

Double Trouble (cont.)

Jenna felt guilty. She knew she should tell her mom she hadn't finished her homework. But after dinner, Dad said, "Since Jenna and Chris have finished their homework, why don't we all play a game together?"

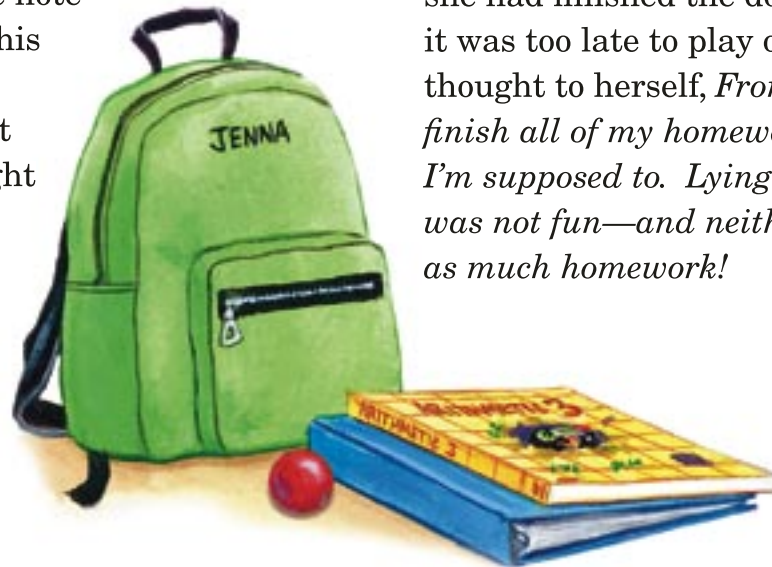
Jenna had so much fun playing games with her family that she forgot all about her homework until bedtime. Then she told herself she'd finish it before she left for school in the morning.

The next morning when Mom called, "Jenna! It's time to get up!" Jenna jumped out of bed and hurriedly got dressed. She squeezed in two arithmetic problems before breakfast. After gobbling down her eggs and toast, she raced to her desk, but she was only able to finish one more problem before it was time to leave.

After school, Jenna slowly walked toward Mom and handed her a note from her teacher.

Mom read the note and frowned. "This note says your homework wasn't finished. I thought you had done it."

Jenna's eyes filled with tears. "Not all of it," she whispered. "I wanted to



play instead. I tried to get it done this morning, but I didn't have time."

Mom was serious. "Jenna, you know the rules about homework. Last night you made us believe that you had finished your work. You were not truthful."

"I'm sorry, Mom. I know it was wrong to disobey you. And I should have told you the truth."

"I forgive you. When your father comes home, we will decide your punishment. Right now, you have to finish last night's homework along with tonight's—a double assignment."

Jenna's eyes widened. "It will take so long!"

Mom shook her head. "It probably will, Jenna. But you did this to yourself."

Jenna knew that Mom was right and that she had been wrong to deceive her parents. That afternoon, Jenna worked hard on her homework. By the time she had finished the double assignment, it was too late to play outside. Jenna thought to herself, *From now on, I'll finish all of my homework right away like I'm supposed to. Lying to Mom and Dad was not fun—and neither is having twice as much homework!*



Double Trouble



Jenna knew she was supposed to do her homework right after she came home from school. Her mom always made sure she did this. But today, their neighbor Mrs. Nelson had fallen and hurt her arm. Mom had taken her to the emergency room to get x-rays, so Jenna's older brother Chris was watching her.

"Hey, Jenna," said Chris, "I'm going up to my room to work on my chemistry assignment. Come get me if you need help with your arithmetic."

"Okay," Jenna replied, but instead of working on arithmetic problems, Jenna played with her cat from the time school ended until Mom came home.

As soon as Jenna heard Mom come in the door, she sat at her desk and opened

her spelling book. When her mom passed by her room, she saw Jenna copying her spelling words. She quietly continued down the hall. She didn't want to disturb Jenna.

From the corner of her eye, Jenna saw Mom pass by. When she was out of sight, Jenna began to read a fun book.

A little while later, Mom came into Jenna's room. She saw Jenna reading and thought she must have completed her homework.

Mom gave Jenna a big squeeze. "I'm proud of you for working diligently," she said. "Now, your father's home, and it's time for dinner."

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Rephidim: God Gives Water from a Rock • God Saves the People from Amalek

Exodus 17

Number the paragraphs in the order that they happened.



Moses chose a brave young man named Joshua to lead the Israelite soldiers against the Amalekites. The next morning, Moses, Aaron, and Hur climbed up to a hilltop. Moses stretched out his arms, holding the rod of God toward heaven, and asked God to help Israel win against the Amalekites. But when Moses' arms grew tired and fell to his sides, he noticed that the Amalekites turned around, came back, and began to win the battle.



They began to murmur and complain to Moses again. "Give us water!" they cried. "Why did you bring us out here to die of thirst?"



Aaron and Hur found a stone for Moses to sit on. They each stood beside him and held up his arms with the rod for the rest of the day, and Joshua and his army crushed the army of Amalek. God had helped Israel win their very first battle against their enemies.



The Lord said, "Take the elders of Israel with you and lead the people out to Mount Horeb. Strike the rock with your rod, and water will come pouring out. There will be enough water for everyone!" As soon as Moses hit the rock, water gushed out. The people drank; then they watered their animals and filled their jugs with water for their journey.



Moses asked the Lord, "What shall I do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me!"



At a place called Rephidim, the Israelites pitched their tents. They were thirsty, but there was no water at all. Then the frightened people asked, "What are we going to drink?"



After God gave water to the Israelites, the Amalekites attacked the older Israelites who traveled at the back of the group, stole their golden bracelets and earrings, and then raced back to their caves. Over and over again the Amalekites attacked Israel.



Explore the Bible each day

Sun—Exodus 17:1–2
 Mon—Exodus 17:3–4
 Tue—Exodus 17:5–7
 Wed—Exodus 17:8–11
 Thu—Exodus 17:12–14
 Fri—Exodus 17:15–16
 Sat—1 Samuel 15:2

Find and circle these words from the Bible lesson. Words may go across, down, diagonally, and backward.

- MOUNT HOREB
- PATIENCE
- COMPLAINED
- MOSES
- ROD
- WATER
- ROCK
- TRAVEL
- WILDERNESS
- REPHIDIM
- AMALEK
- JOSHUA
- VICTORY
- MERCY
- AARON
- GOD
- ARMY
- BATTLE

