



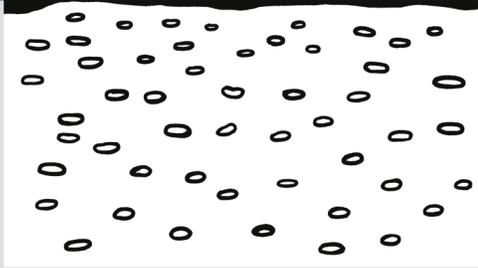
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	<p>After a while, the people started to get tired, hungry, and crabby. They complained to Moses, "Even though life was hard in Egypt, at least we were fed."</p> <p>God heard the Israelites complaining and grumbling. God told Moses, "I brought you out of Egypt. I will feed everyone. Tell my people what I say."</p>
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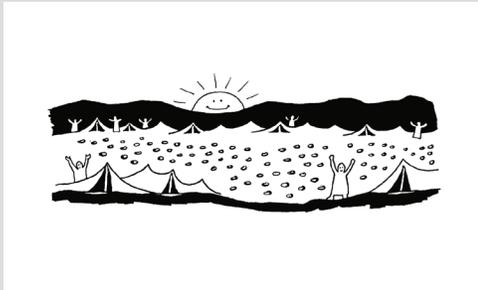
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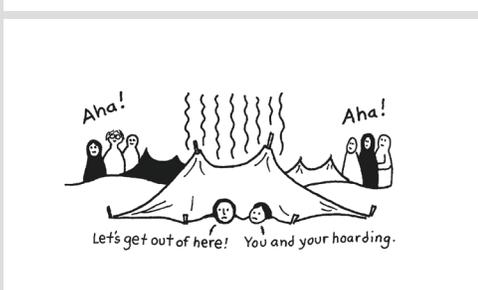


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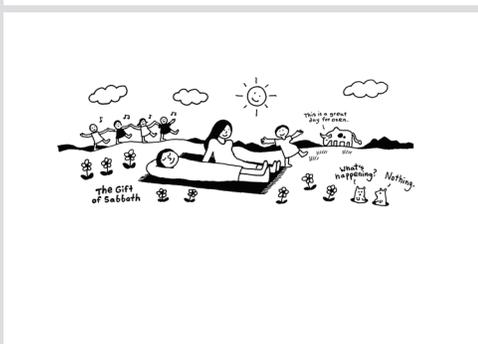


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The hungry people gathered the manna, and everybody had enough. The manna tasted like wafers made with sweet honey.



God told Moses to remind the people to take only what they needed for each day. But some of the people felt scared or worried or greedy. They gathered more than their share and kept some manna until the next morning. Do you know what happened next? The manna they saved turned stinky and was crawling with worms! Yuck!



God also told Moses that on the sixth day of each week, the Israelites could gather twice as much manna. On the sixth day, they ate their fill and saved the extra. On the seventh day, there was no manna on the ground. On that day, which God called a sabbath, the people could eat the manna they saved from the day before. This manna was not stinky and did not have worms. God did this so the people could rest on the seventh day. Each day God fed the people. Each day the people ate the manna. Each sixth day, the people gathered enough for the sabbath day.



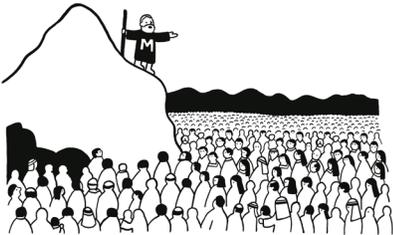
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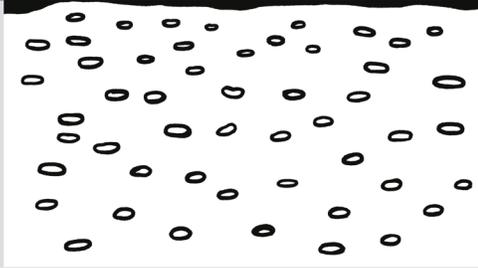
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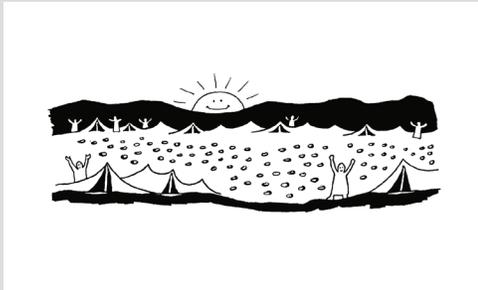
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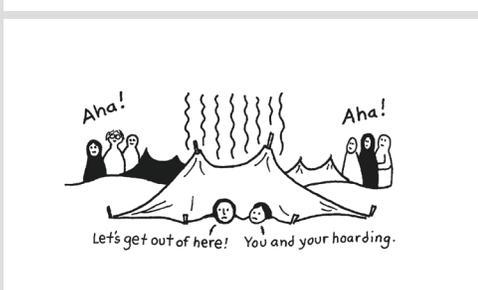


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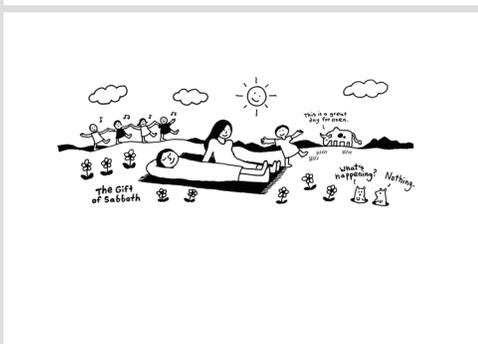


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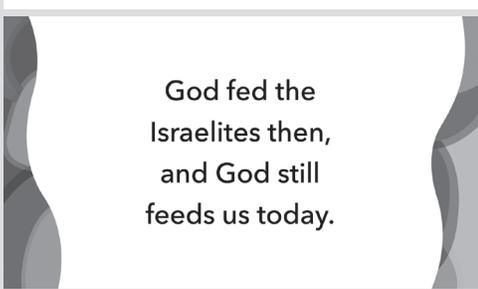
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