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## A Bible Tale

# The People of Israel Were Unhappy

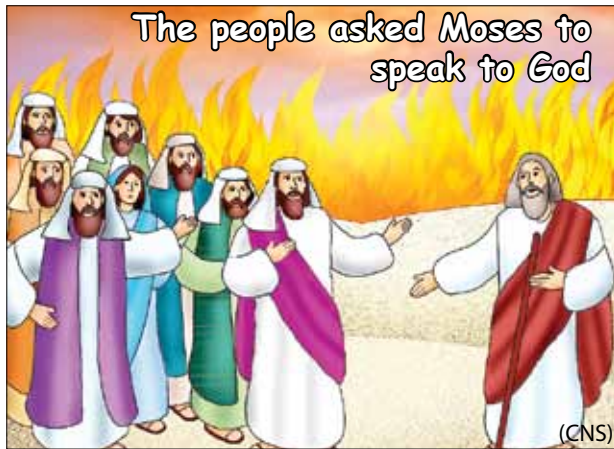
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**T**he people of Israel were unhappy because they had been living in the desert for such a long time. Some of them even said they were better off when they had been living as slaves in Egypt. The Lord heard their complaining and became so angry that he sent a fire that burned around the edges of their encampment.

Then the people complained about the fire, but they also were afraid of God's wrath. They went to Moses and asked him to speak to God. Moses prayed to the Lord, and the Lord put out the fire he had sent.

Once the fire was out, the people started to complain that they had not had any meat to eat in a long time. Moses once again went before the Lord and prayed: "Why are you so displeased with me that you burden me with all this people? ... Where can I get meat to give to all this people? ... I cannot carry all this people by myself, for they are too heavy for me."

The Lord told Moses the elders of Israel would help bear the burden of the people. He also told him to tell the people that they should



### Q&A

Why were the Israelites complaining?

What did Moses say to Joshua?

Read more in Numbers 11

sanctify themselves the next day, when the Lord would send enough meat for everyone for a month.

When Moses was with 70 of the elders, the

Lord came down to them in a cloud. His spirit touched them all, and they began prophesying. Two other men named Eldad and Medad should have been with Moses and the other elders, but they had not yet joined them. The spirit of the Lord touched them also, where they were standing, and they too began prophesying.

A young man heard them and ran to tell Moses. "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp," he said.

Joshua, who was with Moses, said, "Moses, my lord, stop them."

Moses turned to Joshua and scolded him. "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets! Would that the Lord might bestow His spirit on them all!"

Moses went back to the camp, and the elders followed him.

Then a powerful wind came up and pushed quail from the area near the sea toward the camp. There were so many the people spent all of one night and the next day gathering the birds. But the Lord was still angry, and many people became sick after eating the quail.

## October is the Month of the Rosary

# It's Time to Join Bishop Malloy in Prayer

October has been celebrated as the Month of the Rosary in honor of Mary for many years. Now it is also the Month for Life.

Saying a decade of the rosary after school this month is a way you can honor the Blessed Mother and



(Observer photo by Sharon Boehlefeld) Bishop David Malloy prays the rosary.

pray that God will protect all of His children, born and unborn.

Pope Francis wants us to say the rosary. He said, "Let us join spiritually together in this act of trust in our Mother, and let us receive from her hands the crown of the rosary. The rosary is a school of prayer, the rosary is a school of faith!"

Bishop David Malloy of the Rockford Diocese has recorded each decade. To say the rosary with him,

ask an adult to help you go to the website <http://observer.rockforddiocese.org/decade-a-day>. There you can click on the name of the mystery to pray it.

Most of the prayers are ones you already know, so the instructions here will be

easy to follow. A decade is one Our Father, 10 Hail Marys, a Glory Be and the Fatima prayer.

Four groups of five mysteries are the basis of the rosary. Each mystery tells of an important story in Jesus's life.

October starts on a Thursday this year, so you may start with the Joyful Mystery about the Presentation in the Temple and continue to say a decade Monday through Friday, as

shown in the chart (above). Think about each mystery as you pray it. When you finish, start over and you'll be on your way to a new prayer habit.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Joyful Mysteries</b> <b>The Annunciation</b> Mary learns that she has been chosen to be the mother of Jesus.	<b>The Visitation</b> Mary visits Elizabeth, who tells her that she will always be remembered.	<b>The Nativity</b> Jesus is born in a stable in Bethlehem.	<b>The Presentation in the Temple</b> Mary and Joseph take the infant Jesus to the Temple to present Him to God.	<b>The Finding in the Temple</b> Jesus is found in the Temple discussing His faith with the teachers.
<b>Luminous Mysteries</b> <b>The Baptism of Christ in the Jordan</b> God proclaims that Jesus is His beloved Son.	<b>The Wedding Feast at Cana</b> At Mary's request, Jesus performs His first miracle.	<b>Jesus' Proclamation of the Coming of the Kingdom of God</b> Jesus calls all to conversion and service to the Kingdom.	<b>The Transfiguration</b> Jesus is revealed in glory to Peter, James, and John.	<b>The Institution of the Eucharist</b> Jesus offers His Body and Blood at the Last Supper
<b>Sorrowful Mysteries</b> <b>The Agony in the Garden</b> Jesus prays in the Garden of Gethsemane on the night before He dies.	<b>The Scourging at the Pillar</b> Jesus is lashed with whips	<b>The Crowning with Thorns</b> Jesus is mocked and crowned with thorns	<b>The Carrying of the Cross</b> Jesus carries the cross that will be used to crucify Him.	<b>The Crucifixion</b> Jesus is nailed to the cross and dies.
<b>Glorious Mysteries</b> <b>The Resurrection</b> God the Father raises Jesus from the dead.	<b>The Ascension</b> Jesus returns to His Father in heaven.	<b>The Descent of the Holy Spirit</b> The Holy Spirit comes to bring new life to the disciples.	<b>The Assumption</b> At the end of her life on earth, Mary is taken body and soul into heaven.	<b>The Coronation of Mary</b> Mary is crowned as Queen of Heaven and Earth.

Rosary reflections are from <http://www.lojolapress.com/mysteries-of-the-rosary.htm#sthash.36TcB2UE.dpbs>

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**RIGHT:** Pope Francis accepts a rosary from Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas during a private audience in the Apostolic Palace at the Vatican May 16.



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