

Bible Stories for Young Children

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***FOOD IN THE WILDERNESS /
WATER FROM THE ROCK***

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EXODUS 16:1 – 17:7

Psalm 105:40–42; John 6:32–33; 1 Corinthians 10:4

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**God was the King of His people
and He was taking them to a new land.**

**On the way, God brought them
to a place where there was no food.
They grumbled to Moses.**

**God heard them grumbling
and told Moses,
'This is what I am going to do –
I will rain bread from heaven.
Tell everyone to pick up
what they need each day.
On the sixth day they are to
pick up enough bread for two days.
There will be no bread
on the seventh day.
I will see if they will do what I say.'**



**So Moses and Aaron gathered the people
before the Lord and said,
'You will know that the Lord is your God
and that He brought you out of Egypt.
He is going to give you
meat this evening
and bread in the morning.'**

**While Aaron was speaking
the glory of the Lord appeared in a cloud
and everyone saw it.**

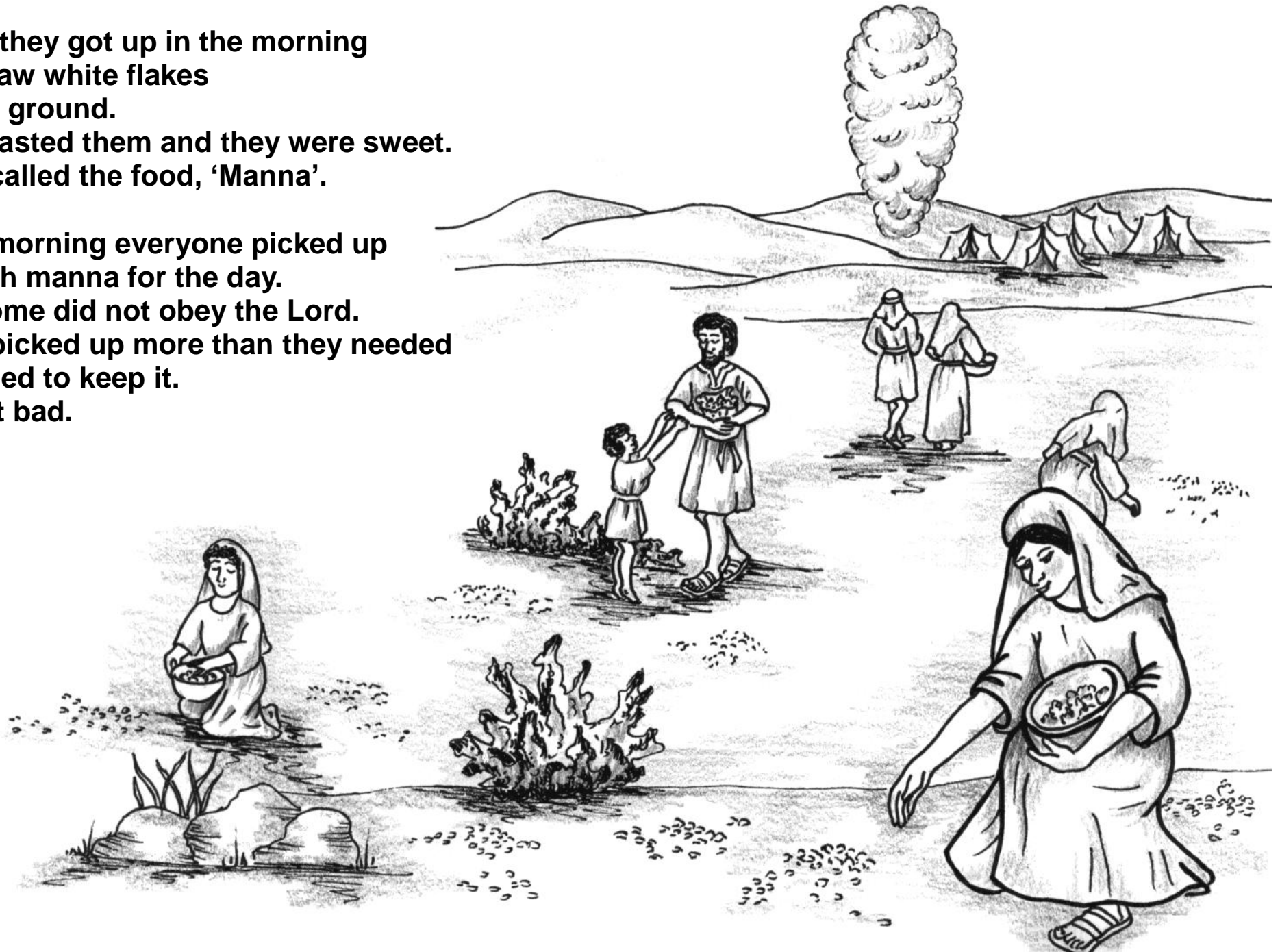


**That evening quails were everywhere.
The people caught them
and prepared them for dinner.**



**When they got up in the morning
they saw white flakes
on the ground.
They tasted them and they were sweet.
They called the food, 'Manna'.**

**Each morning everyone picked up
enough manna for the day.
But some did not obey the Lord.
They picked up more than they needed
and tried to keep it.
It went bad.**



**On the sixth day they picked up
enough manna for two days.
But some did not listen
to what God said.
They went out on the seventh day
to get some.
There was nothing.**

**The Lord was cross and said,
'How long will you go on
disobeying My words?'**

**Every day
God gave His people manna.
He wanted them to believe in Him
and live.**

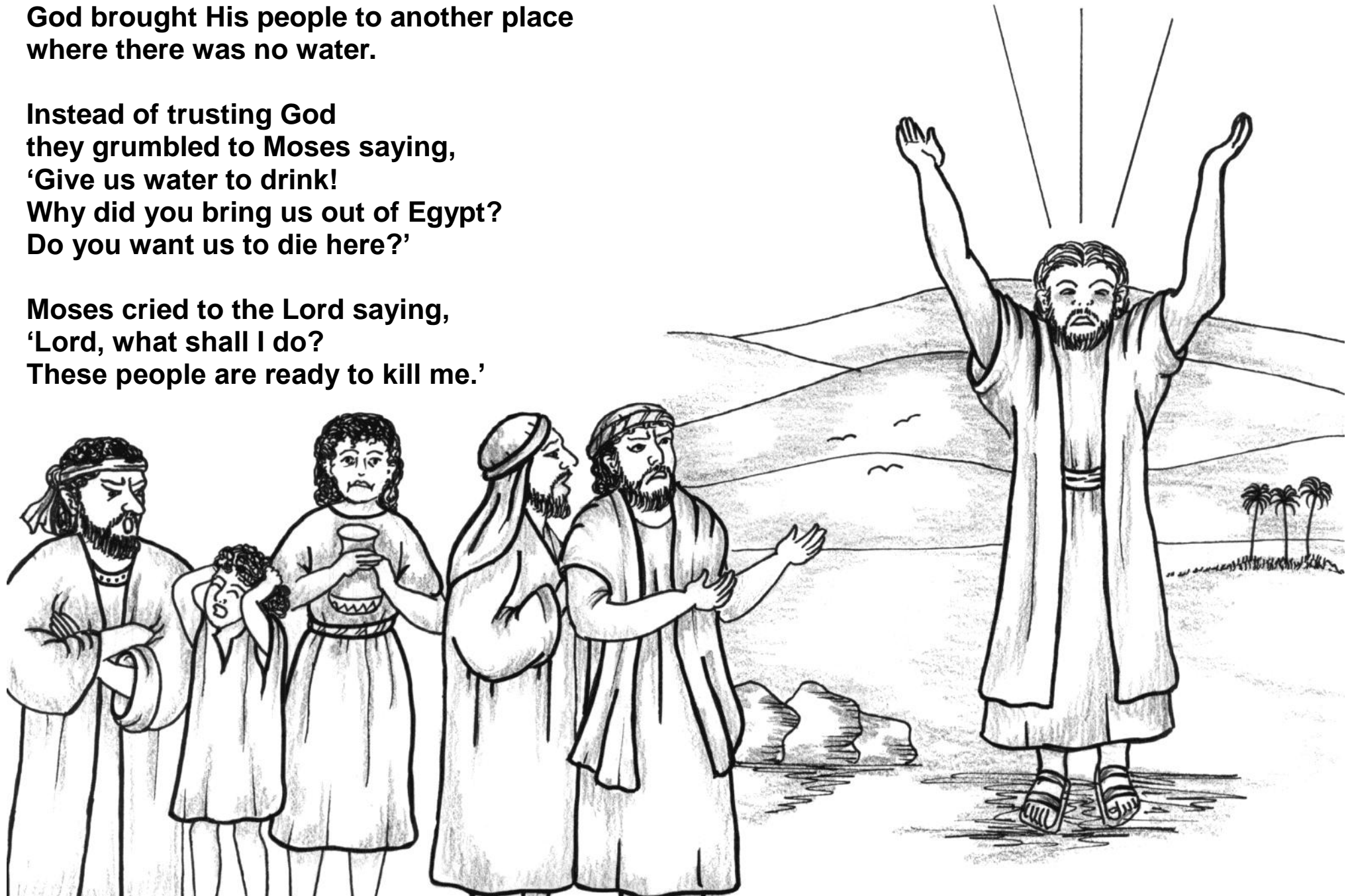
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**God brought His people to another place
where there was no water.**

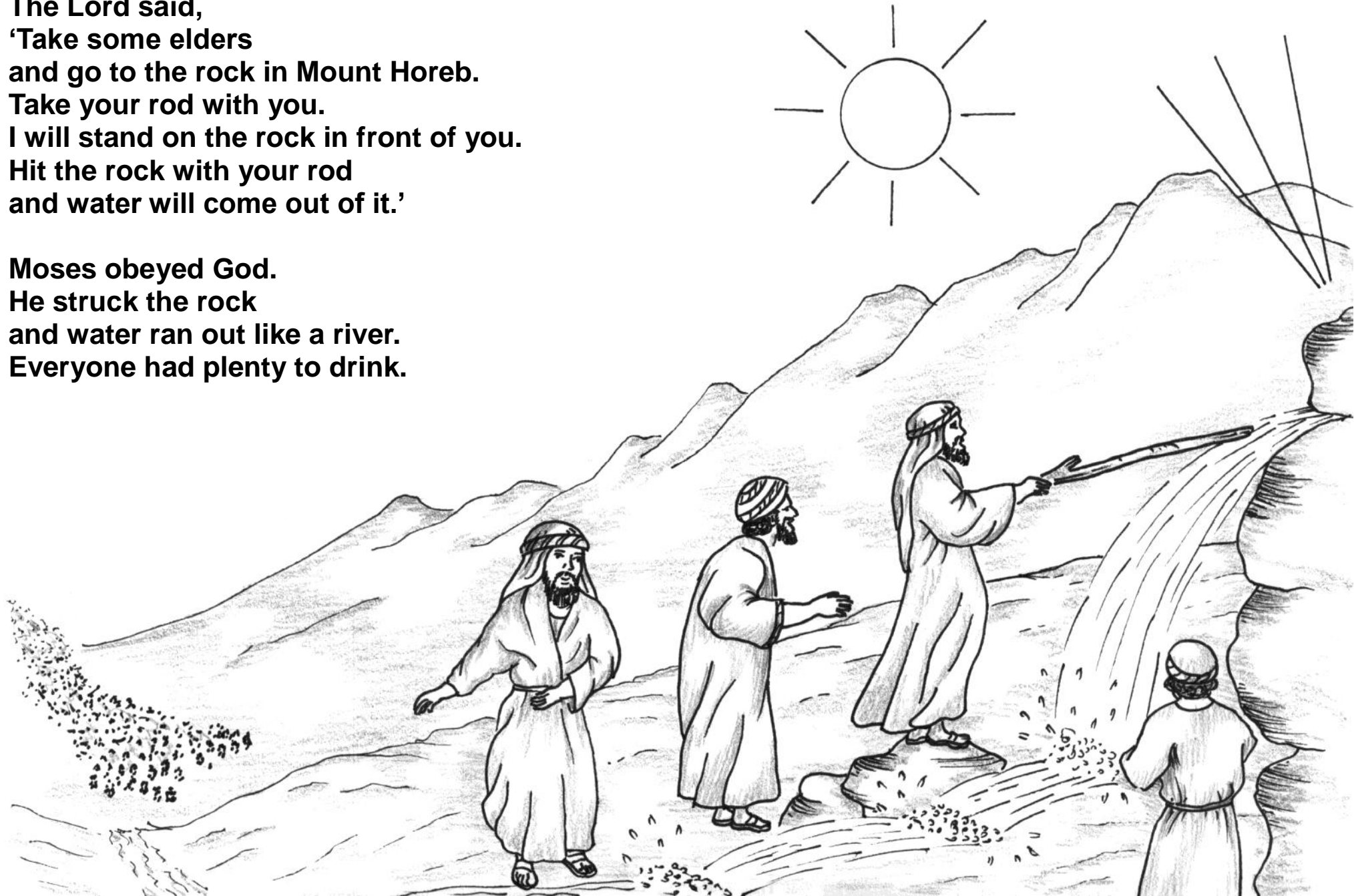
**Instead of trusting God
they grumbled to Moses saying,
'Give us water to drink!
Why did you bring us out of Egypt?
Do you want us to die here?'**

**Moses cried to the Lord saying,
'Lord, what shall I do?
These people are ready to kill me.'**



**The Lord said,
'Take some elders
and go to the rock in Mount Horeb.
Take your rod with you.
I will stand on the rock in front of you.
Hit the rock with your rod
and water will come out of it.'**

**Moses obeyed God.
He struck the rock
and water ran out like a river.
Everyone had plenty to drink.**



***Jesus was the Rock
who was with Israel in the wilderness.
When Moses hit the rock,
God was showing
what would happen to His Son
so there would be living water
for us to drink
and we would live forever.***