

Complainers

Exodus 15: 22- 16:36

After seeing the Egyptians drowned in the Red Sea, Moses brought the children of Israel into the wilderness of Shur. When they were three days into the wilderness, they found no water. Finally they came to a place of water called Marah, but the water was bitter, so that the people could not drink it. The people complained against Moses, saying, "What shall we drink?" Moses cried to the Lord for help. The Lord showed Moses a tree, which he threw into the water. At once God made the water sweet, and the people had all the water that they needed. There God promised the people that if they obeyed him, he would not bring the plagues that he had brought on Egypt upon them. Later, God led them to a place of twelve wells and seventy palm trees.

Soon the people of Israel traveled on into the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai. The people began to complain against Moses and Aaron, saying "We wish that we had died in the land of Egypt where we had good things to eat and as much bread as we wanted. You have brought us into this wilderness to kill us with hunger!"

God told Moses, "I will rain bread from heaven for you. The people shall go out to collect it every day, as much as they need. They should not try to save it. On the sixth day they must also collect for the Sabbath. I will test them to see if they will obey me."

God said, "In the evening I will give them meat, and in the morning they will have bread. Then the people will see that I am the Lord their God."

In the evenings God sent quail for the people. The quail flew low so that the people were easily able to catch them.

Moses and Aaron told the people what God would do for them. They gave the people instructions to collect only the manna that they needed for each day, and not to try to save the bread. They said, "The Lord hears your complaining against him."

Every morning the people would go out and collect the bread which they called manna, meaning, "What is it?" The manna came with the dew in the morning, it was a small round thing as small as frost. When the sun got hot, the manna melted.

Many of the people did not obey the Lord and tried to collect extra manna. Then, the next morning it bred worms and stank. This disobedience made Moses angry. Then, on the sixth day, when the people were to collect extra, some disobeyed and did not collect enough. On the Sabbath they went out to collect manna and there was none, so that they had nothing to eat. The manna that was kept for the Sabbath was not wormy.

Then the Lord said to Moses, "How long will you refuse to keep my commandments?"

Moses told Aaron to collect a pot of the manna to keep as a remembrance of God's provision for the people.

The manna itself was like coriander seed, white. The taste of it was like wafers made with honey.

The Lord provided this manna for the children of Israel to eat for the forty years that they wandered the wilderness. They never went hungry. How good God is to care for his people. Even when we do not appreciate him or obey, God is always faithful. He shows us his love and care every day. Do you remember to thank him, or do you complain as the people of Israel did? Are you satisfied with what God gives you, or do you always want something different? Do you realize that God cares for you through your parents? When was the last time that you thanked them?

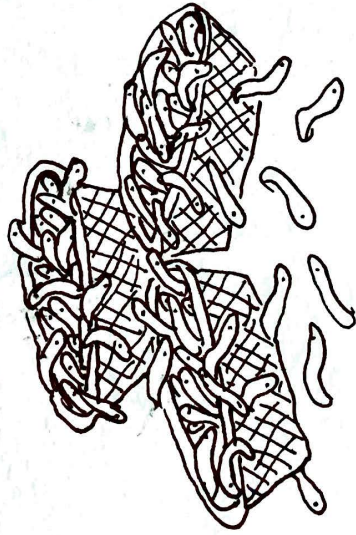
Learn: It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning; great is their faithfulness.

Lamentations 3: 22,23

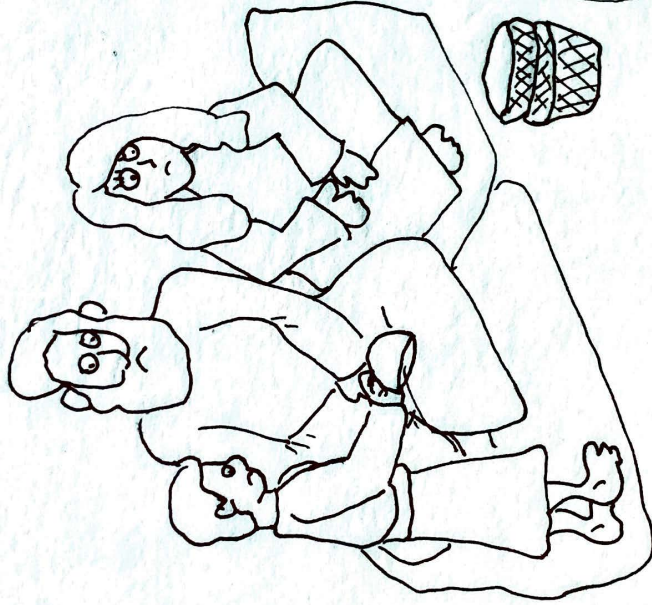
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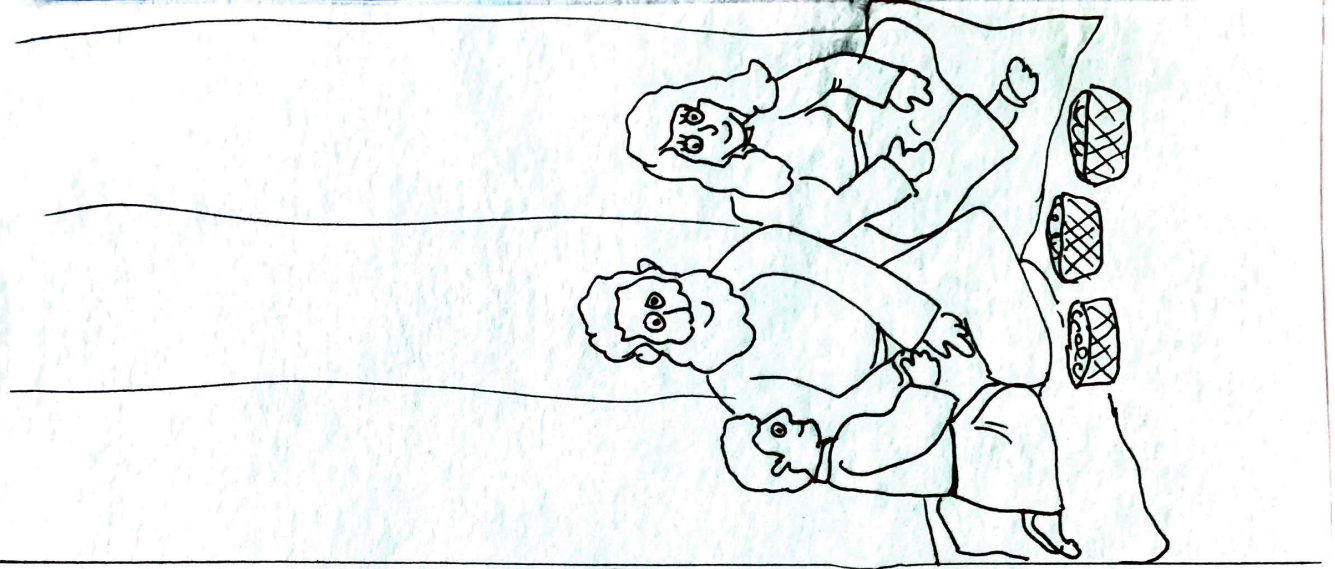
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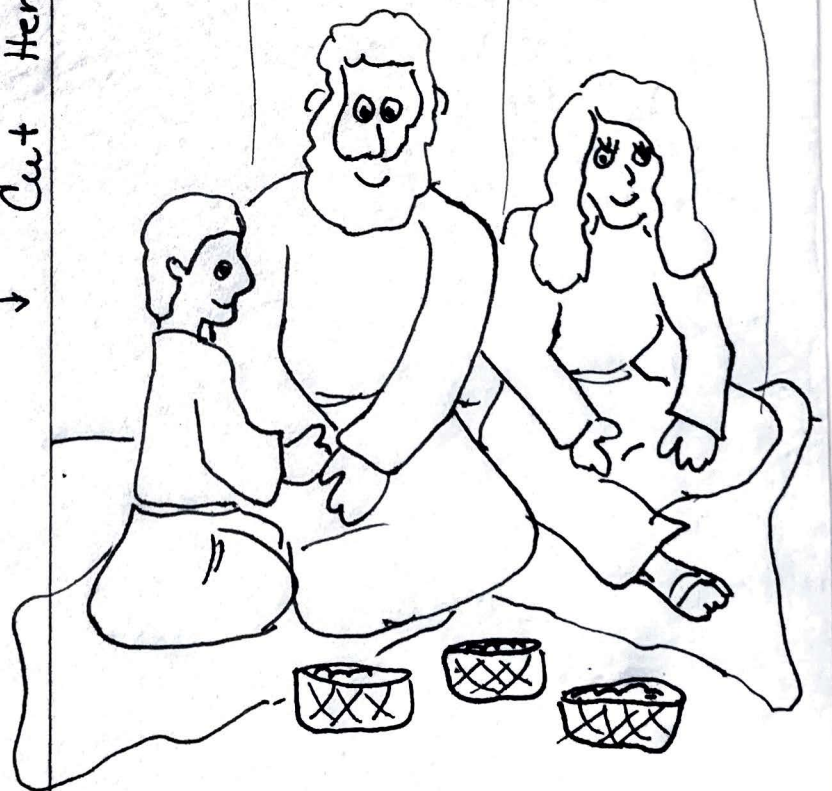


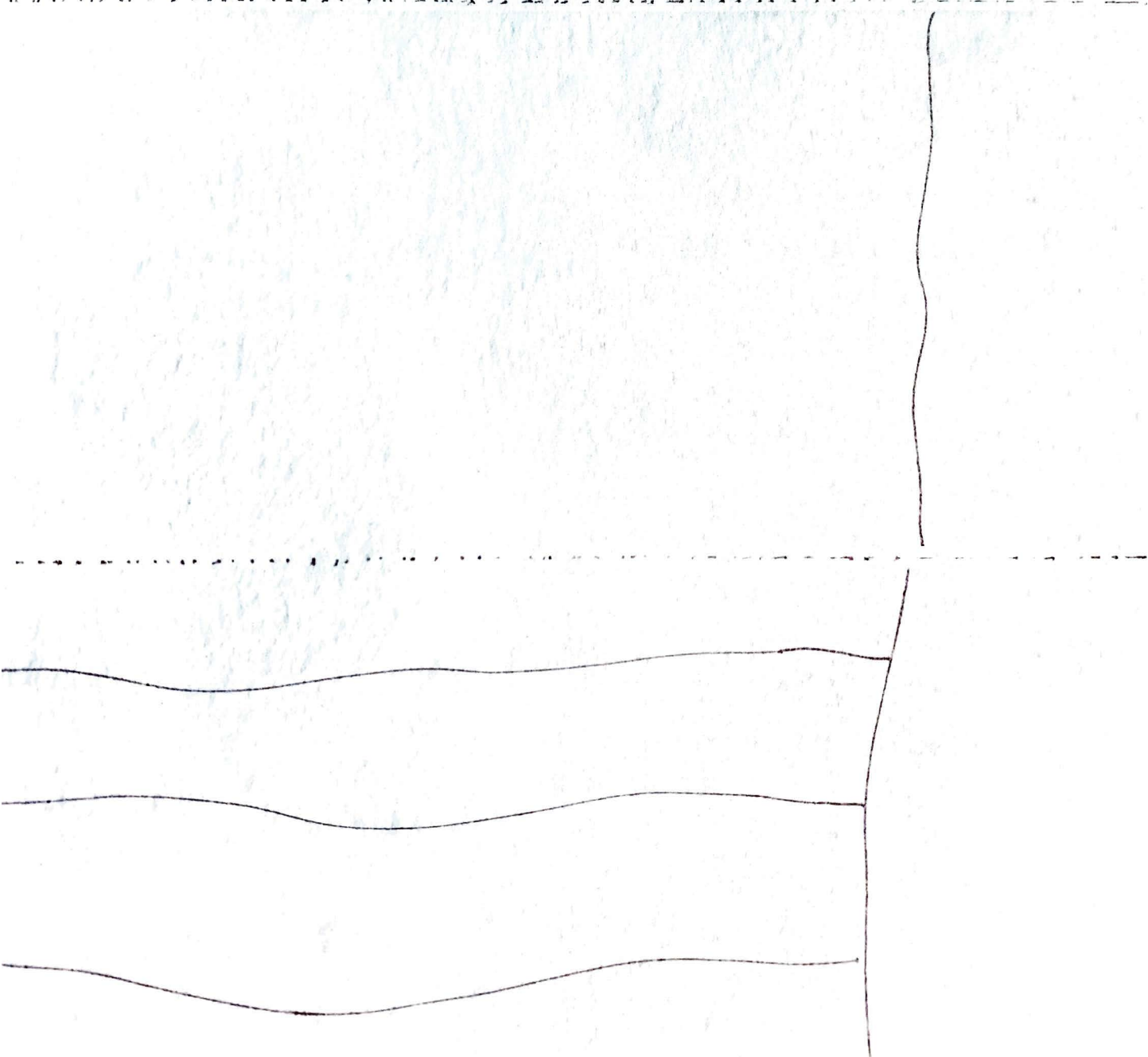
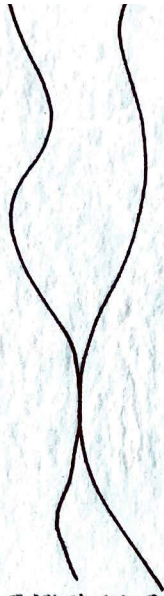


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