

Journeying Toward Canaan

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Lesson—Print GOD the GUIDE. Tell of the pillar of cloud and of fire, rising and going before the children of Israel when God wanted them to march forward, lowering when they were to encamp, cloud by day, fire by night, both GUARD and GUIDE, behind to guard, before to guide, sheltering from enemies, as well as leading.

The Journey—God's children must always be ready to go, or to stay, at His call. One morning the people look from their tents toward the Tabernacle. See! The cloud is rising. Everything is at once packed and put on the backs of the great camels. ("Ships of the Desert.") The little children are likely put on the camels' backs also. (Show a picture of a loaded camel.) Away they start in a great procession! Away toward Canaan, the Promised Land. Is there anybody to say good-by to them? See! Moses is talking to a man who is saying "good-by." Who is he? (Moses had spent forty years in this wilderness, and relatives lived there.) What did Moses say to the man? (vs. 29-32.)

WE HAVE A

Tenting Ground—Earth.
Promised Land—Heaven.
Guide—Jesus.

Our Tenting Ground—(Explain). We live only a few years on earth. Sing v. 5, No. 581, Book of Praise.

Our Promised Land—"I go to prepare a place for you." Sing v. 3, No. 590, Book of Praise (Point upward).

Our Guide—JESUS has gone before, and has sent the Holy Spirit to be our guide now.

Golden Text—Repeat in attitude of prayer.

The Way—Our guide Jesus says, "Narrow is the way." Just room for Jesus and me, side by side, but the procession may be miles long for everybody can go who follows the Guide.

An Invitation—Sing v. 4, No. 483, Book of Praise. Ask everybody to join the great procession. (Come to church and Sunday School and follow Jesus.)

Use Your Eyes for Others—Moses used all the means of guidance that God put within his reach. (That is the way God guides.) WE may be to others "instead of eyes" telling them of the "way."

Repeat—

"Come and welcome! come and welcome!

Welcome to our pilgrim band!

Come, O come, and do not leave us;

Christ is waiting to receive us,

In that bright and better land."

BLACKBOARD REVIEW

THE LORD GUIDES US

THROUGH

Our Ears
Our Eyes
Our Friends

BY

What they hear
What they see
What they know

Make the situation vivid: God's redeemed people on the way to the land which God had promised them and on the route that He had chosen for them. Any fear of their not reaching their journey's end in safety? Any danger of getting astray by the way? We shall see. Any fear of us, whom God has redeemed by Christ Jesus and whom He is leading to the promised home on high, losing our way? If we do, it will not be for lack of good guidance. Impress these four points. It is THE LORD, Israel's God, our fathers' God, God the Redeemer, who is leading. Into our EARS He speaks His word. Before our EYES He marches so plainly in His providence, that we cannot fail to see His footsteps, if we will but look. By our side He places FRIENDS—friends who have been longer on the journey and know the perils of the path-way. By apt Bible stories, show how God has guided His people through their ears, their eyes, their friends. Such illustrations abound.