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Moses told all the Israelites to get ready to leave Egypt. They packed up all their clothes and animals. Their Egyptian neighbors even gave them gold and clothing to take with them.

The night before they left, the Israelites ate a special meal of lamb and bread. They made dough, so they could bake bread and eat it on their trip.

The people were excited and glad to leave the land where they had been slaves. They followed Moses out of Egypt. Moses told the people that God would take care of them on the trip and would show them the way to go.

During the day, God put a huge white cloud in the sky to lead the people. The cloud made shade in the hot desert. God's people followed the cloud wherever it went. At night, God put a blazing cloud of fire in the sky to show the way. It gave the people light in the dark night.

When the people saw the white cloud or the blazing fire in the sky, they knew God was taking care of them. And they were glad God was leading them out of Egypt.