

We're Thirsty!

Exodus 17:1-7

God's people were miserable slaves in Egypt. God helped Moses free them from this terrible life. They began a long trip through the desert wilderness.

When they stopped for the night and set up camp, they looked for water. But this time no water could be found for drinking, washing, or cooking.

"Moses, where's the water?"

"Did you bring us here to die? We want water!"

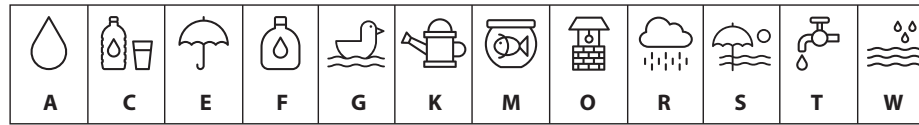
Moses called to God, "The people need water. They are angry and ready to kill me."

God said, "Moses, pick up your shepherd's stick. Invite some of the older men to follow you. When you get to the rock in Horeb, stop. I will be in front of you. Hit the rock with your stick and water will gush out. The people can drink it."

Moses did what God said and water did gush from the rock. The people were happy again.

Moses named this place *Massah* which means test and *Meribah*, which means argument because the people had tested God here.

Use the key to find out what happened when Moses did as God said and hit the rock.



Complete the picture of what it may have looked like when Moses hit the rock.

