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BIBLE ADVENTURES SCRIPT:

A1435 ~ Manna in the desert

Welcome to Bible Adventures. Help for today. Hope for tomorrow. Jesus is Lord of all.

Almost two hundred years ago, a cargo ship sailed near to the African coast bordering the Sahara desert. It was close to sinking. The ship's crew tried hard to fix it, but soon they had used up all their food and drinking water. There was no hope; they would have to get to land and trust their fate to the local tribes.

The tribes people took all the crew and the captain away as slaves. They battled through scorching hot desert days, and freezing cold nights, with very little food or drink. But, at last, some of them and the captain got back to their homeland, far away on the other side of the world.

Have you ever been so thirsty you thought you would die? Are you in a dry area that gets very little rain? Or, perhaps, even in desert country?

Some deserts are hot, like the Sahara in northern Africa: others are cold, like the Gobi of Mongolia, and there are even ice deserts at the North and South poles. Yet, some people have got used to living in these very difficult places.

In today's Bible Adventure, the Almighty Gods people are in this sort of country. The Bible book Exodus, chapter 15, says this, "Moses led Israel from the Red Sea and they went three days in the desert, and found no water."

The great and holy Creator God knew all about this very dry land, and He was guiding His people to walk through it. He also knew all the difficulties His people would face before the end of their journey.

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We can understand how hard it was for the people, their children, and all the animals, as they plodded on, under the burning sun. Their waterbags were empty, so we can picture how excited they were when they finally found water! And we can certainly understand their great distress when they found they could not possibly drink it! Why would the Almighty God lead them to such bitter, salty water? They felt badly let down.

In the Bible book Isaiah, chapter 55, God says this, "As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are My ways and thoughts above yours. God was ready to show His great power and His tender care over His people, once again. If only they would have faith in Him! He would not let them down; He would not fail them!

Over and over again, He led them in ways where they could not help themselves. Over and over again, He tried to teach them to hold onto their faith in Him to trust Him in all their problems. Their faith would not grow, if life was easy. They would go their own way, and follow false gods, if they did not need His help.

Although the people grumbled, Moses prayed to God for them. Their Creator understood their great need, and made the water sweet to drink.

But, very soon, the children of Israel were grumbling again! They had no more food! They would starve to death in the desert! Again, they did not think about Gods wonderful answers, earlier. Yet, once again, God gave all they needed quails for meat, and the daily supply of manna.

God's people were very slow to learn. Over the past few months, God had worked wonderful miracles for their good. You would expect them to remember, and to trust Him with each new problem. But are we, perhaps, the same? Do we, too, grumble against God in times of trouble? Do we forget His promises? Do we hold onto doubt and unbelief?

When the Lord Jesus Christ was on earth, many people came to Him for healing. Not all of them had strong faith but they came, anyway, and He healed them. One man asked Jesus to heal his son who had an evil spirit; the man's faith was weak, but he said to the Lord, "I do have faith, but not enough. Help me to have more!"

The Lord Jesus answered his cry, and healed his little boy. The twelve close friends of Jesus also knew their trust in Him should be greater; they said to the Lord, "Make our faith stronger!"

Their faith did grow much stronger after He rose up from death, and returned to His Father in heaven. They took the Good News about Jesus to distant lands; they suffered many trials and hardships; many people hated them and their message, but nothing could destroy their faith.

Through them, millions have believed the great truth that the Eternal God gave His Only beloved Son Jesus to pay the price for our wrongdoing. Millions have eternal life through faith in Jesus. But the Bible book of Hebrews, chapter 11, says this, "no-one can please God without faith."

If you want to be right with the Almighty God, put your faith in the Lord Jesus, today. Trust
Him always. He will help you throughout your life on this earth and will bring you safe into
His eternal home.
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