

Home Family Worship with Kids 28. September 27th, 2020

Exodus 17:1-7 God gives water from a rock

Even in their anger, God loved his people and provided water in a miraculous way.

Message: 3 Days Without Water

Do you know what it takes to stay alive when the conditions are difficult?

I'd like to share with you the 'Survival Rule of 3's'

Did you know you can go about 3 minutes without air? If you don't get air in about 3 minutes you'll die! Most people can survive about 3 hours in extreme elements. So if it's super super hot or super super cold, you can make it about 3 hours without help. Believe it or not, you can survive about 3 weeks without food. And lastly, you can go about 3 days without water.

If you had nothing to drink, at all, you could go about 3 days.

So water is kind of important huh?

With that in mind, let's look at what Moses says happened, in Exodus chapter 17

So Moses brought Israel from the Red sea, and they went out into the wilderness of Shur; and they went three days in the wilderness, and found no water. They did find water but it tasted horrible. God through Moses made the water sweet so the people could drink it.

The Israelites kept walking and soon they became thirsty again.

In Exodus 17 we learn that God's people camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink.

But this problem is a little different than last time. This time, they have no water. Last time they had water, it was just bitter. This time, there is no water at all. So Moses tells us that they people started to complain. But this isn't just complaining like: "Moses, we wish we could have some water."

This is like a mob, demanding water. The idea is the people putting Moses on trial. "Moses, either you are going to deliver water, or else you are out. Moses, it's time to either give us water or we are done with you. Are you our leader or not?"

When the Bible says complain here, it is a very serious complaining. These people are very upset and they want answers. In particular, they want water. So Moses talks with God. And God tells him something amazing.

I am going to stand on a rock and I want you hit it with your rod."

Moses writes down what God tells him to do:

I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink."

God is going to stand on a rock. Moses is supposed to go over to that rock, lift his rod into the air and hit the rock. When he does, this water will come out. And sure enough, that's exactly what happened. Water for more than 2 million people, the children of Israel, came out of that rock. Crazy, huh?

We've seen God rain down bread, manna, from Heaven. We just learned about God giving the Israelites water from a rock. These things aren't 'normal'.

We don't usually get water from a rock; we get it from rivers, and lakes, and from rain. We don't usually get our bread from the sky; we get bread from wheat that grows out of the ground.

So why did God pick these crazy ways to give water and bread to the children of Israel? Why didn't God just let some wheat grow up from the ground? Why didn't God just let rain come out of the sky and let the people get water that way?

For one reason... Because over and over again God wanted to prove to the children of Israel that it was HIM that was providing for them. God wanted to leave no doubt that the manna and the water were coming from the all-mighty all-powerful God.

God wanted us to know, without a doubt, that He was taking care of His people. God wanted Israel to know it was Him and to trust Him. God wanted Israel's trust. And he wants yours.

Just like the children of Israel needed to rely on God for food and water, [God wants us to trust Him](#), completely. Whether it's for food and water, or for something far less important, God wants us to put all our trust in Him.

He promises to always provide the things that we need. We can trust Him.

Video Clips: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nUTugHm2_qI

Red Sea crossing and water from the rock https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nUTugHm2_qI

Songs: God takes care of me – Moses song

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ToY_gFoheEw&ab_channel=NatalieTeo

Take care of me:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HCKSqVAW5ZM&ab_channel=NatalieGottwals

God will take care of me:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3qzJynHMmjl&ab_channel=BISAYA%26TAGALOGCHRISTIANK ARAOKESONG

Thankful https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U_ewLEvA8_o&ab_channel=LifetreeKids

Activities:

- Make your own water from the rock to help remember that God gives us what we need. Use a rock, some glitter glue and a stick.

With a Sharpie write "God gives us what we need"

- Water from a rock cookies: You will need blue icing, pretzel sticks or chocolate biscuits – "Fingers" and some sort of plain biscuit – Marie or Arrowroot or make your own.



As you retell the story or the children retell the story you can use the blue icing to stick the 'stick' biscuit onto the plain biscuit. – then have fun eating them.

- Game: Play Scissors/Paper/Rock – whoever wins each round has to share a way that God gives them what they need. (family, home, food, water, school, clothes etc)