

Upper Elementary

Bread and Water

All scripture quotations are taken from the World English Bible, 2020.

Checklist

- ☐ 2 bowls
- ☐ spoons
- ☐ dry pinto beans
- ☐ coriander seed
- ☐ cotton balls
- ☐ cups

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	Why do you think God told Moses to throw the wood into the water? (maybe that type of wood had a chemical reaction with the water, maybe it was symbolic, maybe it was just to get the Israelites' attention, etc.) What did it say God was doing to the Israelites here? (testing them) How did they do on their test? (poorly, they did not have joyful attitudes)
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	What was life like for the Israelites back in Egypt? (hard, they were slaves) Do you think they were really remembering it as it was? (no) Sometimes when we think back to another time in our lives, we imagine it was better than it was. It is easy to forget hard things and remember only the good. This is called nostalgia. For example, you might remember Kindergarten as being easy because you were not doing the new hard things you have to do now, but you might be forgetting other things that were just as difficult for you then.
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	The people had complained that in Egypt they had meat and bread whenever they wanted. Now, God had given them exactly that, quail to catch and a strange thing that could be cooked into bread. They called it Manna, because that means, "What is it?" What do you think the manna was like? The closest thing they could describe it to is coriander seed. Offer children coriander seed to taste if they want.
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	Centuries later, it would be the Israelites of Jesus' time who looked back nostalgically at Moses and treated him like the real hero of this adventure.
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Why do you think Jesus compared Himself to the manna? What did He mean when He called Himself the Bread of Life? How is receiving salvation from Jesus like a person in the desert receiving bread from the sky?

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Board Game	<p>Move piece across six squares, taking a flake each time. Point to the seventh square and note that it says to rest. Take up two flakes and hop over to the next square. God wanted His people to have one day a week to rest and worship Him. He told them they could gather twice as much as they would need for this day and it would stay fresh. Move piece onto the next square and take two flakes again. But if the people tried to take more than they needed on any other day, it wouldn't stay fresh overnight. In the morning it would stink and have worms.</p>
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	<p>First the Israelites complained that they did not have food. Now they were complaining they did not have water. Of course, people need food and water to live. Not having them must have been very scary. But how did God want them to react to these needs? (trusting in Him, praying for food and water, praising Him for all He had given them so far)</p>
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Anyone would have reason to fear dying of thirst in the desert. Anyone would prefer to be a slave with food, water and a roof than be exposed to the burning sun of the desert. But the Israelites weren't just anyone. They were God's people. Why should they not have been afraid? (God had already performed many miracles with the plagues and parting the Red Sea) After all that, shouldn't it have been obvious that God was going to take care of them? (yes)

Are there any needs we have that God can't help us with? What can we do if there is something we need but don't have? (pray) How should we act when we are waiting for God to provide our needs, complaining, or a joyful attitude?

Closing:

Put a bowl of pinto beans on one side of the room and an empty bowl on the other. Give a spoon to each child to put in their mouths. Tell the children to line up and run a relay where each person must carry the pinto bean in the spoon and drop it in the other bowl. When they return, they tag the next person in line. Time how long it takes to gather all the "manna."



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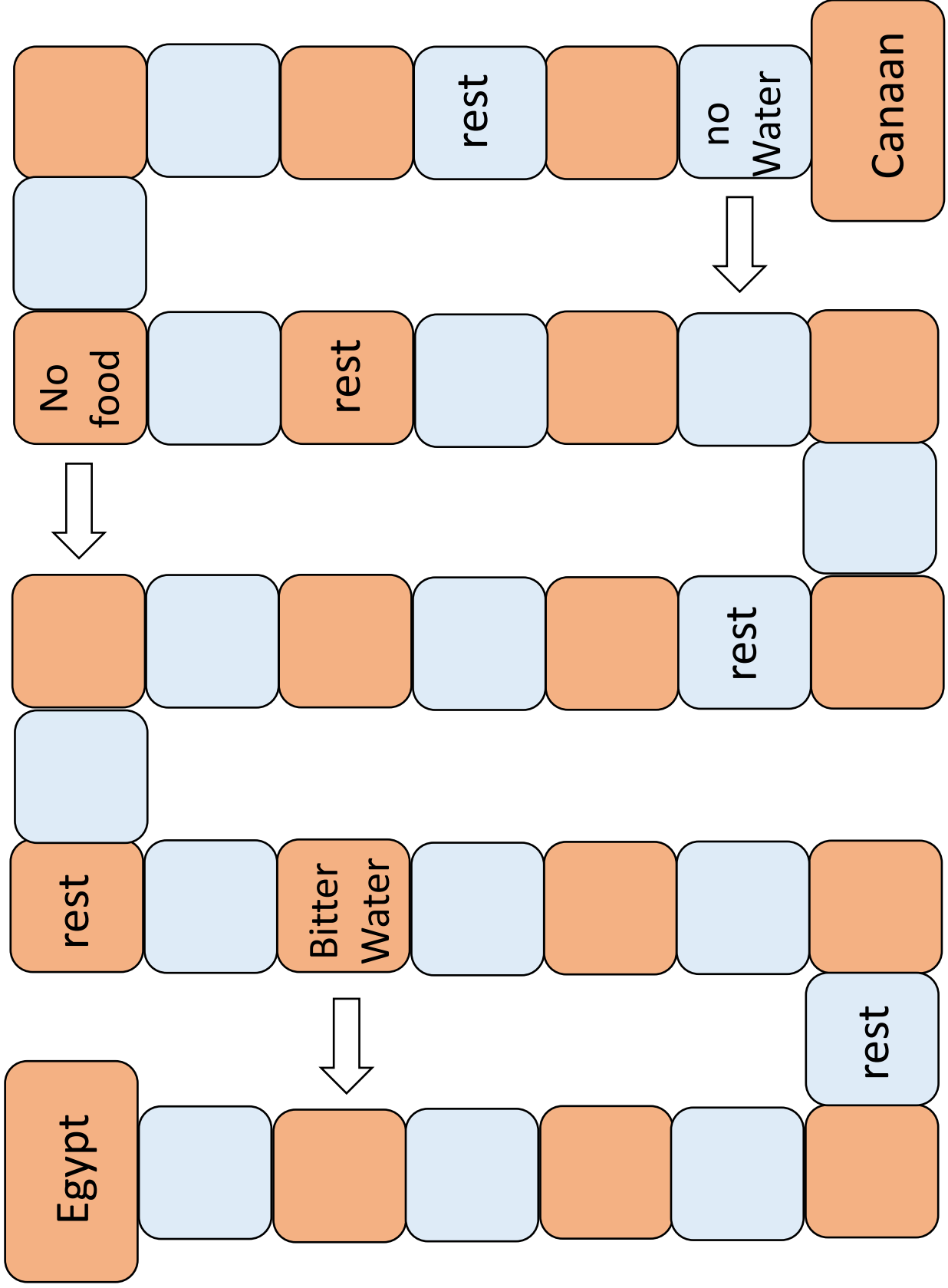
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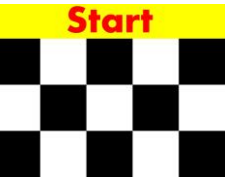
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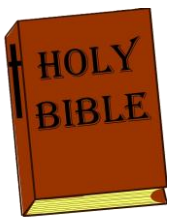
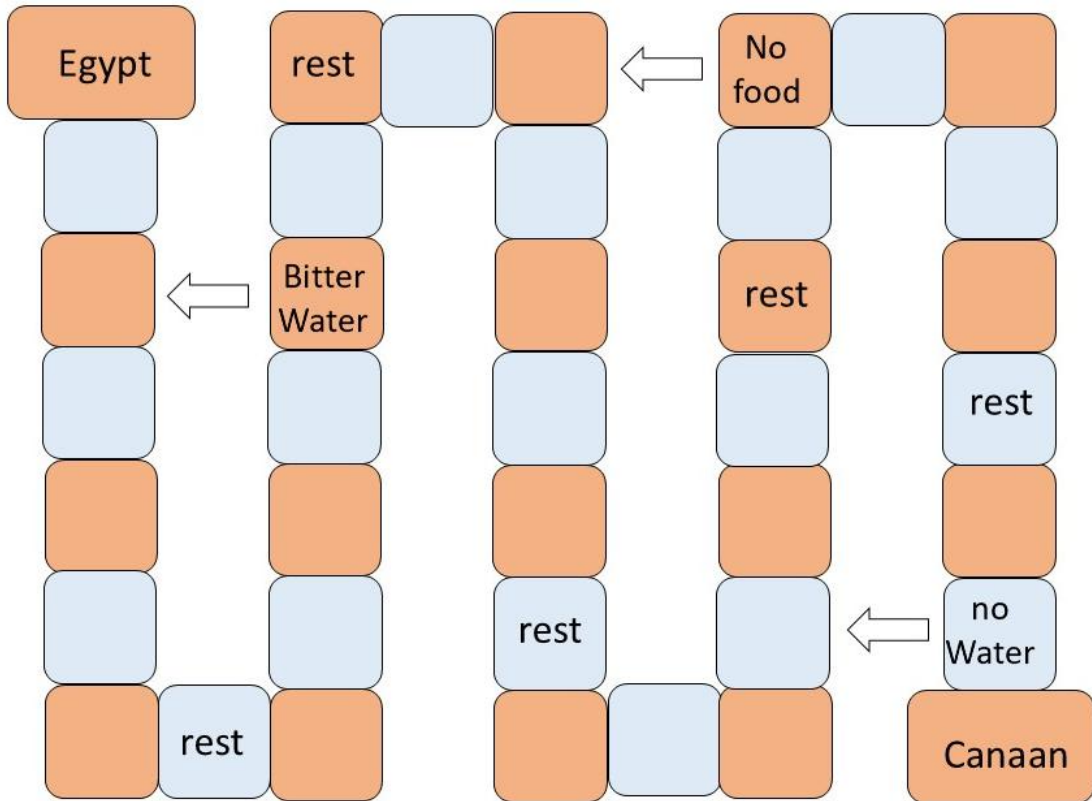
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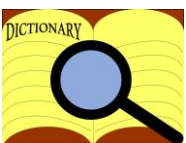
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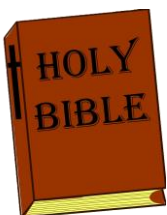
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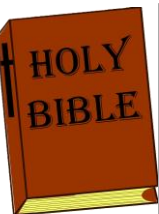
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