



**Parting of the Red Sea Part 2**  
**Theme: God Provides**  
**Exodus 16:2-15**  
**September 20, 2020 Year A**

**Exodus 16:2-15 International Children's Bible (ICB)**

2 Then the whole Israelite community grumbled to Moses and Aaron in the desert. 3 The Israelites said to them, "It would have been better if the Lord had killed us in the land of Egypt. There we had meat to eat. We had all the food we wanted. But you have brought us into this desert. You will starve us to death here."

4 Then the Lord said to Moses, "I will cause food to fall like rain from the sky. This food will be for all of you. Every day the people must go out and gather what they need for that day. I will do this to see if the people will do what I teach them. 5 On the sixth day of each week, they are to gather twice as much as they gather on other days. Then they are to prepare it."

6 So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites: "This evening you will know that the Lord is the one who brought you out of Egypt. 7 Tomorrow morning you will see the greatness of the Lord. He has heard you grumble against him. We are nothing. You are not grumbling against us, but against the Lord." 8 And Moses said, "Each evening the Lord will give you meat to eat. And every morning he will give you all the bread you want. He will do this because he has heard you grumble against him. You are not grumbling against Aaron and me. You are grumbling against the Lord."

9 Then Moses said to Aaron, "Speak to the whole community of the Israelites. Say to them, 'Meet together in front of the Lord because he has heard your grumbings.'"

10 So Aaron spoke to the whole community of the Israelites. While he was speaking, they looked toward the desert. There the greatness of the Lord appeared in a cloud.

11 The Lord said to Moses, 12 "I have heard the grumbings of the people of Israel. So tell them, 'At twilight you will eat meat. And every morning you will eat all the bread you want. Then you will know I am the Lord, your God.'"

13 That evening, quail came and covered the camp. And in the morning dew lay around the camp. 14 When the dew was gone, thin flakes like frost were on the desert ground. 15 When the Israelites saw it, they asked each other, "What is that?" They asked this question because they did not know what it was.

So Moses told them, "This is the bread the Lord has given you to eat.

**Notation for this Scripture** The Israelites and Moses have just walked through the Red Sea on dry ground, they have survived and witnessed a miracle and are now journeying in the wilderness areas of Shur and Elim. Our story picks up as they are in between Elim and Sinai in the wilderness, hungry and asking for bread and meat. One chapter earlier, God provided them with water, and yet now farther on their journey, they seem to forget that and be complaining again, asking Moses if he brought them out here to die. Wondering if they would have been better off in Egypt where they were at least fed and given drink. (Oh, how quickly they forget their slavery and the conditions that surrounded them. So now, they challenge Moses. The Lord responds to Moses with our scripture today

## Lesson

### Today's story is a continuation of Moses and the Israelites

**Read the story-** From scripture above from International Children's Bible or your own children's bible.

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- I wonder how the Israelites felt when they realized they didn't have food to eat?
- I wonder what they thought when they found the quails in the evening and the bread in the morning?
- I wonder what Moses and Aaron, their leaders, thought as all this was happening
- I wonder what is your favorite part of the story?

### **Activity: Reenact the Story and have a Food Hunt**

Take the children on a walk "through the desert." Note: You can use this basic script below or ad lib as you go. If you are leading, it might be fun to dress up as Moses, at least by putting on a robe and carrying a stick. This will help the children imagine they are there and get into the story a bit. \*\*Beforehand, you will need to hide things like crackers, bread, or other snacks around your house or yard.

**Script for leader-** Please join me on a walk today. We are going on a special journey through the desert. (Begin walking) This is like the desert that Moses and the Israelites went to when they fled Egypt. If you have ever been to the desert, you know that it can be a very hot place especially when you are out walking in the sun. Feel that sun beating down on us! Whew! (wipe your brow and fan yourself)

As we walk, feel the sand. (*IF you have access to dirt/sand*) I wonder what you notice about the sand? (have sand in a box or scattered somewhere on the ground outside. Encourage the children to feel, smell and take the time to reflect on what they are seeing or feeling or smelling. They can either walk through it or run their fingers through it. If it can be in a sunny place so it is hot, that would make it more like a desert experience.)

(Once they are done reflecting...) we must get on to our journey, so let's head out. We have the promised land to find and we have to keep going as the Lord has told us to do. I wonder what we are going to find on this journey. (let the children respond)

This is a long journey and I'm getting tired. I wonder, did any of you bring snacks with you? (This is a good time to have another grown-up or older sibling pipe up with complaints about being hungry, asking you where the food will come from, and complaining about you not being prepared. If you have the people power, have a few people help out with this part.) Well, I didn't bring snack and since you didn't bring snacks, we will have to pray about it. (

Stop walking and pray with the children for help finding food.) You won't believe this, but God just told me where to find food! In the evenings, we will find meat on the ground and in the mornings, we will find bread. Since we have been traveling for so long, can you help me look around and see if we can find any meat or bread *or snacks* together?

I wonder what kinds of meat and bread we will find! (Send everyone on a hunt to find your snack, making some easier to find than others.) Closure: Once you have gathered your snack, sit down together to share the snack and reflect on your journey asking wondering questions like:

I wonder what you thought of our journey.

I wonder what you remember most.

I wonder what it was like to be the Israelites who were starving and then God provided them with food.

I wonder if you can remember a time when you felt really hungry?

I wonder how you feel when you are hungry? Etc.

**Closing Prayer:** Gracious and Loving God, we thank you for the food that you provide for us. Help us to remember those who do not have food or those who do not have enough food. Guide us on our journey as we discover how better to serve you