

Our Powerful and Amazing God!

PREVIEW



On the Way Home

LOOK around you as you ride home. THINK about God. What do you see or what thoughts do you have that remind you how powerful our God is? What reminds you of God's loving care and protection? Draw pictures or write words all over the page! How about asking everyone with you to join in?

God's people were unhappy. Pharaoh was mean and cruel to them. He made them work hard in the hot sun. So God sent Moses to talk to Pharaoh. Pharaoh told Moses, "Let my people go." But Pharaoh said, "No! I will not!" So Pharaoh raised his staff, and God turned all the water in Egypt to blood.

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"Help!" cried Pharaoh's people. "We need water to drink!" So Pharaoh begged Moses to ask his God to turn the blood back into water. "If you do, I'll let God's people go," Pharaoh promised. But as soon as the water was sparkly and clean again, Pharaoh said, "No! Your people may not go!"

God sent frogs to the land of Egypt. They hopped and jumped everywhere. The people cried, "Help!" But as soon as God took the frogs away, Pharaoh said, "No!" Pharaoh raised his staff again and flies buzzed everywhere. They bit all of Pharaoh's people. "Take them away, Pharaoh, and I'll let God's people go," said Moses. But as soon as the flies were gone, Pharaoh said, "No, your people may not go."



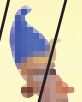
Next God sent locusts to the land of Egypt. They covered everything like a big black cloud. "Help!" shouted Pharaoh's people. But as soon as God took the locusts away, Pharaoh said, "No!"





People Go!


Exodus 7-11



So God sent more plagues upon the Egyptians. He made all the  sick. Many of them died. Then God sent huge, ugly . Even  had  all over his skin. Then God sent pounding . The  was so big that it wrecked all the . But each time  begged to have the plague taken away and God did that,  said, "No! Your people may not go!"


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God sent  to eat all the food in the fields. Then he sent thick, inky  to cover the land. But still  said, "No! Your people may not go!"

 said to , "If you don't let God's people go, God will send the most terrible plague yet. All the oldest  will die." Still  said no!

So one terrible morning, the people of Egypt woke up and wept! Their oldest  were all dead. But the children of God's people were safe.

Finally,  knew it was time to obey God. He called  to the palace. "Take God's people. Go! Get out of here!" he shouted.

So  led God's people out of Egypt. God took care of his people!

Connecto!

Hey kids! Find a partner for this game. The person with the most recent birthday goes first and draws a line from one dot to another—connecting only two dots (no diagonal lines allowed). Then the next person does the same. Players take turns. When a square is completed, the person who completed it must initial the square and follow the instructions that match that square's number. The person with the most squares wins. Enjoy!



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- Describe how your yard would look after grasshoppers ate every green thing.
- If you had no bug spray, how would you keep hundreds of flies from biting you?
- If you lived in Egypt and wrote a letter to Pharaoh, what would you say?
- What was it about the last plague that made Pharaoh change his heart?
- Name three plagues that could make a kid afraid.

- What plague do you think shows God's great power the most?
- Name two things you would do to cover the smell of dead frogs and fish.
- Leaving Egypt, you can take only what you can carry. What few things that you own today would you take?
- Tell one way Pharaoh could get the work done after all the slaves left.
- With no flea collars to buy, what could you do to help your dog when the gnats covered all people and animals?

- If your friend called and asked what's going on in Egypt, what would you say?
- What does this story teach you about God?
- With boils all over your body, how would you sleep?
- When you found out that God's people didn't have many of the plagues, what would you wonder about?
- What does this part of God's great story make you wonder about?
- What about this story shows God's protection of God's people?

Dear Family:

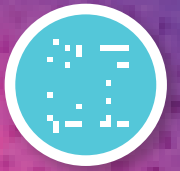
Today we were amazed at God's power and protection as we heard the story of the ten plagues. Read the story on pages 2 and 3 together. Then talk about the many ways we still see God's awesome power and protection all around us in both big and little things. You'll enjoy playing Connecto! with your child—it's a great way to think about the reality of God's great story. Try learning the Memory Challenge together too!

Memory



Challenge:

Deuteronomy 10:12-13



Set Me Free!

People and animals are not always free today.

People can set animals and prisoners free.

But only God's great and awesome power could set the Israelites free.

Whisper a prayer, thanking God for saving the Israelites from slavery.



Draw the bars that keep this person from being free.

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Draw a picture to show something that might live in a cage but would rather be free.



Draw an animal attached to the chain.

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Look at the pictures. Each one has something missing. Follow the instructions for each picture.



Draw the walls of water that God made to allow his people to be free.

The Exodus

Based on Exodus 12-14

The people carried silver, gold, and other valuables. The Egyptians had been so afraid of the Israelites that they were so eager to get rid of them.

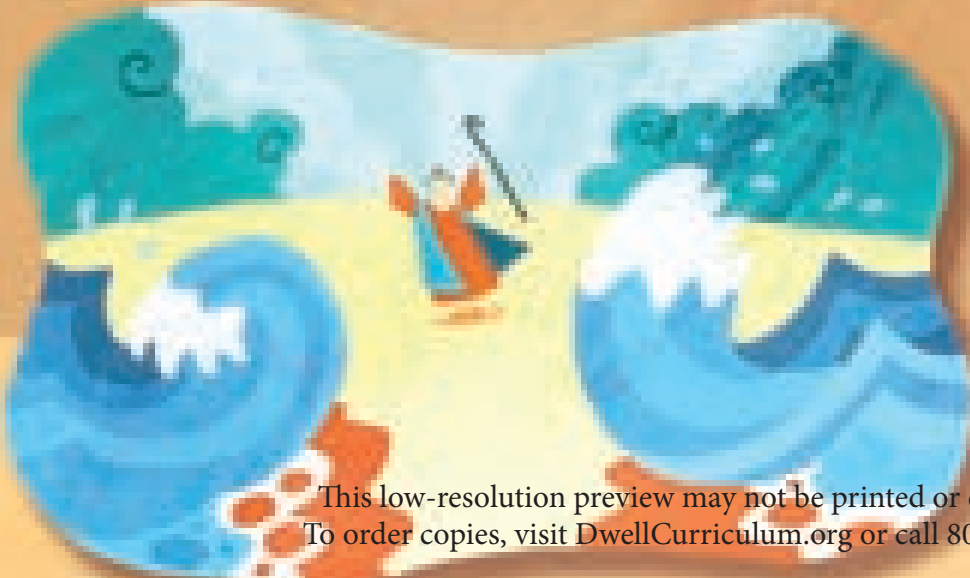


God's people were excited. They heard Moses walking through the streets calling out, "It's time to go!"

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Then God did an amazing thing! God made the water roll back like walls, leaving a dry path through the Red Sea!



The Israelites were trapped! They were afraid. They yelled at Moses, "Why did you take us out of Egypt only to die here?"

me out of their houses
old, jewelry, and clothes
given them because they
ger for them to go!



God's people left with their herds and
flocks hurrying along behind them.

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In the desert,
God sent a
huge cloud to
show them
the way to
the promised
land.

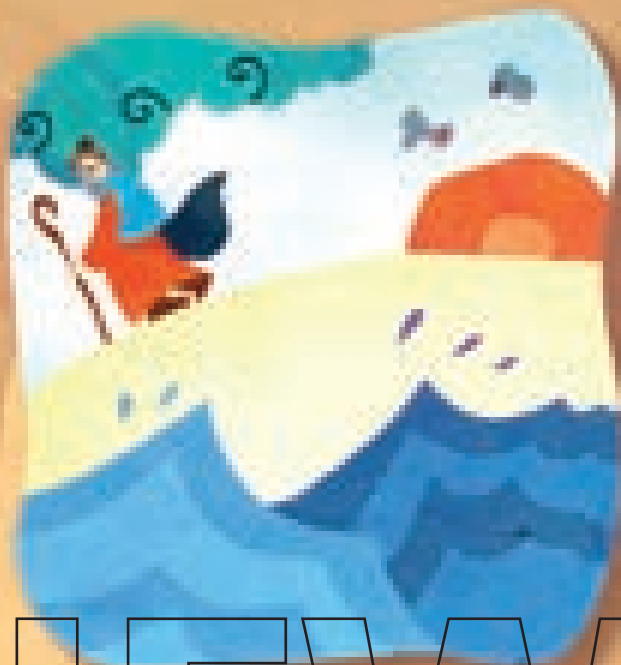
Suddenly the people looked
back to see Pharaoh's
soldiers following them!



The Israelites ran ahead.
But—oh, no! The huge Red
Sea was in front of them!



The Israelites skipped and ran across the dry path! They knew that God was leading them and keeping them safe!



Pharaoh's soldiers followed them. But God threw down those walls of water. God's people were safe. But Pharaoh's soldiers drowned.

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God's people were free at last! They danced and sang and celebrated. They praised our mighty God!

Memory



Challenge:

Deuteronomy 10:12-13

Dear Family:

Today we imagined that we were with God's people as they marched right through the middle of the Red Sea on dry ground. God promised to lead the people to a new land and kept that promise alive by setting them free and saving them. Invite your child to tell you this amazing story, using the version on pages 2-4. See God's Big Story card #28 for more activities you can do together.

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Manna and Quail



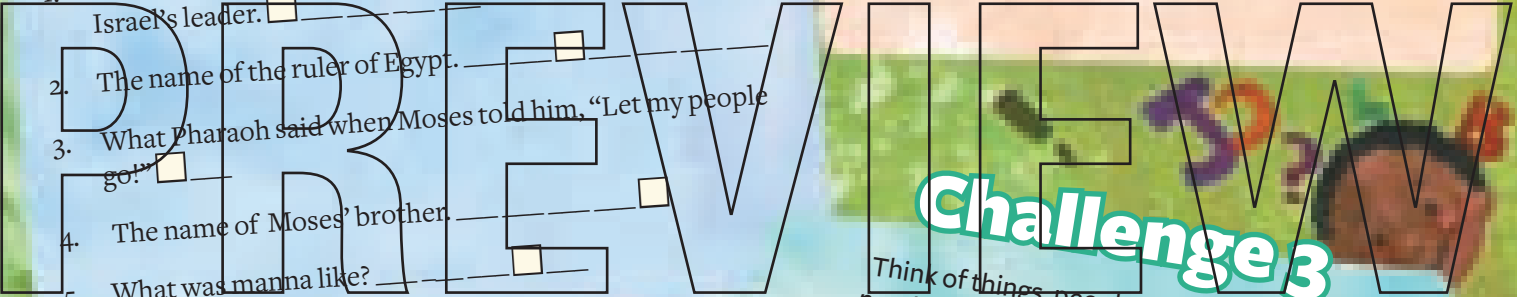
Challenge 1

Fill in the blanks with the correct words. When you are finished, the letters in the boxes will spell the name of something that was sent from God to the people of Israel.

Talk about each one with your Dream Team.

Use these words: **Bread Moses Aaron Pharaoh No**

- The name of the man who was Israel's leader.
- The name of the ruler of Egypt.
- What Pharaoh said when Moses told him, "Let my people go!"
- The name of Moses' brother.
- What was manna like?



Challenge 2

This challenge is for any adult who is with you.

Ask each question.

Give them time to think before giving their final answers.

You can give clues if they need help!

- Why did the people of Israel grumble?
- What does the word "manna" mean?
- How long did the manna last?
- What did God send for meat?
- For how many years did God send manna?

Challenge 3

Think of things, people, and experiences you need—things that God provides.

Think of one of those for each letter. Write the words on the lines.

- G _____
- O _____
- D _____
- P _____
- R _____
- O _____
- V _____
- I _____
- D _____
- E _____
- S _____



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Hey kids! Ask the people who are with you to join the Dream Team.

The Dream Team will complete three challenges.

If your Dream Team is able to complete all three, give high-fives all around!

Walk the D

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Stand up. Show what it's like to walk on burning sand.

Tell why God was unhappy with his people.

Instructions

- You'll need two players and two game markers. You can use any small object, like a coin.
- The player with the shorter name begins.
- The first player places his marker on the first space, does what it says, and then stays there.
- The next player places his marker on the second space, does what it says, and then stays there.
- Then begin the next round of turns.
- Player 1 hops over Player 2's marker, lands on the third space, and does what that space says.
- Player 2 hops over Player 1's marker, lands on the fourth space, and does what that space says.
- The game continues like this until both players reach the Desert Inn.
- Celebrate a safe walk through the desert by making up and doing a Desert Dance!

What does this story tell you about God?

Describe the smell and look of rotting manna.

Show the look on your face the first time you saw the quail flying.

What do you wonder about in this story?

Name three people you thank God for.

What do you think is the most amazing miracle God has done for the Israelites?

Desert Road

Tell how you would catch a quail.

What could you put on manna to make a tasty snack?

What rules did God give about collecting manna?

What does *manna* mean?

Describe what it feels like to be very hungry.

What would you like about living in a tent?

Name two things God gives you every day.

Describe in detail how you would cook quail.

What would you dislike about living in a tent?

If you were collecting manna, how many people would you need to feed?

Desert Miracles

Based on Exodus 16

As they traveled through the desert
they were running out of food;
the Israelites were hungry
and in a crabby mood!

They grumbled and complained;
they whined, they frowned, and cried;
“In Egypt we had lots of food,
but out here we’ll all die!”

God spoke to them through Moses,
and this is what God said:

“At night I’ll send you quail and
every morning I’ll send bread.”

That night there was a whirring sound
as birds came flying down.
At sunup they found something new
was covering the ground.

So every day for forty years
God sent them meat and bread.
God showed love for the Israelites.
God kept them safe and fed!
Yes!

God kept them safe and fed!

Dear Family:

Today we heard about the wonderful way God fed the Israelites in the desert. Even though the people forgot about God, God still took care of them! Talk about God’s care together this week, noting both God’s everyday gifts and the unusual gifts that amaze you. Praise God in prayer and “thanks-living!”

Memory



Challenge:

Deuteronomy 10:12-13

God's Laws



1. Have no

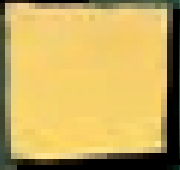


but me.

6. Don't

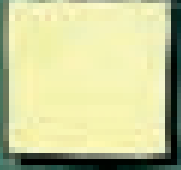


2. Don't make or



any idols.

7. Be



to your husband or wife.

3. Don't use my



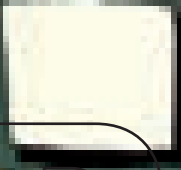
to swear.

8.



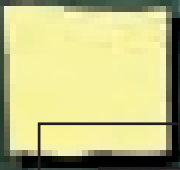
steal.

4. Keep the



holy.

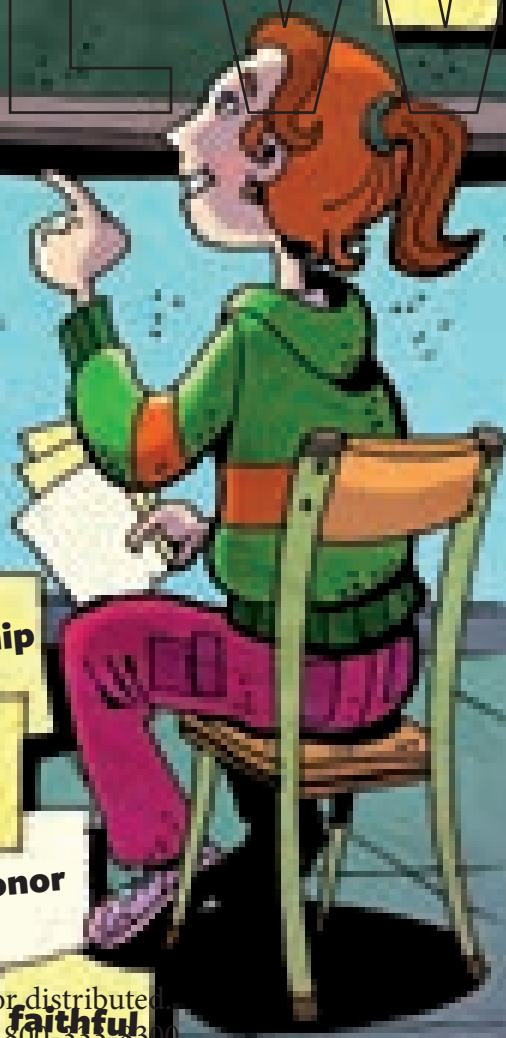
9. Don't



5. your father and mother.

10. Don't want your neighbors'

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Hey kids! There's a lot of trouble going on here. The kids don't have enough hands to hold all the word cards. Help them by writing the missing words in the empty spaces. You'll find these ten words on the word cards that are lying all over the floor. Thanks bunches for your help!



Hey Kids!

Something is missing in each picture.

When you figure it out, add the missing thing(s) to each picture.

Love God and

Based on



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God's people were camping by Mount Sinai. Their tents dotted the rolling hills. While they were there, God talked to Moses. "Tell the people I want them to obey me," God said. "And tell them that I will always take care of them."

Moses told the people what God said. And the people said, "We will obey God."

I Love All People

on Exodus 19-20

The next day Moses went to the mountain again to talk to God. Moses gave the people God's message. "Wash your clothes and get ready," Moses told the people. "God also told me to put a fence around the mountain so you cannot go up to it or touch it. The mountain is holy when God is on it, because our God is holy!"

The people washed their clothes and hung them up to dry. And Moses built a fence around the mountain.

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A colorful illustration of Mount Sinai with a large, stylized 'PREVIEW' text overlay. The mountain is depicted with red and orange tones, and the sky is blue with white clouds. In the foreground, there are green hills and a small figure of a person in a blue robe. The text 'PREVIEW' is written in large, outlined letters across the center of the image.

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Then God came to the mountain. The people were afraid. The ground trembled. Thunder roared. Smoke poured out of the mountain. The blaring sound of a trumpet blasted through the air. God appeared as fire at the top of the mountain. The people covered their ears and hid their faces. They realized that God is indeed a holy God. “You go up the mountain and tell us what God says, Moses,” the people cried. “We’re afraid.”

Moses climbed the mountain. God gave Moses ten special rules for the people. God wants everyone to love God and to love all people. “If you obey me, you will be happy,” God promised.

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Dear Family:

Today we learned about God talking to Moses and the people from Mount Sinai. To listen to the song we sing that summarizes God’s rules, visit dwellcurriculum.org/music and download “Love God, Love All.”

The Golden Calf



In the first large heart, draw a picture or write words to describe doing something that would please God's heart. In the second large heart, draw a picture or write words about something that would make God's heart sad.

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Here's a challenge!

Do the thing you wrote in the first heart.



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Hey kids! Think about this! What we do and say matters to God. Our actions please or displease God. That was true of the Israelites too. Look at the story on pages 2 and 3. Read what the Israelites said. Make a face on each of the five little hearts to show how God felt about what they said in each scene.

The Golden Calf

Based on Exodus 32

1. Moses had been on the mountain for a long time. The people were worried about him. They were afraid without their leader. They felt alone. After talking together they had an idea. They went to Aaron and said,

*"Come on, Aaron, please agree—
Make a god that we can see!"*


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*"Wow! What a fancy,
golden god!
Let's circle it and all
applaud.
Let's dance and shout
and sing with glee
and worship it on
bended knee!"*

3. Aaron melted the jewelry in a hot fire and worked with the melted gold. When he was done, he showed the people the golden calf he had made to be their new god. The Israelites were so happy. They chanted,

4. But God told Moses what was happening. Moses stomped down to the people and reminded them of God's rules. Moses reminded them of the Lord's side?" Most of the people

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"We'll bring our gold for melting down to make a god that sticks around."

2. Aaron built a hot fire and told the people to bring their gold jewelry so he could melt it down. The Israelites hurried off to get it, saying,

"You are right that we have sinned; we thought that God was gone. What we did has angered God; forgive us for our wrong!"

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"Moses, Moses, you will see that we're as sorry as can be! We promise now we will obey and honor God in every way!"


happening. God was angry, and so was the mountain and smashed the stone tablets and the people of the holy God who provided an answer to this question: "Who is on the mountain?" The people responded,


5. Moses spoke sternly to the people. "God will punish you for this great sin. But because you are truly sorry, God will forgive you. You'll still be God's people." The people were so happy they cried out,

Puzzlers

Color the puzzle below to find the answer to this riddle:

What has  but cannot see,

A  but cannot talk,

 but cannot hear?

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P = Purple B = Blue Y = Yellow

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Dear Family:

Today we heard the sad story of the golden calf, a pretend god the people worshipped. Ask your child to use the pictures and words in this paper to tell your family the story. Then celebrate God's wonderful forgiveness together! God forgave the people of Israel. And God forgives us. Look for opportunities to celebrate together the one true God who is with us—always and everywhere!

Getting into Shapes



1. Tell one thing you know about Joshua and Caleb.

2. Tell two things you know about the other spies.

6. Tell six things you know about God.

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5. Tell five things you know about God's people.

4. Tell four things you know about Moses.

3. Tell three things you know about the Promised Land.

A nonagon has nine sides.

An octagon has eight sides.

A heptagon has seven sides.

A hexagon has six sides.

A pentagon has five sides.

A square has four sides.

A triangle has three sides.



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Hey kids! Your challenge is inside the largest shape on this page. Complete the instructions inside each triangle found in that shape. Extra challenge: What type of shape is it? Clue: Count the sides to find out!



Exploring the Promises

Numbers 13-14

(Joshua)

(The people gather, ready to listen to Moses.)

Moses: I've got good news for you! We're almost to the new land that God promised us. I want twelve of you to go on ahead. Check out the new land and come back and tell us about it.

(Moses points to Joshua and Caleb and the other spies.)

Joshua: What shall we look for in the new land?

Caleb: Should we bring anything back with us?

Moses: We need to know about the people who live in the land. Are they strong or weak? Also, find out if the soil is good for growing food. If you can, bring some fruit back for us to taste.

Other Spies: Yes, Moses! We will go!

God's People: Hurry back!

(Joshua, Caleb, and the other spies go to the new land and start looking around.)

Joshua: Look at these huge grapes! I've never seen fruit like this. It's amazing!

Other Spies: But look at those huge walls! Look at the giant people! We will never be able to fight strong people.

Caleb: God will help us. God promised this land to us!

Other Spies: We're afraid. The people look like giants. We want to go back to Egypt!

Joshua: We have to trust God. Now help me bring these grapes back to camp.

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Promised Land

Joshua and Caleb return carrying huge grapes on a pole between them.

The other spies follow them back to camp, looking sad and worried.)

God's People: Tell us! Tell us about this new land!

Other Spies: It's a wonderful place. But we can never live there. The people who live there are giants. They will kill us if we try to take their land.

Joshua: No! Don't listen to them! Trust God. God promised the land to us. God will help us!

Caleb: Yes, and God always keeps promises. Look at these huge grapes! We will never be hungry in this new land.

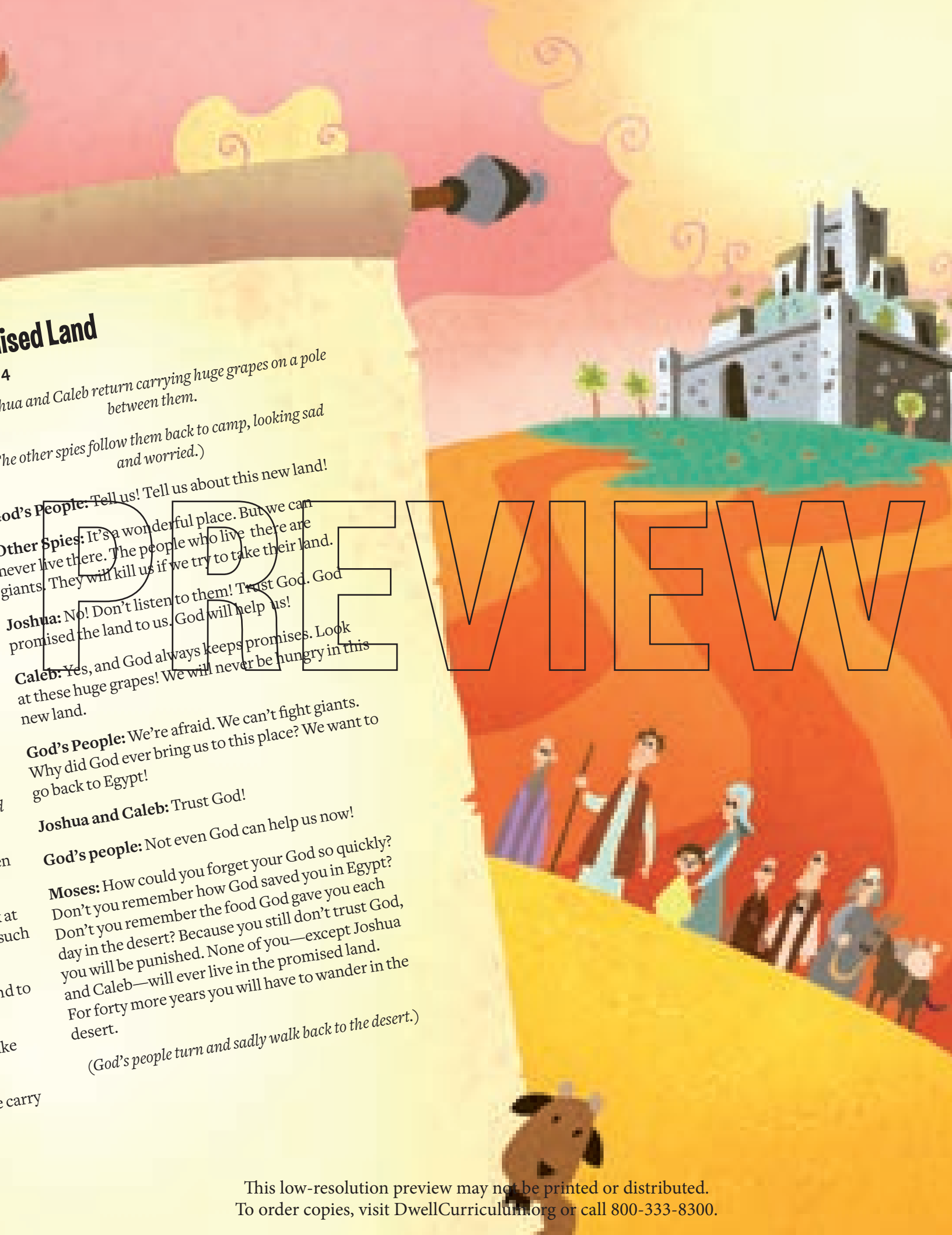
God's People: We're afraid. We can't fight giants. Why did God ever bring us to this place? We want to go back to Egypt!

Joshua and Caleb: Trust God!

God's people: Not even God can help us now! Moses: How could you forget your God so quickly? Don't you remember how God saved you in Egypt? Don't you remember the food God gave you each day in the desert? Because you still don't trust God, you will be punished. None of you—except Joshua and Caleb—will ever live in the promised land. For forty more years you will have to wander in the desert.

(God's people turn and sadly walk back to the desert.)

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Text Message

You've been learning Deuteronomy 10:12-13. You've also learned a lot in class about what God wants us to do. Read what is written on the tablets. Draw a line through anything that does not belong there.

**FEAR GOD.
WALK IN GOD'S**

**WAYS.
DRINK
CHOCOLATE MILK.**

**LOVE GOD.
SERVE GOD WITH
ALL YOUR HEART.**

**MAKE YOUR BED
EVERY DAY.**

**OBEY THE LORD'S
COMMANDS.
EAT SPINACH.**

**LOVE ALL PEOPLE.
PLAY THE DRUMS.**

Memory



Challenge:

Deuteronomy 10:12-13

Dear Family:

Today we heard the story of God's people reaching the promised land—and then being sent back to the desert because they forgot to trust and obey God. Read the drama together on pages 2 and 3. Then spend some time talking about how important it is to trust our God. Our God always