

You Tried It. But Not Today, Buddy!

Name two things that make you feel better when you are sick.

Read Exodus 15:9-13.

Read Exodus 15:19-27.

1. Why did the children of Israel complain so quickly?
 - A. They were tired and cranky after being pursued by the Egyptians.
 - B. They were afraid.
 - C. They did not really know God.
 - D. Moses had misled them.
 - E. God made their test too hard.
 - F. It had been a rough three days.
 - G. In their humanity they focused on their needs, not their God.
 - H. God wanted to reveal their own level of faith to them.
 - I. Other.

2. Like the children of Israel, when things don't go as planned, I...
 - A. Complain
 - B. Throw shade.
 - C. Blame God.
 - D. Feel mistreated.
 - E. Blame others.
 - F. Become bitter.
 - G. Throw in the towel.
 - H. Wish to have never been born.
 - I. Other.

3. If you were part of the Israelite group, what role would you have played?
 - A. Reminded them how God delivered them from Pharaoh.
 - B. Began singing Miriam's song of praise to rouse the people.
 - C. Encouraged them to continue to listen to Moses and trust in God.
 - D. Organized a search party to go and scout for water.
 - E. Gathered rocks to help try and stone Moses.
 - F. Encouraged the people to meditate on the future of the promised land.
 - G. Reminded the people of God's promise to Father Abraham.
 - H. Comforted and encouraged Moses to not lose heart.
 - I. Other.

4. Why do you think God gave the children of Israel this test?
 - A. God wanted to see if they could be trusted.
 - B. He wanted them to depend on Him.
 - C. He needed them to learn how to trust Him.
 - D. God wanted them to have a story to tell.
 - E. He wanted to use it as an example of trust for future generations.
 - F. God was bored and wanted to entertain Himself with it.
 - G. God wanted them see, no matter the need, He's able to provide for it.
 - H. He wanted to establish His authority with the children of Israel.
 - I. Other.

5. What does it take to develop trust in God?
 - A. Getting tested by God.
 - B. Exercising patience in God.
 - C. Spending time with Him.
 - D. Listening to others share stories about who God is.
 - E. Asking God to prove Himself.
 - F. Reading His word in order to learn more about His character.
 - G. Taking inventory of all of the things He has already blessed you with.
 - H. Sharing with God all of your innermost fears and desires.
 - I. Other.

6. When you're having a bad day, how do you encourage yourself?
 - A. Praying.
 - B. Reading God's word.
 - C. Journaling.
 - D. Talking to a friend.
 - E. Singing.
 - F. Taking a walk in nature.
 - G. Listening to music.
 - H. Playing an instrument.
 - I. Other.

7. Have you ever blamed God when things did not go as expected?

8. Knowing yourself, if you were in God's shoes and the children of Israel had complained against you, how might you have reacted?