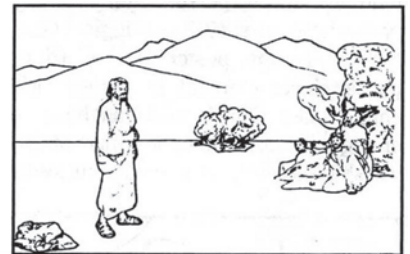
### Review questions

- 1 How long had the people of Israel spent in the wilderness? (Forty years.)
- 2 How old was Moses when they reached the borders of the promised land? (120 years.)
- 3 Why did God tell Moses he couldn't go into Canaan? (Moses had disobeyed God by hitting the rock.)
- 4 What did Moses ask the Lord to provide for the people of Israel? (A new leader.)
- 5 Whom did the Lord choose for the task? (Joshua.)
- 6 Why do Christian boys and girls need leaders? (To teach them and show them God's way for their lives.)
- 7 Complete this sentence: "Be \_\_\_\_\_ and of good courage ... do not \_\_\_\_." From Deuteronomy 31:7-8. (Strong, fear.)
- 8 Complete this sentence: "... the Lord, He is the One who goes before you. He will not \_\_\_\_\_ you nor \_\_\_\_\_ you." From Deuteronomy 31:8. (Leave, forsake.)
- 9 What was Moses able to see from Mount Nebo? (The promised land.)
- 10 What was special about Moses' death? (God buried him.)
- 11 Who appeared with the Lord Jesus when He was transfigured on the mountain? (Moses and Elijah.)



**Flashcard 6-6**

Luke 9:35



### Review game

#### *Travelling home*

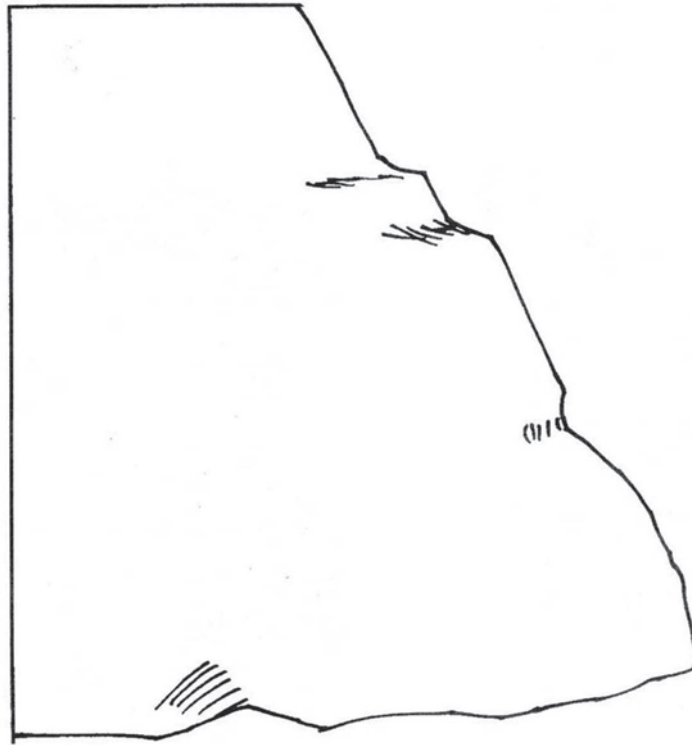
On a colourful posterboard make two vertical columns of six blocks. At the bottom of each column print "Egypt". At the top of each column print the name "Home". Divide the class in two teams. As a child from each team answers the question correctly, he moves from "Egypt" toward "home". Use two pins with flags for markers. The team that reaches "home" first wins.

- 12 Moses and Elijah spoke with the Lord Jesus about His death. Why was His death so important? (Only by His death could we be saved.)

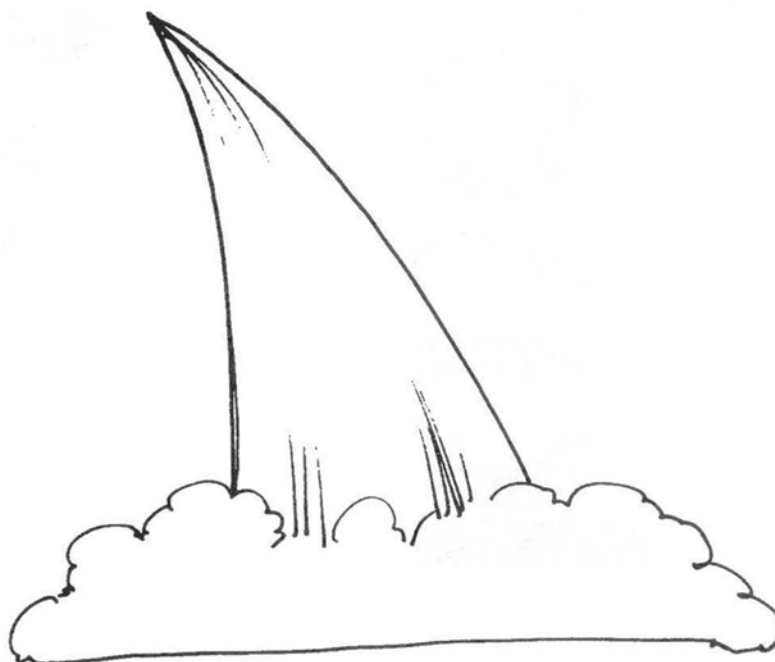
# Patterns for overlays

Scale and photocopy to work with your particular flannelboard size, then trace onto flannel.

Rock overlay - Lessons 1 and 4



Water overlay - Lessons 1 and 4

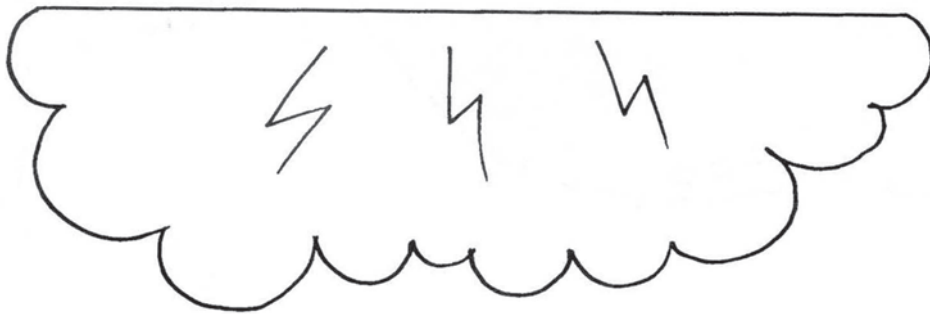


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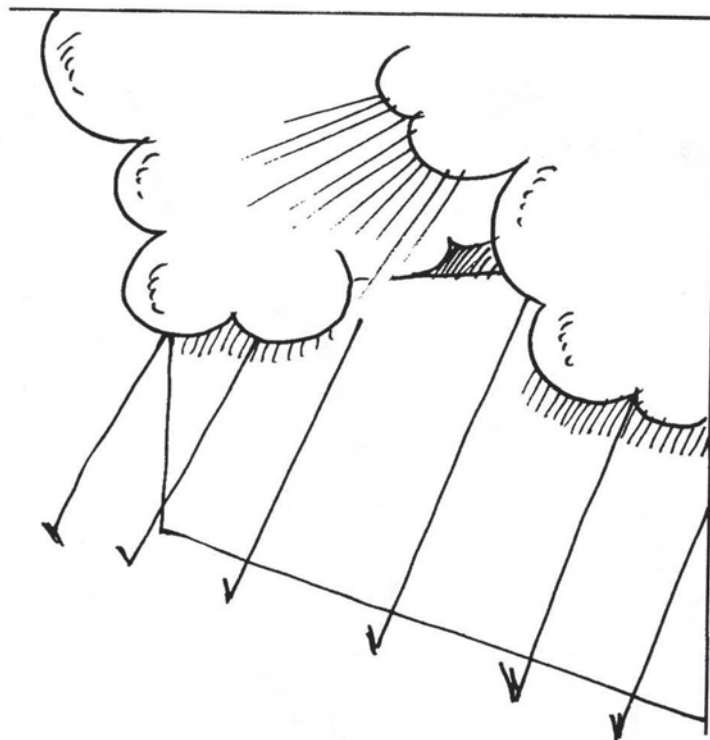
Fiery cloud overlay - Lesson 1

Storm cloud overlay - Lessons 1 and 2

This pattern may be used as a storm cloud for Lessons 1 and 2, and a fiery cloud for Lesson 1. Colour each accordingly.



Tabernacle and cloud overlay - Lessons 3, 4 and 6







Copy, cut out and keep in your Bible



## Summary of steps for counselling the child who wants to come to Christ

### Make sure the child understands about

#### God

Who is God?  
God made us. He speaks to us through the Bible.  
God is holy and pure. He loves us.

#### Sin

What is sin?  
Sin is disobeying God's commands. It is against God.  
Speak about specific sins.  
The child is a sinner by nature and act. (We sin because we are sinners.)  
Sin deserves punishment.

#### The Saviour

Who alone can take away your sin?  
God the Son died on the cross for sinners.  
The Lord Jesus rose again from the dead.  
He is Lord of all.

### Explain how to be saved

Explain what the Lord wants us to do, and what He will do.  
Use a Bible verse (*John 1:12; 3:16; 6:37; Acts 16:31; Romans 6:23 or 10:13*).  
What does the Lord want you to do?  
What will the Lord do?  
Warn about difficulties.  
Ask: "Do you want to trust Christ, or would you rather wait?"  
Encourage the child to pray audibly (if ready).

### Speak about assurance of salvation

Go back to the Bible verse you used.  
Speak about a changed life.  
Tell him what the person who is truly trusting in Christ can know.

### Give (later) some advice about the Christian life

Read and obey your Bible.  
Talk to God, our heavenly Father.  
Tell others what the Lord has done for you.  
Ask God to forgive you when you sin.  
Meet with other Christians.  
Remember the Lord promises: "*I will never leave you*" (*Heb 13:5*).