

Water from the Rock

Exodus 17:1-7

There was a group of people called Israel. Israel was the name of one of their ancestors. Israel also means “to wrestle with God,” and these people were often wrestling with their faith in God!

God loved the people of Israel very much. God the Father told them that He would send God the Son, Jesus, through their family. They would bless the whole world by providing the family tree for Jesus!

For a time, the people of Israel suffered in slavery in Egypt, but God called Moses to lead them. God delivered Israel from Egypt and led them to the land He promised. To get there, they had to travel through the wilderness, a place without much food or water.

One day, the people began grumbling loudly. “We are thirsty, Moses! Give us something to drink!”

“Why are you fighting and complaining?” Moses asked.

The people grumbled even more. “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, anyway? We’re going to die here in the desert! Is God here with us or not?”

Moses prayed to God. “What can I do? These people are so angry, they might even kill me!”

God told Moses, “Take some leaders with you to a certain rock, and bring your staff. I will be there with you. When you hit the rock with the staff, water will come out. Then, the people will have plenty to drink.”

Moses hit the rock, and there was plenty of water! God showed Israel that He was with them. He showed them that He would take care of them, just as He had promised.

God could have been very angry with the people for complaining and not trusting in Him, but He showed them that He was always with them and would give them whatever they would need.

God used the people of Israel to give the whole world what we needed most: Jesus, the Savior of all!

FAMILY TALK

Have you ever been alone? What does it feel like to be lonely? We know that no matter what, God is always with us. We are never alone!

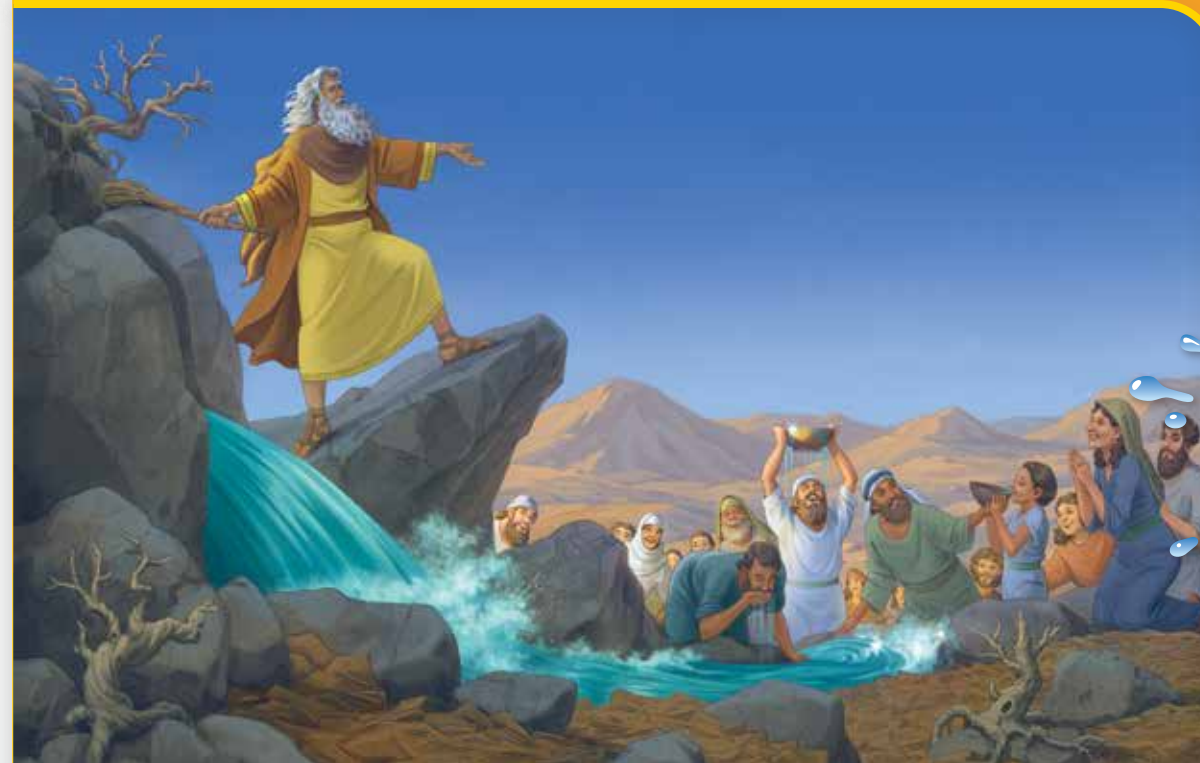
Is there a certain food that you don’t like? Is there a season of the year you complain about? What is most likely to get you grumbling? When we’re ungrateful, God still listens to us and forgives us when we tell Him we’re sorry.

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BIBLE VERSE

But I will be
with you.

Exodus 3:12

TALK IT OVER: WATER FROM THE ROCK

Open your Bible to Exodus 17:1-7. Answer these questions with your Team.

Why were the people complaining?

See Exodus 17:2.

To whom did Moses go for help?

See Exodus 17:4.

What did God tell Moses to do?

See Exodus 17:6.

What was the question the people had asked?

See Exodus 17:7.

What did God give the people?

See Exodus 17:6.

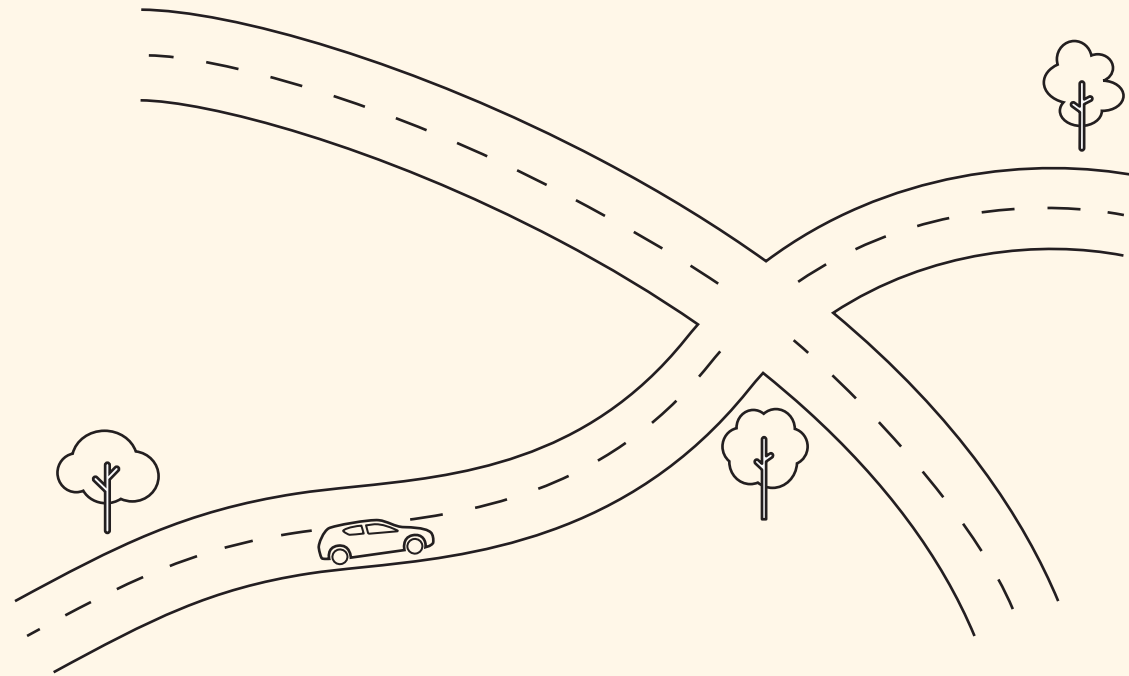


Did you know?

Moses hit a rock with his staff a second time, but he was disobeying God then. Read all about it in Numbers 20:2-13. What's the big deal about Moses? The Bible talks about him for a good portion of the Bible. God took care of Moses from before he was born and was there when Moses died. God was with Moses, and God is always with you! God gives you all that you need. Research Moses and learn about his amazing life!

PUT IT ON PAPER: GOD IS WITH YOU

Look at this map. What kinds of buildings do you visit throughout the week? Add these to the map below. Is God with you in these places? Yes! God is always with you.



But I will be with you. EXODUS 3:12

Pray this prayer:

Dear God, thank You for taking care of Your people in the wilderness. Thank You for Jesus walking through the wilderness for me and for giving me everything I need: especially You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Remember,

God created the earth and everything on it, and we marvel at His power! He provides everything we need to support this life along with the hope of eternal salvation in His Son, Jesus.



LEAFLET 1

Elementary Leader Page

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Take-Home Point

Our Lord is always with us.

Bible Memory Verse

But I will be with you.

Exodus 3:12



Talk It Over: Water from the Rock

After following the Bible Lesson pages in the Director Guide, encourage the kids to open their Bibles to Exodus 17:1-7. Talk about the Bible story using copies of *Elementary Leaflet 1*, Bibles, and this Elementary Leader Page. Offer help as needed.

Why were the people complaining? (Exodus 17:2: They were thirsty, and they began to doubt God.)

Who did Moses go to for help? (Exodus 17:4: Moses prayed to God for help.)

What did God tell Moses to do? (Exodus 17:6: God told Moses to hit a rock with his staff.)

What was the question the people had asked? (Exodus 17:7: Is God with us, or not?)

What did God give the people? (Exodus 17:6: God gave them water to drink. He also assured them that He was with them and would care for them.)

This question isn't on the leaflet, but as time allows, ask the following:

What do you think this story teaches us about our own lives? Kids might be reluctant to answer at first. Prompt them by reading the take-home point at the top of this page.

- God is always with us. The people were on a big journey, and they needed help from God. God showed them that He would be there for them.
- This miracle was a reminder that God can take care of all our needs.
- The people were complaining, but they weren't asking God for help. When we have problems, we can ask God for what we need.
- God told these people that they would have a special home and would be the family that included the promised Savior. God kept His promises. Jesus is that Savior!

Put It on Paper: God Is with You

From the student leaflet, **READ: Look at this map. What kinds of buildings do you visit throughout the week? Add these to the map below. Is God with you in these places? Yes! God is always with you.**

Give the kids time to complete the activity. If the kids run out of time, encourage them to finish at home. From the student leaflet, **READ: Remember, God created the earth and everything on it, and we marvel at His power! He provides everything we need to support this life along with the hope of eternal life in His Son, Jesus.**

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