



Zoom, zoom, zoom!  
The four cars raced  
around the track.  
Mud went everywhere!

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# Desert Travels

*After living in Egypt for 400 years, God's people followed Moses through the wilderness for 40 years before arriving in the Promised Land. Jump into the sandals of an Israelite kid, and see where your wilderness wandering leads you.*

You and more than 600,000 Israelites have just left Egypt. Ten angels convinced Pharaoh to let you go. The people take animals, food, clothes and gold and silver the Egyptians give you. Then you walk from Yamesses to Succoth. If you are anxious to get farther away from Egypt, go to 3. If your feet hurt and you want to rest, go to 11.

1. God provides meat for your people at night and dewlike manna every morning. Moses instructs you to gather only enough manna for one day. If you obey and eat all your manna, go to 5. If you choose to save some for the next day, go to 17.

2. You walk away from the group so no one will see what you're doing. Your fingers claw the sand until they ache, but you find no water. You faint from exhaustion and wake three days later—in a cage. A group of Canaanites have made you their

fight for you, go to 14. If you swim across the sea to escape, go to 12.

4. The next three days, Moses leads you through the desert without any water. You stop at Marah, a place with bitter water. If you grumble, go to 18. If you drink the bitter water, go to 23.

5. Your journey takes you to Rephidim, where there is once again no water. If you join the others who ask Moses why he brought them to die of thirst, go to 8. If you dig for water, go to 2.

6. The Lord tells Moses to stretch his hand over the sea. When he does, God sends a strong wind to divide the waters, leaving a path of dry land. If you trust the Lord, walk between the walls of water (go to 9). If you wonder how God did this, stick your hand in the water wall (go to 13).

7. You see Pharaoh's army racing across the desert in chariots, searching for the Israelites. You remember that only God can stop the cruel Pharaoh, so you hurry to your fellow Israelites to await His protection. Go to 3.

8. God tells Moses to strike the rock at Horeb. Sweet water pours from the rock, and everyone drinks. You continue on until you reach Mt. Sinai. Lightning and thunder surround you, and smoke covers the mountain. The Lord says only Moses can climb up. After 40 days, the people begin to

wonder what has happened to them. They ask Aaron to make them a god to worship. If you watch the people make a golden calf, go to 24. If you go to look for Moses, go to 19.

9. You praise God as you walk through the dry sea, but Pharaoh's army is still close behind. After the Israelites cross, the Lord tells Moses to stretch out his hand over the sea. You cheer as the Egyptians disappear under the waves. God has kept you safe. If you sing praises to God, go to 4. If you try parting the Red Sea by yourself, go to 15.

10. You overhear Moses talking to Aaron and the rulers. As Moses tells of God's new laws, you realize Moses wants to protect the Israelites. You wish you could know God the way Moses does. Go to 21.

11. You stop by an oasis and relax. With fresh water and a cool breeze, you wish you could stay forever. If you stay, go to 22. If you return to the Israelites, go to 7.

12. You jump in the Red Sea, but the current is strong. It pulls you far from shore. You watch the sea divide and the Israelites walk through. You wish you had trusted God and waited for Him to deliver you. [ ]

13. You poke your arm in the water

and feel a strong thrust of power holding it back. When a huge fish comes near, you jerk out your arm and follow your friends. Go to 9.

14. As you're complaining, you spot the Egyptian army riding closer. Moses assures the people that God will deliver them. Go to 6.

15. You hold your hand over the water, but nothing happens. You realize that only God can part the sea. You join the Israelites in praising God. Go to 4.

16. Climbing to the top of a hill, you

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