

# ENRICHMENT: SACRED ART

## Praying with Sacred Art: *Moses in the Wilderness*, by Clive Upton

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When we pray with this sacred art, we learn that God cares for His people. **Begin with the Sign of the Cross.**

Look at the people in this painting.

- **Who are they? What are they doing?**
- The people in this scene are the Israelites.
- They are journeying through the desert to the Promised Land. Their journey would last forty years.

Look at the right side of the scene.

- **What are the Israelites carrying?**
- This is the Ark of the Covenant. They carried it with them because God dwelt with them through the Ark of the Covenant.

Look at the white-haired figure in blue at the center of the scene.

- This is Moses. **Do you see what Moses is looking at?**
- Moses is looking at the Ark of the Covenant. His eyes are fixed on the Ark, where God dwelt.
- Moses trusted and believed that God would care for His people.

In this painting, we see that the Israelites are tired from their journey.

- God was with His people every step of the way. He provided for them when they were tired. He fed them with bread from Heaven called manna.
- We are also on a journey. We are on a journey to Heaven. Like the Israelites, we can get tired and hungry on our journey.
- We must always remember that God provides for our needs on our journey to Heaven.

**What do you want to ask God to help you with on your journey to Heaven?** Write your answer on the journal page.

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Conclude by praying the Our Father.

