GOD LOOKS AFTER HIS PEOPLE

Exodus 13:21-22; 16; Deut 29:5

When Moses was grown up, God told him to lead the people of Israel out of Egypt and travel a long way to another land. God sent a huge cloud to travel in front of the Israelites during the day, and at night, He sent a pillar of fire to show them the way.

The people grumbled about their food, so God sent fat birds, called quails, all around them in the evening. They cooked them to eat. Every morning God sent small round bread-like food, left on the ground after the dew dried up. They called it manna.

The people travelled for forty years, but their clothes did not wear out, and even though they walked day after day, their shoes did not wear out either.

God cared for His people in so many ways, just as He cares for us, too.

ACTIVITY

Trace over the words. Paint the background to the cloud blue for the daytime, and the background to the fire black for nighttime. Paste cotton wool onto the cloud and pieces of yellow, red and orange cellophane over the fire. Colour the quail and paste small feathers onto its wings and tail. Draw a bowl of manna next to it. Use material for the coat. Colour the vest and sandals.
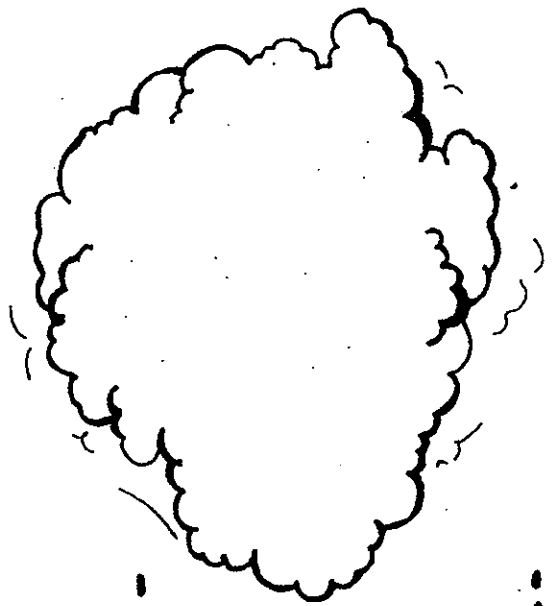
FURTHER SUGGESTIONS

Depict the story by decorating four pictures - a lady with a basket gathering manna; a man catching a quail; a pillar of cloud and pillar of fire; a boy dressed and walking in sandals. Use pieces of coloured material, cotton wool, bark, glitter, sequins, cellophane, feathers, and bread crumbs.

Make small scones in advance. Give each child a container and allow him to collect some and eat them (make sure scones are called "manna").
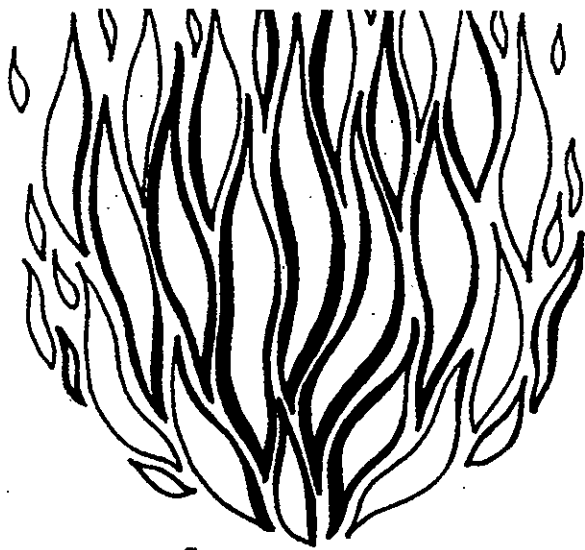
Make a quail bird mobile using the outline at the back of this book. Fanfold tissue paper for wings and tail.

Bring a torn dress and worn out shoes to illustrate the difference between old and new. Emphasise the fact that the Israelites' clothes and shoes lasted for 40 years.
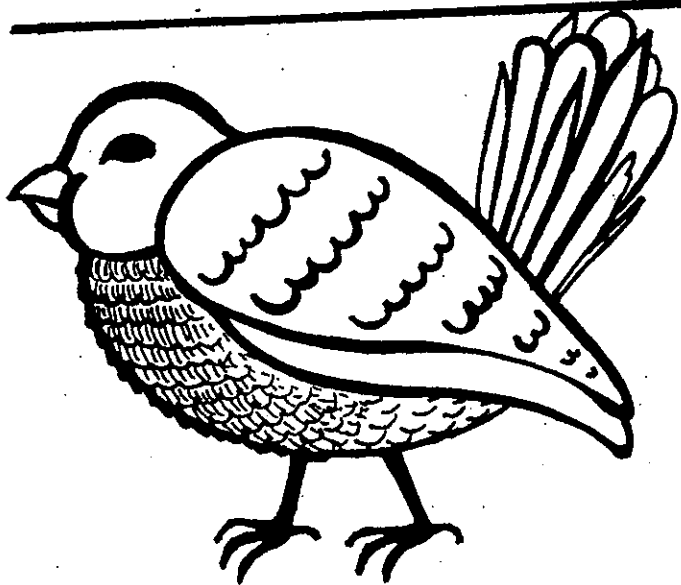
Trace around your shoes on cardboard. Cut out the prints and make sandals by adding strips of material or cardboard at appropriate places.
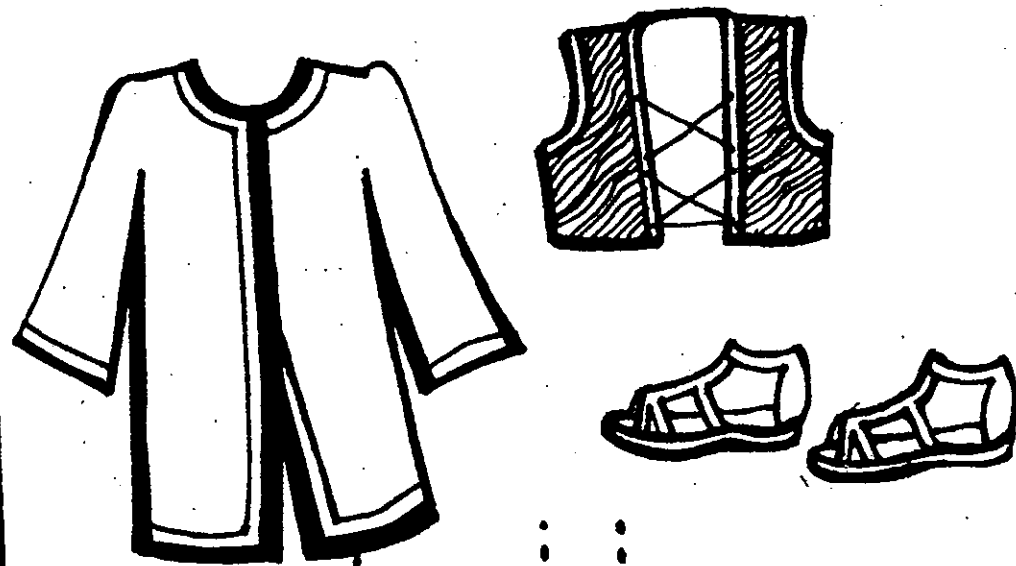
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