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#### **BIBLE ADVENTURES SCRIPT:**

A1436 ~ Amalekites battle Israel

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

"Do you know how to catch a monkey? If you put some fruit in a cage with narrow spaces between the bars, this small animal can get its paw in, to pick the food up, but it can't pull it out again, whilst holding the fruit. The monkey won't let the fruit go, so it's an easy catch.

And even if it escapes, the monkey will do the same, again and again. It just doesn't learn!

What about people? Do we learn from past experiences? There's a saying, "history repeats itself." If we have had some sort of trouble, and the same kind of problem comes to us again, we should be wiser, and do better, the second time around. The first time teaches us what to do or what NOT to do when similar things happen to us.

The Almighty God had set the Children of Israel free from their cruel slavery in Egypt, and everything went well at first. You'd think they would have learned to trust Him because of His mighty miracles for them.

But the journey to the Promised Land was not easy. They had to go through desert, where they thought they would die of thirst. They complained bitterly to Moses, and Moses prayed to God for them. Of course, they were full of joy when God gave them plenty of sweet water.

Now, once again, in today's story, they could find no water in the endless desert. Would they remember what God had done for them before? Had they learned to come to the Holy, Almighty God, and ask for His help, with humble hearts?

Or, would history repeat itself? Would they just grumble again, and turn their backs on all the wonderful things He had done for them?

## DRAMA - The Bible In Living Sound.

God answered Moses' prayer because Moses kept on trusting Him, even when everyone around was angry and disbelieving. And Moses' strong faith speaks powerfully to us.

God's children may go through great trials, but He is faithful. When we pray earnestly to Him, and tell Him our needs, He will answer. The Bible book 1 Corinthians, chapter 10, says this, "God will not allow you to be tested beyond your power to remain firm. At the time you are put to the test He will give you strength to endure it, and so provide a way out."

God often does not answer in the way we expect, or as soon as we would like, but He does hear us, and we find that His answers work in the best way, for us.

Soon, the Children of Israel were facing a different problem.

### DRAMA (continued) - The Bible In Living Sound.

The Israelites' forefather, Jacob, had promised to follow only the One True God, and God had changed his name to Israel. Then all his children after him became God's special people. But the Amalekites had come from Esau, Jacob's twin brother.

Their forefather, Esau had married wives who worshipped other, false gods, and his children became idol-worshippers, too. They hated the Israelites because of God's special blessing on His people. They thought, foolishly, that their false gods would help them defeat the people who belonged to the One True God. But Moses, with Aaron and Hur, had faith in God; whilst their men fought against the enemy, they supported them in spirit, before God.

These days, many people, who follow false ways, hate the people who have become God's children through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. And they make war on His followers. In the Bible book John, chapter 16, the Lord Jesus said this, "The world will make you suffer, But be brave! I have overcome the world!"

The Lord Jesus said this before He suffered and died on the Cross, because He knew God's power is far greater than men's. He willingly gave up His life to save you and me from eternal death; and when He died, He defeated our great enemy, Satan.

The Lord Jesus made it possible for us to become God's children; He made it possible for us to live for ever in God's glorious home.

God has not promised an easy road to His children, in this life, but He has promised us His help through all its problems. We are God's soldiers and He wants us to win the battle. The Bible book Ephesians, chapter 6, says this, "Put on God's armour now! Then when the evil day comes, after fighting to the end, you will still hold your ground.

So stand ready, with truth as a belt, tight round your waist, with righteousness as your breastplate, and as your shoes, the readiness to share the Good News of peace. At all times carry faith as a shield to put out all the burning arrows shot by the Evil One. And take salvation as a helmet, and the word of God as the sword which the Spirit gives you. Do all this in prayer, asking for God's help."

God is a loving Father and helps all who are His children through faith in Jesus. He does not promise us an easy life, but He does promise His help and His Presence with us, always. A poem says this,

"God	l has r	not pro	omised	skies	always	blue,	flowery	pathways	always	for you.	But H	e has
prom	ised s	streng	th from	abov	e, - unf	ailing	sympath	ıy, undyin	g love."			

Have you asked God to forgive your wrongdoing, because Jesus died to save you? Life is worth living when you are God's child; you have His Presence with you, now, and the certain hope of eternal life in heaven, when your life on earth is over.

# MUSIC - <u>Integrity Music</u>.

That was John Barbour singing "The Weapons we fight with."

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