

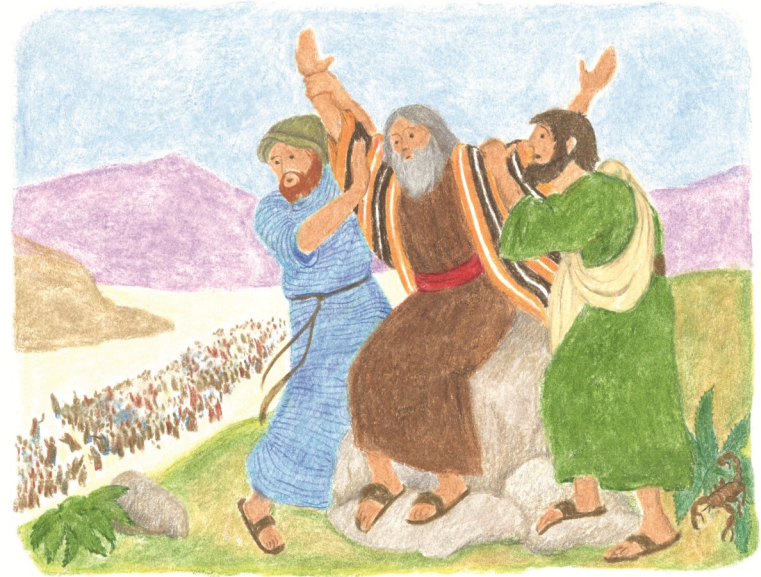
# 29. The Battle Against the Amalekites

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## Notes for Parents & Teachers

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- a. The Amalekites were not nice at all. They would wait in hiding until most of the people had gone past, and then catch and kill the slow ones at the back. And they did this for no reason.
- b. Joshua was a great fighting man. But he couldn't win unless Moses held his hands up.
- c. Get your children to hold their hands up, and ask them when they are feeling tired. But Moses had to hold his hands up for hours, because if he let them down, the children of Israel were getting beaten.
- d. They were still fighting just as hard, but they needed Moses lifting his hands up to the Lord. You might say that when we lift our thoughts up to the Lord in prayer, we get much stronger.
- e. Emphasize all parts of the support for Moses—the big stone he sat on, and Aaron and Hur holding his hands up, even though they were very tired.



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## The Lord Saves His People from the Amalekites

So there came an army of people called the Amalekites to fight against the children of Israel who were camped in the flat plains of Rephidim.

And Moses called to a man whose name was Joshua and said, “Choose strong men and go out to fight with the Amalekites. Tomorrow I will go and stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in my hands.”

So Joshua did as Moses had said to him, and they fought with the Amalekites. Moses, Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. And it came to pass that when Moses held up his hands, the Israelites were stronger. But when Moses let down his hands, the Amalekites were stronger.

But Moses got tired and his hands got heavy. So Aaron and Hur took a stone and put it under Moses and he sat on it. And Aaron and Hur stayed up on the hill, one on one side of Moses and the other on the other side of Moses. They held his hands up in the air so that his hands were steady until the going down of the sun.

And Joshua and his men won the battle against the Amalekites with their swords.

The Lord said to Moses, “Write this for a memorial in a book.”

And Moses built an altar to the Lord.

Exodus 17

