

# ON THE TRAIL

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## Parent Flyer - Lesson 8

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In today's large group skit Tex was given a list of very strange tasks to perform by the trail boss. Tex obeyed the instructions on the list and spent the entire morning performing random tasks including painting some cacti with honey and performing the "prairie dog dance of doom." Tex eventually learned that by completing these tasks he was able to distract the rustlers long enough for the rest of the herd to reach their final stop: Paradise. Without Tex's obedience, the herd never would have made it. In the same way, your children will only experience God's great plans for their lives if they are obedient to Him.

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