

Bible History Puzzle 44

Circle the correct answer in each parantheses:

After the children had crossed the (Red Sea, Jordan) they had to travel on. The land of Canaan was still far away. The pillar of cloud went in front of them to show them the way. They had to go through a (forest, wilderness.) Do you know what a wilderness looks like? Sand and more sand, a hot a dry place.... Can you picture the crowd of people plodding on slowly... letting all the young animals and children (swim, travel) at a speed they could. They became tired of walking after three days, but worse yet, their water bags were becoming emptier and emptier. Moses sent some men ahead to look for water but they couldn't find any. Oh, the people were getting so (hungry, thirsty)! Do you think if you were one of the children and you didn't have water and it was so hot and dry you would complain? How about the animals? If you have animals and you don't water them, do they squeak or chirp or bellow until you give them some? I'm sure you can picture the cattle walking along mooing as they got thirstier and thirstier, and the children crying to their mamas to please give them some (water, grain)! On they plodded through the sand.

Finally, the glad news came that they had found an old well! Everyone was very glad until.... The first people took a sip... No! This water was so bitter! They couldn't even (eat, drink) it.

Now, what do you think they should have done next? Could they have prayed to the Lord for help? Sadly, they became (angry, sleepy) instead. They blamed Moses!

"You must give us water!" they demanded.

Could Moses give them water? Could he just make some water appear for that many people and animals? No, but Moses knew what he could do: he could pray. This is what he did. The Lord had shown them over and over so recently what He could all do.

The Lord answered Moses: "Throw that (salt, tree) in the water."

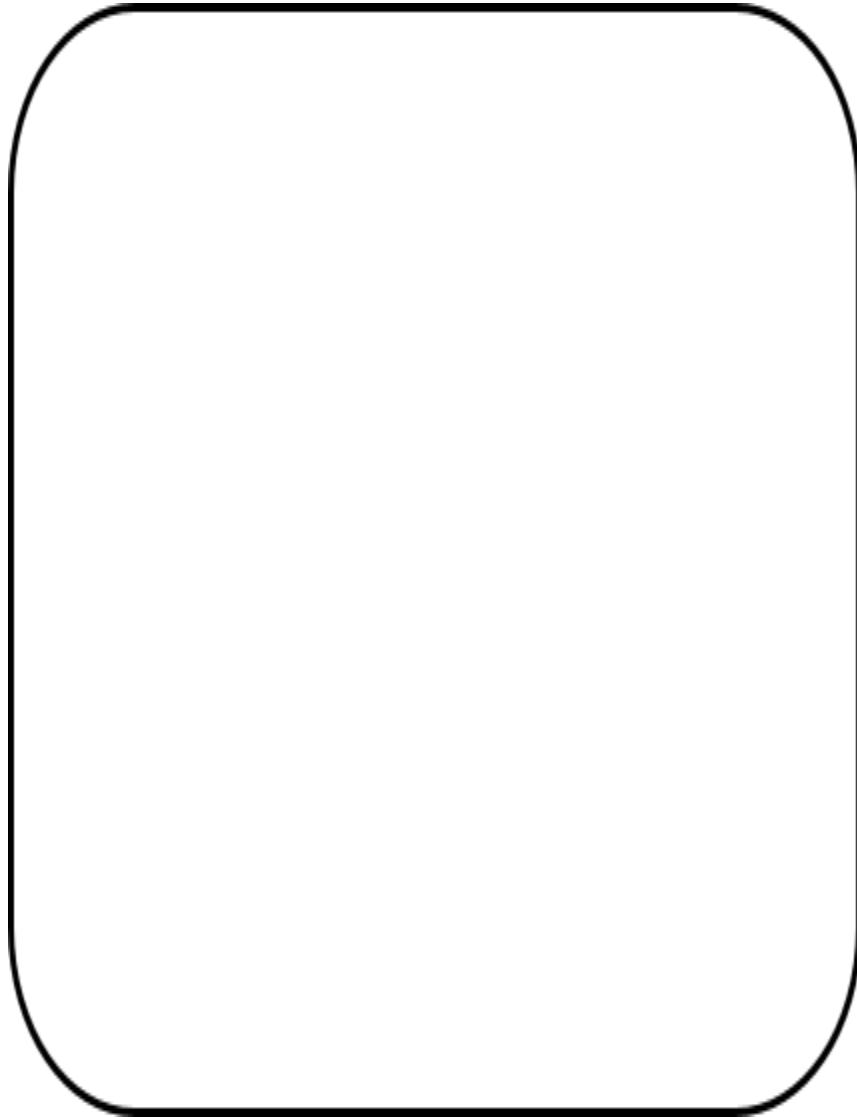
Moses obeyed immediately and what happened? The water, which was so (salty, bitter), became sweet. Can wood make water taste better? No, but the Lord could!

Everyone could drink the fresh water then. How refreshing! I'm sure they were all (happy, sad) to drink the water, but how many do you think were actually thankful to the Lord for what He gave them?

How about you? When you say thank you to the Lord for the food He gives you at every meal, do you think about what you are saying? He gives you food and water... and what do you do with the strength and energy you get from that food and water? Do you sin it away or do you serve Him? Yet the Lord keeps taking care of us, just as He took care of the Israelites.

After they had filled their water bags and were refreshed, the Lord led them on to a beautiful resting place called Elim...

Look up what the Bible says about Elim... Can you try to draw what you think it might have looked like below? If you don't like to draw at all, you could write what it was like.



*What was the wilderness called that they travelled into after the Red Sea? _____

*What was the place called that had the bitter water? _____

*The Lord promised the people something there:

And said, If thou wilt diligently _____ to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt _____ that which is _____ in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and _____ all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I *am* the LORD that _____ thee.

Look at the path the Israelites are taking on the map. Are they headed straight for Canaan? _____ Where are they going? (looks like a star) _____ Do you know why they had to go there first? _____

