

# THE ISRAELITES FOLLOW GOD

## *Numbers 9:15-23*

### **Numbers 9**

<sup>15</sup>On the day the tabernacle, the Tent of the Testimony, was set up, the cloud covered it. From evening till morning the cloud above the tabernacle looked like fire.

<sup>16</sup>That is how it continued to be; the cloud covered it, and at night it looked like fire.

<sup>17</sup>Whenever the cloud lifted from above the Tent, the Israelites set out; wherever the cloud settled, the Israelites encamped. <sup>18</sup>At the LORD'S command the Israelites set out, and at his command they encamped. As long as the cloud stayed over the tabernacle, they remained in camp. <sup>19</sup>When the cloud remained over the tabernacle a long time, the Israelites obeyed the LORD'S order and did not set out.

<sup>20</sup>Sometimes the cloud was over the tabernacle only a few

days; at the LORD'S command they would encamp, and then at his command they would set out.

<sup>21</sup>Sometimes the cloud stayed only from evening till morning, and when it lifted in the morning, they set out.

Whether by day or by night, whenever the cloud lifted, they set out. <sup>22</sup>Whether the cloud stayed over the tabernacle for two days or a month or a year, the Israelites would remain in camp and not set out; but when it lifted, they would set out. <sup>23</sup>At the LORD'S command they encamped, and at the LORD'S command they set out. They obeyed the LORD'S order, in accordance with his command through Moses.

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POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	QUESTIONS
5		1.) What did the cloud look like in the evening?
5		2.) What did the Israelites do when the cloud moved?
5		3.) What did the Israelites do when the cloud stayed over the tabernacle?
5		4.) Why do you think God appeared to the Israelites in a cloud?

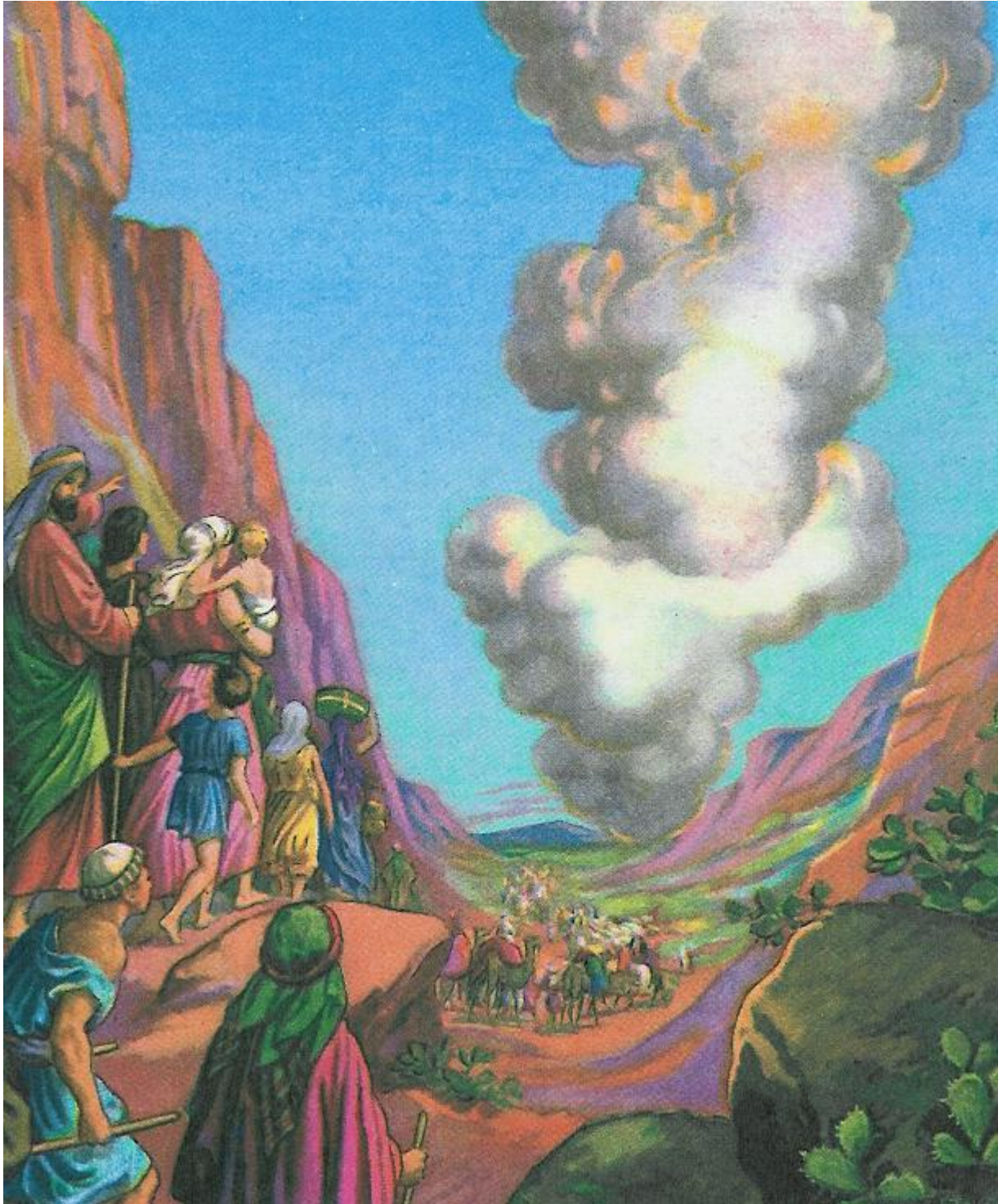
POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		<p>“The LORD is my light and my salvation— whom shall I fear?...”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Psalm 27:1</p>

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	HOME CONNECTION	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
5		<i>I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.</i>	
5		<i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>	
10		<i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i>	

TOTAL POINTS	CLUB CONNECTION
	LEADER'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE ___/___/___

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*The Israelites moved the ark from place to place as they followed God*

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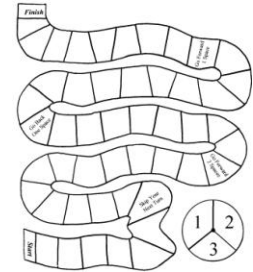
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## CRAFT/ACTIVITY: GAME BOARDS

Students will make a game board to recall how the Israelites moved from place to place following the cloud.

### MATERIALS

1. White 67 lb. Cardstock
2. Game Board Pattern
3. Paper Brads
4. Small Paper Clips
5. Gummy Bears
6. Markers, Crayons, or Colored Pencils



### DIRECTIONS

1. Copy a game board pattern for each student on 67 lb. Cardstock.
2. Have students color each of the boxes different colors.
3. Pass out one paper clip and one brad to each student.
4. Push the paper brad through the small end of the paper clip and through the black hole in the middle of the spinner circle.
5. Pass out two gummy bears to each student to use as markers.
6. Have students play the game with a partner by spinning the spinner (paper clip). If the paper clip lands on “2”, for example, that player moves ahead two spaces.
7. If the student lands on a box with directions, the directions must be followed before the next player spins.
8. The first player to make it to the last box wins. Students can take turns using each other’s game boards.

### FOR DISCUSSION

As students are coloring their game boards, remind them of how God was with the Israelites day and night. He was their light at night. The Israelites had nothing to fear with God by their sides. When God decided to move from a place, the people followed. Help students realize that we should follow God in the same way. Where He goes, we should follow. When we receive Christ as our savior, he sends the Holy Spirit to guide and direct us. The Holy Spirit is our spiritual cloud that we can follow without fear.

**TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:** Approximately 20 minutes

### MEMORY VERSE

*“The Lord is my light and my salvation-whom shall I fear? ...”*  
*Psalm 27:1*

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GAME BOARD

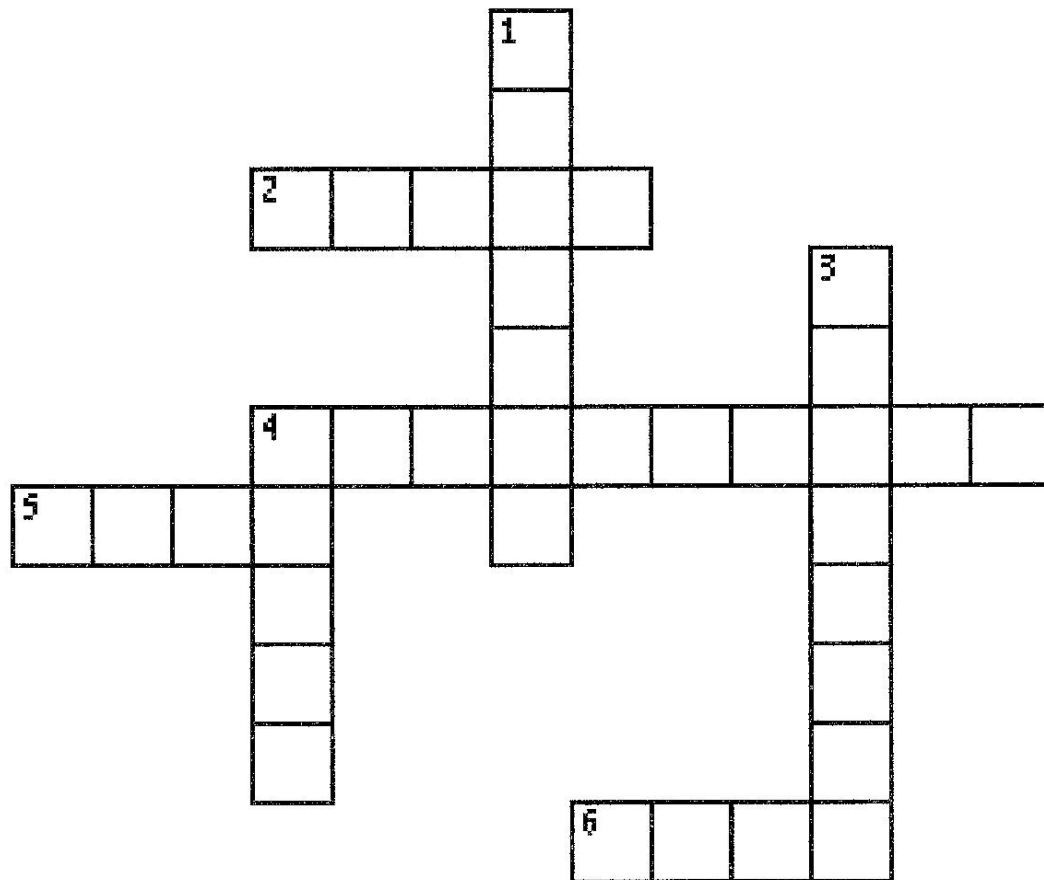
The game board consists of a winding path of 20 rectangular spaces. The path starts at a 'Start' box on the left and ends at a 'Finish' box on the right. The path is divided into four sections by three curved bridges. The instruction cards are placed on the path as follows:

- Top right section: 'Go Forward 1 Space'
- Middle left section: 'Go Back One Space'
- Middle right section: 'Go Forward 2 Spaces'
- Bottom right section: 'Skip Your Next Turn'

A spinner is located at the bottom right of the board, divided into three equal sections labeled 1, 2, and 3. There are two small illustrations of the Tabernacle with a person standing nearby, one at the top left and one at the bottom left.

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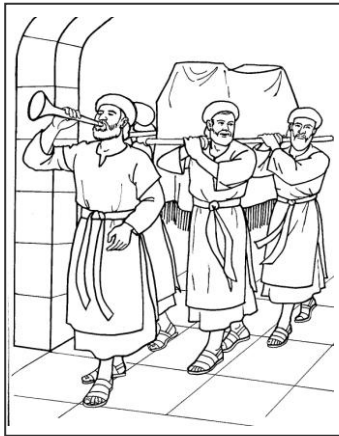


- 6 ACROSS "At the command of the \_\_\_\_\_ they remained encamped, and at the command of the LORD they journeyed; they kept charge of the LORD, at the command of the LORD by the hand of Moses." **NUMBERS 9:23**
- 2 ACROSS "On the day that the tabernacle was raised up, the \_\_\_\_\_ covered the tabernacle, the tent of the Testimony; from the evening until morning it was above the tabernacle like the appearance of fire." **NUMBERS 9:15**
- 5 ACROSS "So it was always: the cloud covered it by day, and the appearance of \_\_\_\_\_ by night." **NUMBERS 9:16**
- 4 ACROSS "Whenever the cloud was taken up from above the \_\_\_\_\_, after that the children of Israel would journey." **NUMBERS 9:17**
- 4 DOWN "In the place where the cloud settled, there the children of Israel would pitch their \_\_\_\_\_." **NUMBERS 9:17**
- 3 DOWN "Whether it was two days, a month, or a year that the cloud remained above the tabernacle, the children of Israel would remained \_\_\_\_\_ and not journey." **NUMBERS 9:22**
- 1 DOWN "But when it was taken up, they would \_\_\_\_\_." **NUMBERS 9:22**

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A cloud could be seen above the tabernacle wherever it was. At night, the cloud looked like fire. The tabernacle was the place that the people

worshipped the Lord. The tabernacle was not a building like a church. It was portable. That means the tabernacle could be moved whenever the Lord wanted the Israelites to move to a new place.

If the cloud above the tabernacle began to move, the Israelites would pack up the tabernacle and all of its things. Can you see in the picture the men moving the ark of the covenant? They would follow the cloud until it stopped. When the cloud stopped, they would set up the tabernacle in that spot.

The tabernacle could be in one spot for days, months, or even a year!

But when the cloud began to move, the Israelites followed God to wherever he wanted them to go next.

For more details, please read Numbers 9:15-23 in the Bible.

## QUESTIONS

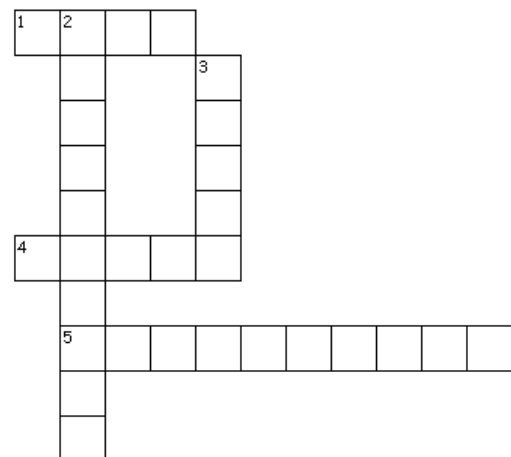
1. What were the men carrying in the picture?
2. How did the people know when to move the tabernacle?
3. How did the people know where to set up the tabernacle next?
4. Why do you think the people followed the cloud?

## MEMORY VERSE

“The LORD is my light and my salvation— whom shall I fear?...”

Psalm 27:1

## CROSSWORD



Across

1. what the cloud looked like at night
4. what the Lord was in
5. a portable place of worship

Down

2. God's people
3. what the cloud did when it was time to go