



At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9
God of Wonders Part 2: Genesis - Joshua
Unit 9, Lesson 45

The Wilderness: Water from the Rock

Lesson Aim: To know when we trust and obey God with our words and actions, we are honoring Him.

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: What is your favorite word?

GAME: Throw It Away

THE WORSHIP THE GOD WHO SENDS

Read Worship Scripture: Hebrews 10:10.

Sing songs and worship God.

Bless and collect the offering.

Perform High Seas Adventures script or read storybook.

THE WORD GOD SENDS WATER FROM A ROCK

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: God sent the Ten Commandments.

Point to Moses (Circa 1500 B.C.). **Today, we will discover how God sent water when His people were thirsty. This happened in the Desert of Zin at Kadesh.** Point to Kadesh or the Sinai Peninsula. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Numbers 20:1-13. Find It First. Highlight Key Verse: Numbers 20:12. Pray. **Let's read how God sent water.** Read.

THE WAY HONOR GOD WITH WORDS AND ACTIONS

What was the big problem facing God's people? (No water.) **How did they tell Moses and Aaron?** (They quarreled and complained.) **What did God tell Moses and Aaron to do?** (Hold the staff and speak to the rock.) **Did Moses follow the Lord's exact directions?** (No.) **What did he do?** (Spoke angrily to the people and struck the rock with the staff.)

What did the people do that did not please God? (They quarreled and complained.) **What did Moses and Aaron do that did not please God?** (They did not follow God's exact directions. They struck the rock instead of speaking to it.)

Where can we find exact directions from God? (The Bible.) **How are the Ten Commandments exact directions? How do you think God feels when we disobey any of the Ten Commandments?**

Ask a volunteer to read Numbers 20:10. **Moses angrily said, "Must we bring you water out of this rock?" Does it sound like Moses is taking some credit for God's miracle of bringing water from a rock? Why did God say Moses could not enter the land?** (Because Moses did not trust God enough to honor Him as holy in the sight of the Israelites.)

Moses did not honor God that day. How should Moses have honored God with his words that day? (Moses should have given God all the credit for bringing water from the rock.) **How should Moses have honored God with his actions that day?** (Moses should have spoken to the rock instead of striking it.) **This story reminds us to use words and actions that help people see how powerful and amazing God is so they may honor Him, too.**

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Over 1500 years after God brought water from the rock for the thirsty Israelites, Jesus talked about giving us a different kind of water. Let's read what He says. Reveal John 4:13-14. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

What does Jesus promise for those who believe in Him? (They will never be thirsty.) **He is not talking about real water here. Jesus calls Himself the Living Water, which means He is like water for our thirsty souls. Our souls live forever because of Him. Trusting in Jesus for a life forever close with God is the best way to honor Him.**

If time allows, play REPLAY HIS WAY in the GOT TIME? segment.

THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: "Ask Me about Moses and the Rock" sticker
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- OFFERING OF ART: Moses striking the rock with his staff
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Good Words

GAME: Replay His Way

CRAFT: Good Word Posters

DISCUSSION: Commandments 5-7

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: The Wave, Manna Scrambler

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW