

# MOUNT ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

## SUNDAY SCHOOL BULLETIN NO 3

The Israelites are free at last! Now they set out on their long journey to get to the Promised Land, the land of Canaan. We are all on the journey of life. Where are you going? If you are a Christian, you are heading to Heaven, a perfectly wonderful place where God Himself will live with His people. If you are not a Christian yet, now is the time to think seriously about where you are heading. Without knowing Jesus you are going to wander about in life, and will end up lost for ever.



**Read Exodus 13 v 17-22.** Imagine what this was like for the people. There were about 2 million of them, with their animals and belongings. Only Moses had ever been outside of Egypt. It could have been chaos! But the Lord had it all under control.

**Destination.** When you set out on a journey the one thing you need to know is where you are going. 1) Where was God taking the Israelites? .....

When we begin our journey in life, we need to know where we are heading.

2) Christians are going towards .....

Christians have been saved from slavery to sin. If you are not yet a Christian, think carefully about where you are heading at the end of your life. It is the most important question to ask yourself.

**Route.** Next you need to know how to get to your destination.

3) What can you use to help you find your way? .....



None of the Israelites had ever been to the land of Canaan.

4) How did God guide them? (v21-22) .....

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Christians have the B \_ \_ \_ , God's Word, to guide them on their journey through life. Also the Holy Spirit lives in the heart of every Christian to help them. If you are not a Christian you are in great danger. You will be living an aimless life, wandering about with no one to guide you.

**Decisions.** On a journey you may reach a crossroads. How do you decide which road to take? In the journey of life there are many crossroads. 5) Make a list of key moments in your life where you need to make important decisions: eg. Which secondary school to go to; .....

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6) Who can help you make the right decisions? .....

7) Who was leading the people? (v 18) .....

8) Why didn't God take them the direct route along the coast? (v 17) .....

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A Christian depends upon God to lead them. He doesn't always take them the 'obvious' way. God knows all about what lies in the future, so a Christian can trust Him to take them the best way. If you are not a Christian, you have no guide. You will make serious mistakes and will end up lost for ever.

**How to become a Christian.** The only way to get on the road to Heaven is to:

R \_ \_ \_ \_ of your sins      T \_ \_ \_ \_ in Jesus      A \_ \_ for forgiveness

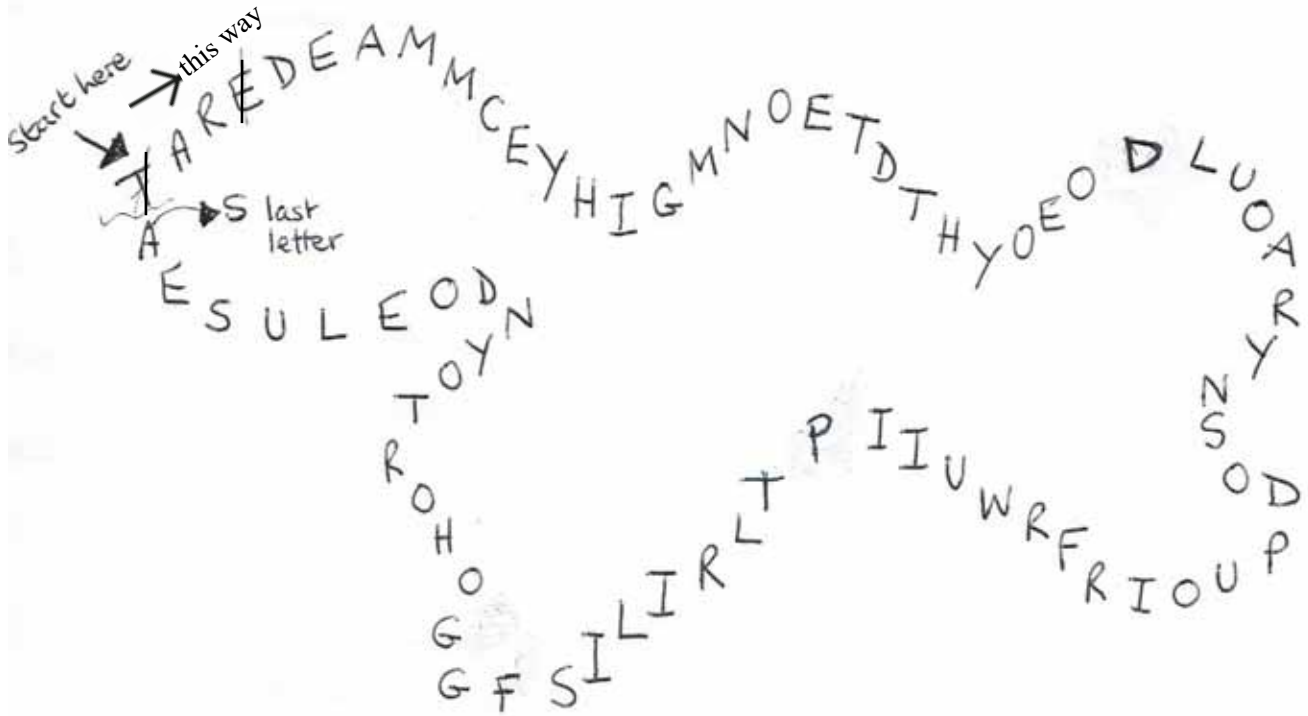
Remember, Jesus died to save people like you and me so that we could go to Heaven.

He is ready to save. Don't trust in your own cleverness or obeying rules to get to Heaven. There is no other way than through Jesus. He said: **"I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."** John 14 v 6



## Finding Your Way

We have learned about God’s guidance through life. Here is a prayer asking God to lead you. To unscramble it, start at the T marked with an arrow, and then write down every third letter on the lines below. Keep going round until you have run out of letters. You might find it helpful to cross out each letter as you use it. The first two letters have been done for you.



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\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ . Psalm 143 v 10

A verse to memorise:

Lead me in **Your** truth  
and teach me.

# Psalm 25 v 5

A picture to colour for younger ones



Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt.  
God showed them the way to go.  
We need God to show us the way through life.

Read Exodus 13 v 17-22

And the Lord went before them  
by day in a pillar of cloud to lead the way,  
and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light.  
Exodus 13 v 21