

We're Going On A Journey

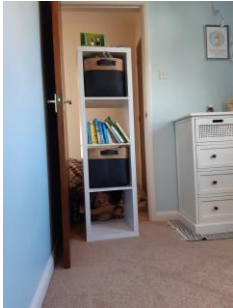


At last, the Jewish people were free to leave Egypt! But where would their new home be? God had a place for them, but they were going to have to go on a long journey to get there. If you have read the book 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' you will know the family go on a long journey in search of a bear. As they travel, they come across many obstacles, such as a deep cold river and a big dark forest. Whenever they encounter an obstacle their only option, if they want to carry on their journey, is to go through it.

Challenge

Create your own were going on a bear hunt story.

In my example below I went on a snake hunt.



Oh, no! A bookcase. A tall, blocking the doorway bookcase.



Oh, no! Mud. Smelly, squelchy mud.



Oh, no! A tunnel. A long, narrow tunnel.



Oh, no! A stream. A deep, wet stream.



Oh, no! A hedge. A thick, prickly hedge.



What's that? .A long body. A big wide mouth and two googly eyes. It's a snake!!! RUN!

As the Jewish people journeyed to their new land, they also came across many obstacles. Firstly, they had to travel through a desert. Can you imagine how hot and tiring that must have been? Then they were stopped in their tracks by water, lots and lots of water, called the Red Sea, where they set up camp on the shore. Meanwhile, back in Egypt, Pharaoh was angry. He wished he had never let the Jewish people go. "Who will be our servants, now", he thought. So, Pharaoh commanded the army to chase after them and bring them back to Egypt. When the Jewish people saw the army approaching, they were terrified.

Moses told them not to panic: God had a plan to rescue them. They couldn't go over the sea, they couldn't go around the sea, but they could go through it!

"Through it! "the people thought, "how can we possibly go through that huge sea!

God told Moses to go down to the edge of the sea and hold out his stick over the water. Moses did as God told him and immediately, a path appeared through the water. Moses led the Jewish people right through the sea on dry ground, with walls of water on their left and on their right. How amazing must that have been!



Draw a picture of the Jewish people crossing through the middle of the sea.

The Egyptian army charged after them. Would they catch them? As soon as the last Jewish person crossed the sea, Moses lifted his arm again and the waters came crashing down onto the Egyptian army. God had rescued them again!

As we will see over the next few weeks, the journey God's people went on was full of obstacles, but God was always there to help them. Life is a bit like being on a journey and sometimes we come across 'obstacles'. Sometimes things happen that make us sad or we find difficult. Christians believe that if we put our trust in God, he will always be with us and help us with our journey through life. No matter what situation we find ourselves in God will never stop loving and caring for us and helping us through all the obstacles we might face.

Help the Jewish people travel to the land God had promised them.

