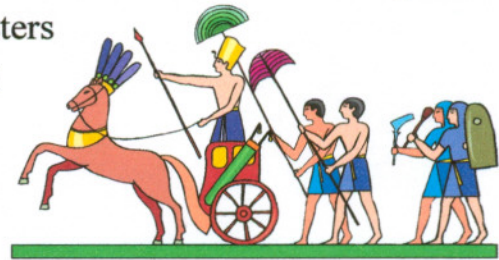


Do you remember when Moses was a little baby boy? His mother put him in a basket by the river, to hide him so the wicked Pharaoh wouldn't kill him. Do you remember who saved the baby Moses? Pharaoh's daughter, the Princess of Egypt saw baby Moses and said she would raise him as her very own son. Now Moses was a grown man who lived in the palace in Egypt. Moses had servants to wait on him and he wore fine clothes and had gold and jewels. Moses rode in a beautiful chariot behind prancing horses, but everywhere he went, Moses saw slaves working hard.

Even though Moses had so much, he was sad, do you know why? Moses was sad because his relatives, the Israelite people, were slaves in Egypt. The slaves had to work very hard all day long. They couldn't stop to rest and had mean masters who would whip them if they fell down or were weak and tired.

If your mom or dad or brothers or sisters had to work like this, it would make you sad too, wouldn't it?



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One day Moses saw an Egyptian being mean to an Israelite slave. Then Moses did a very bad thing. He didn't stop to ask God what to do, Moses decided, "I will kill this Egyptian who is hurting my people! I will take care of my people, after all, I'm an important man!"

It's not right to hurt others or kill others, is it? It's not right to think we are more important than God. God is the one who watches over us and he will take care of problems. We should never decide important things without first praying to God about the problem.

But Moses didn't pray to God for help; Moses got angry and killed the Egyptian. He didn't think anyone saw him, but someone did and told Pharaoh. Moses had to run away from the palace and leave the country. He could no longer have gold and jewelry or servants to wait on him, he could not help his people but had to run and hide instead.

It's not right to get mad and try to hurt people, is it?
Prayer to God should always be the first thing we do.



Moses ran into the hot desert and ran and ran. He was very tired and hungry. He had no home and no money and didn't know what he would do. Way off in the distance, Moses saw some trees and when he got closer he saw a well of water. Oh how wonderful that looked! He was very tired and thirsty. Moses had a long, cool drink of water and sat down to rest.

Soon some shepherd girls came to the well with a big flock of sheep. They were going to water the sheep but some mean men came up to the well and began yelling and chasing the sheep away. The girls couldn't stop the men from scattering their sheep. Moses quickly got up and chased off the men, then he helped the girls water their sheep.

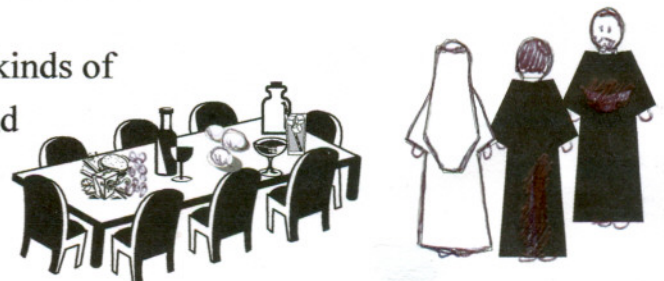
When the shepherd girls got home their father asked, "How did you get home so early today?" The girls told him about the mean men and how a stranger chased them away and then helped them water the sheep. "Where is this man?" Their father asked. "Quickly go find him and bring him home."



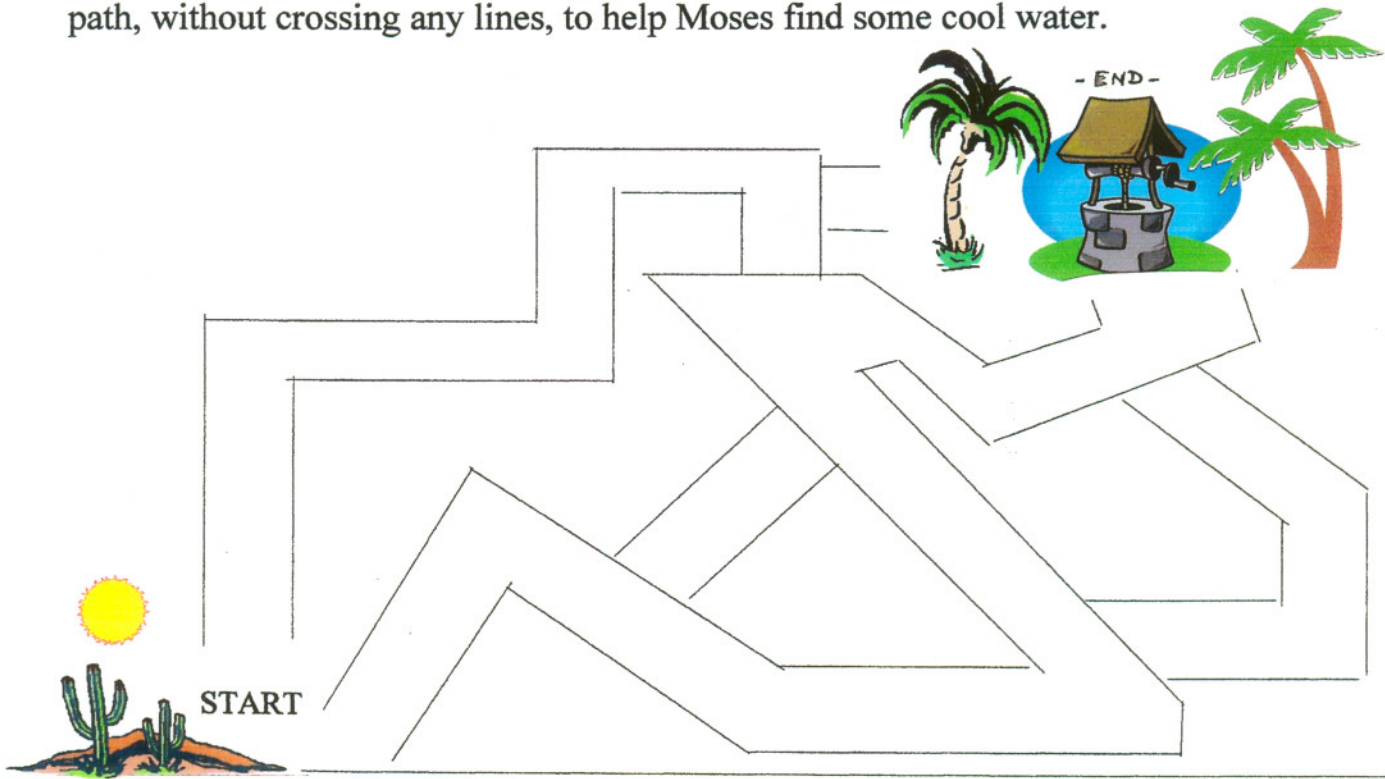
When the girls brought Moses to their home, their father said, "I am Jethro, I want to thank you for helping my girls and taking care of my sheep. Would you like to stay with us and work for me?" Moses was very thankful to find a job and a place to stay. He told Jethro that he would be happy to stay there and help Jethro and his daughters take care of the sheep.

Jethro's daughters were very pretty and very nice. Moses soon grew to love one of them named Zipporah, (That's a funny name, isn't it? It sounds like a Zipper)! One day Moses asked Jethro if he could marry his daughter, Zipporah and Jethro said "Yes."

At the wedding there was a big feast with all kinds of good food, and music and dancing. Moses and Zipporah were very happy and settled down close to Jethro's home.



Moses ran away from Egypt and was very thirsty in the desert. Draw a line along the right path, without crossing any lines, to help Moses find some cool water.



Moses had to travel through the hot dry desert. What do you think he saw as he walked along? Circle the things that would be in a desert and put an X on things that wouldn't be there.



Moses saw a strange sight when he saw a bush on fire but it wasn't burning up. What other strange things do you see in this picture? Circle the strange things you find.



How many shepherd girls came to the well? Can you draw their faces and color some pretty clothes for them?

