

Story 51: God Led the Israelites Out of Egypt

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Read this story in the Bible in Exodus 13:17–14:9

Words to Know

caravan – a group of travelers journeying together

pillar – a column standing alone

shore – land along the edge of water

realize – to suddenly understand or be aware of something

chase – to run after someone

terrified – filled with great fear

attack – to suddenly set upon someone with force

Questions

1. How many people left Egypt with Moses?
2. Why did the group move so slowly?
3. How did the people know where to go?
4. Why did the Israelites stop on the shore of the Red Sea?
5. Why did the king of Egypt become angry?
6. What change did the king make in his mind?
7. What did the army of Egypt do?
8. How did the Israelites feel when they saw the Egyptian army chasing them?

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