



WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO ME?

Look carefully at Moses' words and actions in Numbers 20:10. What was his sin?

- 1) Moses had an anger management problem.
- 2) Moses had lost his faith in God.
- 3) Moses confused God's power for his own.
- 4) He began to believe that he had saved God's people.

Why do you think God gave Moses such a difficult consequence?

- 1) This wasn't the first time he had disobeyed.
- 2) God wanted to get his attention.
- 3) It was for the salvation of Moses' soul.
- 4) God wanted to show Moses who was boss.

In what ways do you identify with the Israelites?

- 1) I have been wandering for years.
- 2) I need God to provide for me.
- 3) I easily forget the things God has done for me.
- 4) I tend to grumble.

In what ways do you identify with Moses?

- 1) I am a leader.
- 2) I get frustrated with complainers.
- 3) I go to God with problems.
- 4) I have learned to deal with difficult consequences for my actions.

The Bible is full of symbols that point to the coming Messiah. There are some significant symbols in this story. Read 1 Corinthians 10:4 and John 7:38. What objects in this passage were meant to teach God's people about the coming King?

Ten Commandments:

Memorize this week's commandments.
Honor your father and your mother.
You shall not murder.

Write below 3 ways that you can honor your parents this week:

Jesus redefined the 6th commandment, "You shall not murder," in Matthew 5:21-22. Write below 3 ways one can destroy another person without killing them or physically harming them.

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God Sends Water from a Rock BETWEEN THE LINES

Take some time to read the story of the water from the rock in Number 20:1-13.



WHAT DOES IT SAY?

The Israelites have been in the wilderness for 40 years. What difficult thing happened here, according to Number 20:1?

Think about how God had provided for the Israelites since rescuing them. What was their attitude at this time?

The Israelites were often grumbling. What was their biggest complaint in this story? Moses did not do as God said. He was angry. What was the consequence of his actions?



WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

This event is similar to one 40 years earlier. Read about it in Exodus 17:1-7. What is similar about the two events? What is different?

Moses had been leading the people through the wilderness, waiting for God to take them into the Promised Land. What did his angry words imply?

Do you think the consequence of Moses' actions were fair? Why or why not?

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