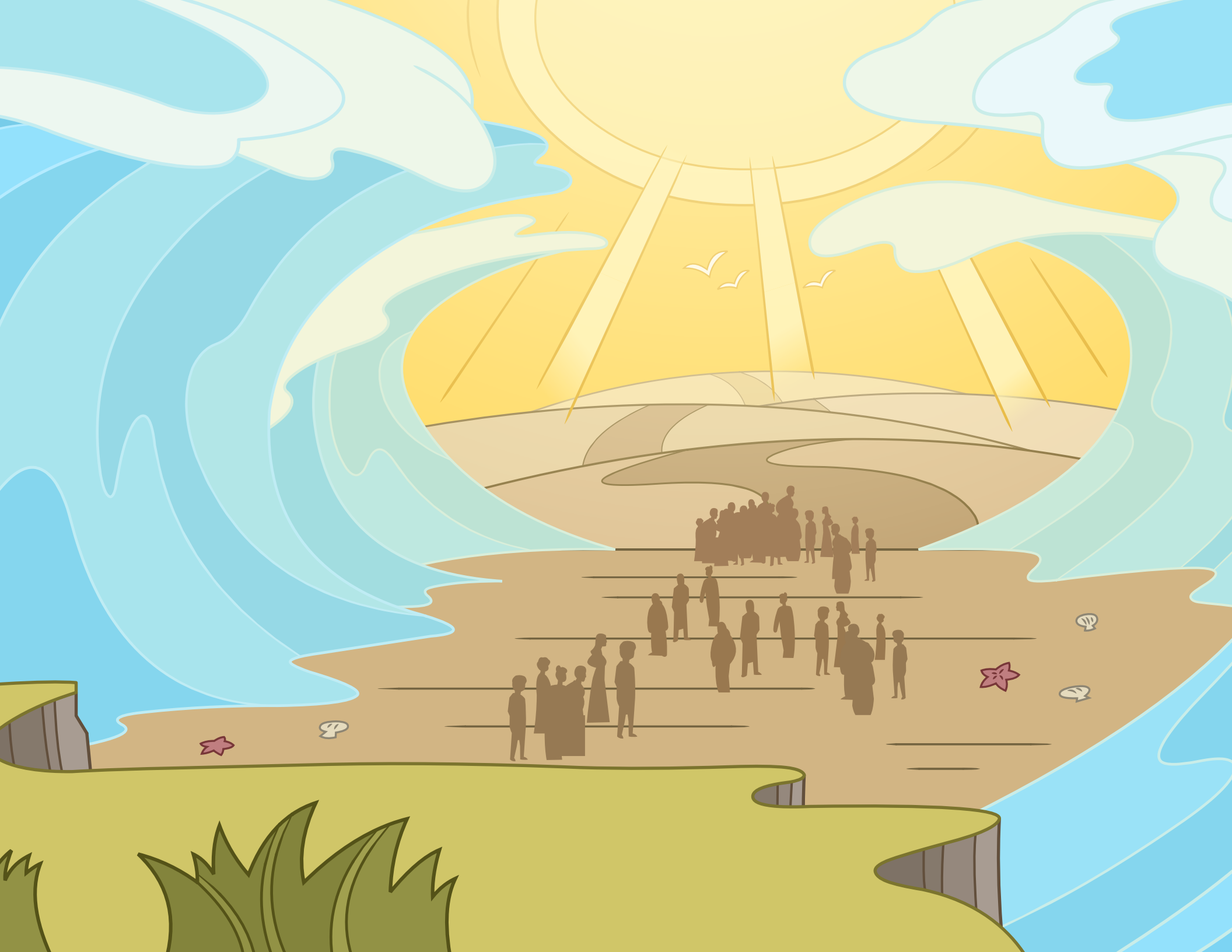




Today's true story from the Bible comes from the book of Exodus. Pharaoh told the Israelites to get out of Egypt and they left very quickly! They started a big journey to the land God had promised long ago. It was not an easy journey, but God was with them. During the day, the Lord God went before them as a tall cloud. Can you reach your arms up high? At night, He led the way as a tall pillar of fire so they could see as they traveled in the dark. Still, the Israelites found things to complain about.



Something bad happened. Pharaoh changed his mind. He sent his army to get the Israelites back. The people were trapped and scared. They forgot that God had rescued them and was with them! The people complained that God brought them out of Egypt just to be caught. But God had a plan. He split the sea in two! Everyone say, "Hooray!" The people walked across it on dry land. The Israelites were saved again!



As the Israelites continued their journey, they got hungry. They whined and complained. But God **provided** for them. Each evening, God sent birds called **quail** to their camp so they could have meat. In the mornings, God sent flaky bread called **manna**.



Next, the Israelites were very thirsty. Can you pretend to drink water? *Demonstrate for the kids.* But God **provided** for them again. God told Moses to hit a rock with his staff. When Moses hit the rock, water came out so the Israelites could drink.

40 YEARS



God showed the Israelites over and over again that He was taking care of them. But they had a hard time trusting Him. They ended up wandering in the wilderness for 40 years instead of going into the Promised Land. But during those 40 years, God loved His people and provided everything they needed, even when they complained. God provides for us. He loves us and knows what we truly need. God gave us His most precious gift—His Son, Jesus—so we can live with Him forever!

HE God provides.

WE God provides for us.

ME God provides for me.

? BIG QUESTION



MONTHLY *Memory Verse*

Does God ever
change? No!

*Jesus Christ is the same
yesterday and today
and forever.
(Hebrews 13:8)*