

L9 INTO THE PROMISED LAND

Exodus 12-14, Numbers 13-14, Joshua 1-6

The Journey to the Promised Land

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The children of Israel had been living in Egypt as slaves, and they were very unhappy. But God had a plan to deliver them and lead them to the Promised Land.

God sent Moses to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. Pharaoh refused to let them go, but God sent ten plagues upon Egypt, and finally, Pharaoh agreed to let them go. The Israelites left Egypt and came to the Red Sea, which God parted so they could cross on dry land.

The journey was long, and the Israelites sometimes complained, but God provided for them, giving them food (manna) and water. He also gave them the Ten Commandments to live by.

The Ten Commandments

(Exodus 20:1-17, Deuteronomy 5:6-21)

The Ten Commandments were:

1. You shall have no other gods but me. (Exodus 20:3)
2. You shall not make or worship any idols. (Exodus 20:4-5)
3. You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God. (Exodus 20:7)
4. Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. (Exodus 20:8-11)
5. Honor your father and mother. (Exodus 20:12)
6. You shall not murder. (Exodus 20:13)
7. You shall not commit adultery. (Exodus 20:17)
8. You shall not steal. (Exodus 20:15)

9. You shall not give false testimony against your neighbour. (Exodus 20:16)

10. You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbour. (Exodus 20:17)

The Promised Land

(Numbers 13-14)

Moses sent twelve men to scout the Promised Land. Ten of them were scared, but Joshua and Caleb trusted God. Because of fear, the Israelites had to wait a long time before entering the Promised Land.

After Moses died, Joshua led the Israelites across the Jordan River with another miracle of parting the waters. They reached Jericho and, following God's instructions, marched around the city walls for seven days until the walls fell. The Israelites finally entered the Promised Land, happy and thankful, knowing God kept His promise.

As a recap from the previous story "Moses and the Exodus" (Exodus 1-14), we remember that the Israelites were delivered from slavery in Egypt through a series of miraculous events, including the parting of the Red Sea. Now, they were finally entering the Promised Land, a land flowing with milk and honey, just as God had promised.

Lessons

- Don't hurt others.
- Be loyal and kind in relationships.
- Don't take things that aren't yours.
- Always tell the truth.
- Be happy with what you have.
- Trust in God, even when you're scared.
- Being afraid can make you wait longer for good things.
- Different leaders may come, but God is always there to help.

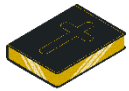
- Follow directions carefully to do well.
- Faith and patience help you see good things happen.

Activity

One great activity we can do based on these lessons is creating a "Good Deeds Tree." Let us draw or craft a tree, and each leaf represents a good deed we have done or plan to do. This helps us remember and strengthen the values of kindness, honesty, and patience.

- What are some examples of godly works you can add to your tree?
- How does doing good deeds make you feel?
- Why is it important to be honest and kind to others?
- Can you think of a time when you showed patience? What happened?
- How does trusting in God help you when you are scared?

Memory Verse



“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up” - Galatians 6:9

Reflection

Take a moment to think about a time when you did something kind for someone else. How did it make you feel? Reflect on how your godly actions can help change the lives of others. Remember, every small act of kindness contributes to the kingdom of God.

Song: I'm bound for promised Land (f)

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land,

Where my possessions lie.

*I am bound for the promised land,
I am bound for the promised land;
Oh who will come and go with me?
I am bound for the promised land.*

O'er all those wide extended plains
Shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns,
And scatters night away.

No chilling winds or poisonous breath
Can reach that healthful shore;
Sickness and sorrow, pain and death,
Are felt and feared no more.