

# God's Angel to Prepare the Way

*Exodus 23:20-33*

**The Big Idea:** The Holy Spirit leads us into the future Christ died to give us.

**Read the passage**

**Story Summary for Children:**

After giving instructions to Moses, God told Moses that he would send an angel to lead the Israelites. God told Moses to obey this angel, because he was God's representative. God assured Moses that he would fight for the Israelites, take care of them and bring them safely into the Promised Land. But once the people entered the Promised Land, they were to destroy all idols and remain faithful to God.

**Family Lesson Discussion Questions:**

1. What did God promise to send the Israelites? (an angel)
2. What were the Israelites supposed to do? (obey God's angel)
3. What did God promise to do if the people obeyed him? (he assured them that he would fight for them and take care of them)

**Family Lesson Application Questions:**

1. Whom does God give to us to help us on our journey? (the Holy Spirit)
2. What does God promise us that he will do if we obey him?
3. How can we be careful to follow Jesus?

**Memory Verse:** *"And do not make God's Holy Spirit sad; for the Spirit is God's mark of ownership on you, a guarantee that the Day will come when God will set you free."* (Ephesians 4:30)

**Parents:** Talk with your family about the assurances that God gives us that he will lead us. Talk also about how you are living in obedience to God's leadership.

**A Look Ahead:** Next week the passage is Exodus 24:1-18 and the Big Idea will be, "God reveals himself to us." Ask your family, "What do you think of when you imagine God?" You may also want to read next week's passage with your child and start explaining the story.