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BIBLE ADVENTURES SCRIPT:

A1449 ~ Moses Strikes the Rock.

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

People have always taken notice of those who are politically powerful. Some of these people have used their power and position for good. But others have misused their authority and caused fear and suffering. They are proud and do not rule with justice. They despise the weak and submissive and misunderstand true strength. They think a meek person is a weak person.

But the Almighty Creator God loves those who are meek, those people who are kind, gentle and humble. He loves those who listen to Him, and are not proud. When Jesus, the holy Son of God was on earth, he said this, "I am meek and humble in heart." The Lord Jesus was meek, but He was not weak. He spoke out strongly against the evildoing of the powerful religious leaders. He stood up for the poor and needy. He did not give in to fear. And even when the Roman soldiers crucified Him, He asked God His Father to forgive them. His body was bruised and beaten, but His spirit was strong. He willingly gave up His life on the cross, to save us from eternal death. Amongst all those powerful, cruel enemies, Jesus alone showed true strength and true meekness.

Hundreds of years earlier, the Bible tells us, "The man Moses was very meek, above all the men on the face of the earth." But there was one time when Moses was not meek. He was angry and did not obey the Lord.

In today's story, the whole tribe of Israel had arrived in the desert of Zin, and they couldn't find any water. They were very unhappy, and were grumbling against Moses and Aaron.

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We can understand the people's distress when they had set up camp again, to find there was no water anywhere. What could they do?

They should have remembered the story about God's great mercy to their parents, when they had no water. They should have known God cared for them too. He would give them water if they came to Him in the right way. The Bible book Isaiah, chapter 66 says God listens to those who are humble and obey His word. But instead of asking with humble hearts for the water they needed, the people were angry and grumbled against Moses, just like their parents had done.

Before we judge them too quickly, maybe we ourselves are a bit like them. When we have serious problems, do we complain? Or do we remember God's great love to us, and go to Him with humble hearts? The Bible book Romans, chapter 8, says this, "God did not even keep back His own Son, but offered Him up for us all! He gave us His Son - will He not also freely give us all things?"

And Philippians, chapter 4, says this, "Show a gentle attitude towards everyone. Don't worry about anything, but in all your prayers ask God for what you need, always asking Him with a thankful heart."

Sometimes, we will not see God's answer straight away, because God wants us to learn patience; He is teaching us to be strong. He wants us to stand against our old proud way, and to keep on humbly trusting Him. This brings honour to Him and shows we are truly God's children.

At one time, the Lord Jesus was doing many miracles amongst the Jews. A distressed woman from Syria came to Him to ask healing for her little daughter. Jesus told her it would not be right for Him to take from God's children and give to an idol-worshipper. She was humble; she agreed with Him, but said surely she could have what the children threw away. Many Jews did not value Jesus' blessings but she wanted them with all her heart. And because she was humble, Jesus answered her plea. When she arrived back home, she found her little girl whole and well.

Our Almighty heavenly Father always listens to the prayers of humble-hearted people.

A humble missionary was preaching in a city in a far-away country. His audience acted disinterested and scornful. A man from the audience walked forward to speak to the missionary. When the missionary paused to hear the man's message, the man spat in his face.

Calmly the missionary wiped his face, and without a word of upset or sign of annoyance, went on preaching Christ. The audience began to admire the missionary. One learned man present at the time began to think about what kind of religion this must be to give a man such complete mastery over himself. This, he reasoned, could only come from God Himself and later he became a Christian too.

If we let pride enter into our hearts as we do the Saviour's work, we cannot expect His blessing, for His promised grace goes only to "the humble."

Do you understand what it means to be truly humble? It does not mean we should act in a slavish, miserable way. It means we are not proud; we do not boast or try to draw attention to ourselves. Instead, we have a right understanding that we are not worthy of God's love. It also means we accept what God says. He paid the very highest price for us when He gave His only beloved Son, Jesus, to pay for our sins.

We are precious to Him. When we understand this, we want to use our lives to please Him. We want His way, - not our own - and He is at home in our hearts. He gives us rest and peace. Do you want the peace of God in your heart? In the book of Matthew, chapter 11, Jesus said this, "Come to Me, all you who are tired from carrying heavy loads. Take My yoke and put it on you, and learn from Me, because I am meek and humble in spirit, and you will find rest. For the yoke I will give you is easy, and the load I will put on you is light."

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

Mindy Harrah singing "Come To Me."

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