



Kindergarten-2nd

August 10-11, 2013

DATE

God's Family in the Wilderness

LESSON TITLE

Exodus 15-20

WHERE TO FIND IT

God Provides for His Family

MAIN POINT

schedule

Hang out with kids (10 minutes): Ask kids about their week. Get kids into groups and play games together.

Large Group (30 minutes): Model what it looks like to be engaged in large group. Don't be afraid to redirect kids who aren't!

Small Group (20-30 minutes): Keep kids in small groups until parents arrive. If you *all* have extra time at the end, you can review the video and songs together.

tips

Pray with your team. It's a great idea to invite God into the hour that you serve in Kids' Club. It's totally cool if the kids see you praying about the hour. In fact, it sets a good example for them. So, gather your other volunteers for a few minutes when you all arrive and pray—it could be the most important thing you do to have a successful service in Kids' Club.

check-in/out

As kids leave, remind them to tell their parents why they have a tattoo. What is it supposed to remind them of?

large group heads up

Today's large group emphasizes the way God takes care of his family. Even though the Israelites went through a period of feeling hungry and thirsty, God provided for their needs. All they had to do was trust Him.



instructions

Goal: to help kids review the story and understand that God still reminds his family he loves them

Tip: Make sure kids understand the story (questions #2-6) before you move on to the application questions (#6-7 and the activity).

Why? Even though we hear amazing stories of God's faithfulness, we often forget that it applies to us.

small group

CONNECT

1. Share your name and one word to describe the best part of your week (if you've already connected before large group, move directly to question #2).
2. What was your favorite part of today's story? Why?

REVIEW / DIG DEEPER

1. How did God's family feel when they were in the desert, waiting for the promised land? (hot, tired, thirsty, hungry)
2. What three things did God give them to remind them that he loved them? (food, water, and the 10 commandments)
3. How did he give them food? (he rained down manna from heaven)
 - a. What do you think manna was like? (Tell them manna literally means, "What is it?" and we don't know what it was, but it showed up in flakes and maybe was something like cereal. **Pass around the corn flakes** and tell kids to imagine waking up and seeing this on the ground each morning.)
4. How did He give them water? (Moses hit a rock with his stick and water came out.)
 - a. **Pass around the rock** and ask this: how do you think God did that?
5. How did he give them rules? (Moses went up a mountain, the mountain shook, there was thunder and lightning, then Moses came down with the commandments carved into stone.)
 - a. Why did God give us these rules? (to help us understand how to love him and love each other—and so that his family knew how to follow him!)
6. Do you guys have any questions about this story? Anything confusing?
7. (*For older kids*): Do you ever forget that God loves you? Explain. (help kids by saying sometimes if we are sad or bored or angry, we might have forgotten—ask them to think of a time when they felt sad or bored or angry)

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8. What's one way God has reminded you he loves you?

ACTIVITY

- Sometimes it's hard to remember that God loves us. So today, each kid gets a **tattoo** to help remind them! Apply them one by one:
 - Place a **heart tattoo** face down on a kid's hand (May have to remove a clear plastic cover first)
 - Hold a **wet/damp cloth** over the back of the tattoo for 15 seconds
 - Remove damp cloth and paper backing!
- Discuss the tattoos:
 - When you see this on your hand this week, what are you going to remember? (that God loves his family—us!—and provides for us)
 - How would this week be different if you remembered how much God loves you?

***Pray with the kids, thanking God for reminding his family that he loves them! Ask God to help kids remember through their tattoos this week.**

Extra time? Grab a group game and bring it to the table. Or play Pictionary or hangman, using words or pictures from today's story.

LARGE group

special notes

Use your body language to communicate what the Israelites felt—both while they were complaining and after God provided for their needs.

presenter tips

Find ways to keep kids engaged by having them repeat a word or phrase, act something out, make a face or use motion. Every couple minutes give them a way to engage verbally or kinesthetically. Double bonus - It will actually help them remember what you're saying too!

script

Hi everybody! Welcome to Kids' Club. I'm so happy to see each of you here today. Today, we've got an awesome story all about how God took care of his family. I can't wait to tell you about it!

But first, I want everybody to stand up. (Let kids stand.) OK, now close your eyes and think in your head. I want you to think of the first word that comes into your head when I say....DESERT. When you think of a word, open your eyes and sit down (let kids think of a word and sit).

Now, let's hear what you guys came up with. (Depending on your group size, ask kids to share with a friend or call on some kids and ask them to share their word with whole group. Hopefully, you'll get words like: sand, dry, hot, sun, cactus, camel, etc.) Yes, those are great words!

(show desert loop) Here's a picture of a desert. Look how hot and dusty and dry this looks. Would anybody like to live here? You don't get a house and you only get the food and water you can carry on your back. Maybe a camel. There's nothing but dry dustiness for miles and miles...and miles. It's windy and dusty (cough) and you're almost always hungry (hold your stomach and look pained). Does that sound fun to anybody? (Let kids respond.)

GOD'S FAMILY IS IN THE DESERT

Well, we talked about how God made a path through the middle of the Red Sea to bring his special family out of slavery in Egypt and into freedom. In fact, God was leading them toward an amazing land that he promised to them—a land with plenty of water and food and trees and streams and flowers. It was going to be great!

But first, God's family had to get through this desert (point to the loop). And it was going to take them *years* to make it to the promised land!



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Maybe some of you guys thought living in a desert sounded fun, but God’s family hated it! They started whining (use your best whiny voice): “I’m hungry, I’m thirsty, I want to go back to Egypt so I can eat some meat!”

Have you any of you guys ever whined before? Have you guys ever said, “I’m hungry! I need a snack,” or maybe you were in a long car ride and you said, “I’m bored! Are we there yet?!” (Let kids respond.) Does it make your parents or grandparents or babysitters or guardians happy when you whine? (Let kids say: No!)

Nope, it doesn’t. And that’s what the Israelites were doing...to God! Just whining to Him about what they wanted instead of trusting him to take care of them.

GOD PROVIDES FOOD, WATER, and RULES

Well, the great thing is, we can always trust God. Even when it doesn’t feel like it. God had a plan to provide for his people. God provided food and water for his family—in some really crazy ways!

We’re going to watch a video about how God gave his family what they needed in the desert. As we watch, see if you can figure out the third thing God gave his people...food, water, and something else!

Video: Ten Ways to Be Perfect (Jesus Storybook Bible)

What!?! God sent food raining down from Heaven!? That’s amazing! And Moses hit a rock with his staff...and it turned into a drinking fountain?! Incredible. And what’s the third thing God gave his family to take care of them? (Let kids say: The 10 Commandments)

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS SHOW GOD’S LOVE

The very first rules God gave people were meant to help us show people what it looks like to follow God. And he knew they would help us be happy and enjoy each other. God wanted us to love *him* the most, because he knows he’s the only one who can make us happy. He didn’t want people to steal or kill, because he doesn’t want us to hurt each other.

Now, God knew we’d mess up sometimes. That’s why we need Jesus to rescue us! He’s the only one who can keep the rules. But God gave us rules, so we can know how to follow God—and how to love him and each other. Rules are important for His family, just like food and water!

CONCLUSION: GOD REMINDS HIS FAMILY THAT HE LOVES THEM

Wow, that’s pretty amazing, isn’t it?! God’s family was hungry. And what did God give them? (Let kids say: Food!) Yes, food! God’s family was hot and thirsty. And what did God give them? (Let kids say: Water!) Yes, water!

And He wanted his special family to know how to follow him, so what did God give them? (Let kids say: Rules!) Yep, God gave them rules to help them love him and others—and show people what it looks like to be in God’s family. And remember, God is STILL providing for his family. He loves us THAT much.



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WORSHIP

Wow, that's pretty exciting. I'm so glad God loves us SO much! Let's sing to God now, to tell him how great we think is—and that we love him more than anybody.

Song: I Am Somebody

Song: Amazing Love

PRAY

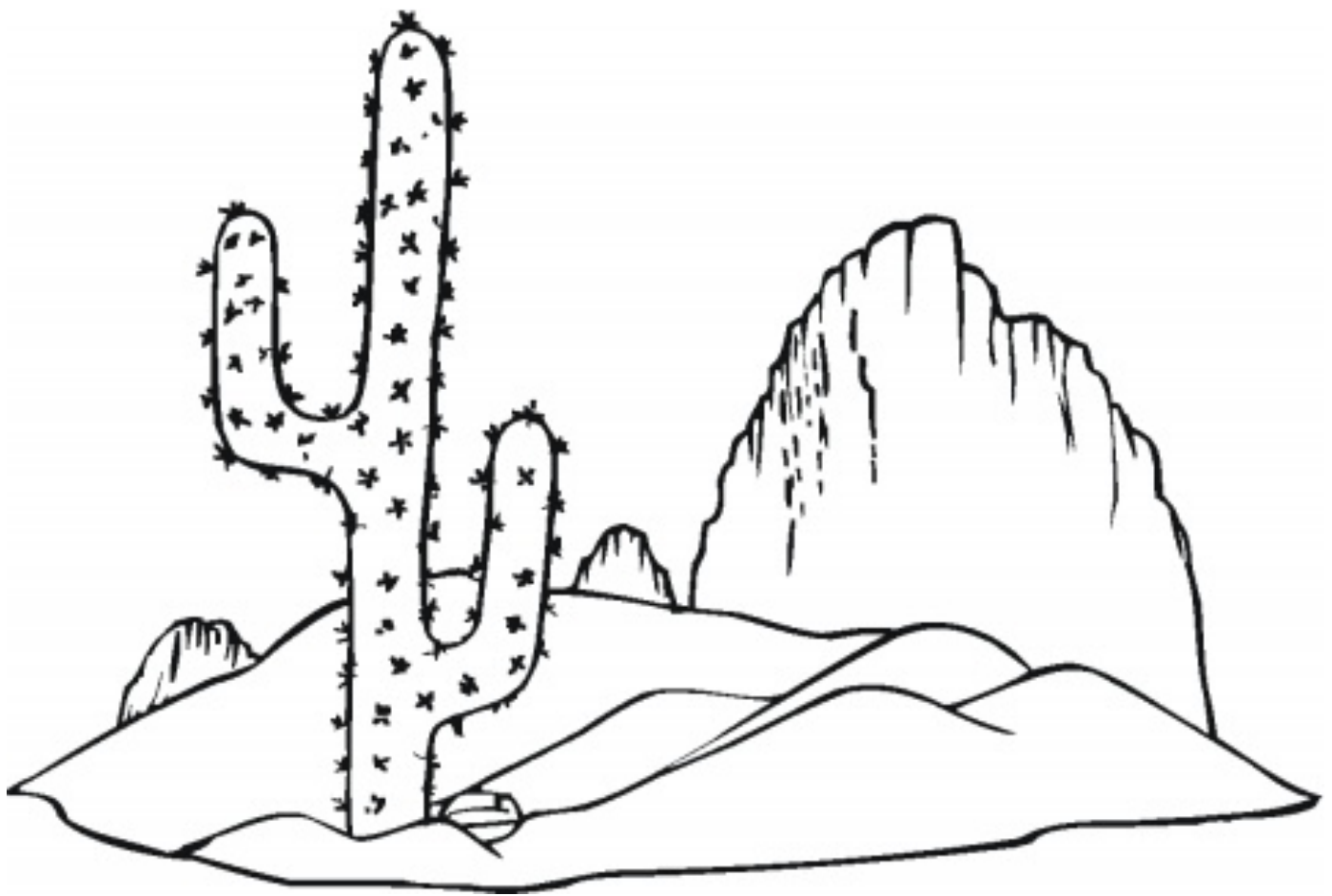
Ask somebody to come and thank God for the way he always provides for his family.



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PREP needs



small group supplies

Coloring pages: Desert

Markers

Per small group (can all be re-used at each service):

- One small stone
- 1 ziploc bag of Corn Flakes (not for eating!!!)

- small bowl of water
- small washcloth or sponge for tattoo application (or use paper towels)

Per kid: 1 heart tattoo (IN-32/898)

large group supplies

Bible

a/v needs

1. Video: desert loop
(http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kCTk6e69iN8&feature=watch_response)
2. Video: Ten Ways to Be Perfect (Jesus Storybook Bible)
3. Song: I Am Somebody
4. Song: Amazing Love

special room set-up

None

connect questions

Tell me about God's family in the desert.

How did God take care of his family?

parent page

When God's family was in the desert, waiting to get to the land God had promised, they thought God had forgotten about them. So God gave his family some amazing reminders that he loved them. Ask your kid about it. You can also read about it together in Exodus 16-20.