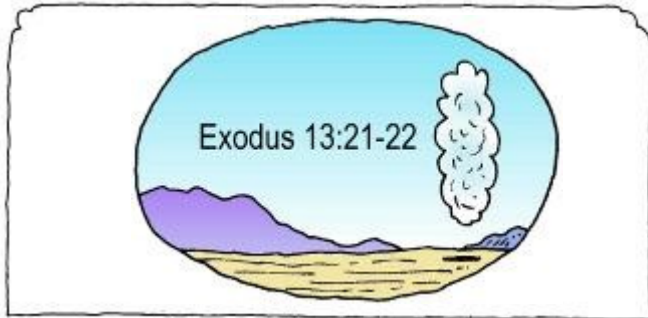


MOSES followed the cloud

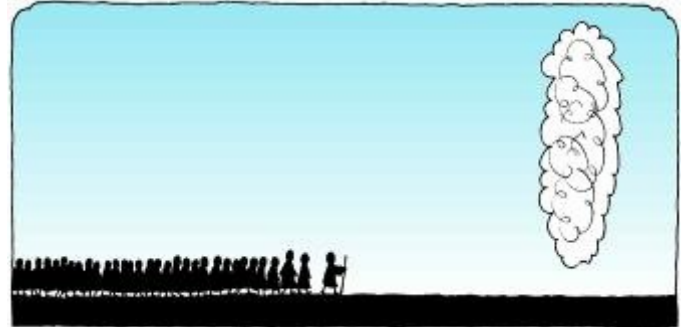
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The children of Israel
wondered around in the
desert for forty long years.
God showed them the way.



Moses took the children of Israel
from Egypt into the desert.
God went ahead,
in a tall cloud, every day.



Wherever the cloud stopped,
the people stopped
and set up their tents,
until the cloud moved again.



God was with them,
every night,
in a tall pillar of fire.
God kept them safe.



Sometimes the cloud would
stop for a long time.
Then the cloud would move.
"Follow the cloud," someone would shout.



Everyone would hurry about,
packing up their beds
and pulling down their tents.
It was a busy time.



But God's presence, in the cloud,
only moved as fast
as the old people
and the little children could walk.



Moses knew that God
was always with them
and would take them safely,
to their new land.