

Food in the Desert

The people of Israel lived in the desert for 40 years. A desert is a dry place. Few plants grow in a desert. There were many Israelites who needed to be fed. No grocery stores could be found in the desert either. God sent His people a very special food called manna. The people gathered the manna and cooked it in a variety of ways. Each day manna would fall and the people would gather it. As long as they lived in the desert, God provided manna. When they reached the land of Canaan, God no longer sent manna.

Thought Questions:

Look at the people in the picture. They are filling baskets with manna. God sent enough manna for each day. On the last day of the week, they were to gather twice as much manna. This way the people would not work the next day. That day was set apart to worship God. How do you make Sunday a special day to worship God? Do you go to church? Do you spend time with the family God gave you? Maybe you can think of a special way you can worship God on Sunday.

Prayer:

Dear Jesus, Thank You for providing me with food each day. Thank You for the people that make the food for me. Thank You for Sunday, a special day to worship You. Help me find ways to serve You on Sunday. Amen.



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A New Home

God's people finally arrived at their new home. God had promised that one day they would live in Canaan. The people were excited to see this Promised Land. There were wonderful fruits and vegetables growing in the land. No longer would they live in the desert. However, there were other people living in the land. These people did not love or worship God. The Israelites would have to fight in order to take the land. God would be with His people as they fought their enemies.

Thought Questions:

Moving to a new home can be an exciting and scary experience. Have you ever moved to a new home? Have you ever moved to a different bedroom in your home? What things do you think you would miss if you moved to a new home? The Israelites were worried about moving to a new home. They would have to get used to different types of food. They would have different neighbors. They were also excited. This was the home God had promised them. They would no longer have to live in tents.

Prayer:

Dear Jesus, Thank You for bringing the Israelites to their new home. Thank You for caring for them in the desert. Thank You for giving me a home. Help me to take care of the home You have given me. Amen.