The children of Israel wondered around in the desert for forty long years. God showed them the way. But God's presence, in the cloud, only moved as fast as the old people and the little children could walk.

Moses took the children of Israel from Egypt into the desert. God went ahead, in a tall cloud, every day. Moses knew that God was always with them and would take them safely, to their new land.

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.

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