



# 3PK

August 16-17, 2014

DATE

Exodus 16-17; 19-40  
The Jesus Storybook Bible (pp. 100-107)

WHERE TO FIND IT

The Wilderness

LESSON TITLE

God loves his family

MAIN POINT

## schedule

**First 10 minutes of the service hour:**

Engage kids in cooperative play activities to help them connect to other kids

**Next 5 minutes:** Connect Time

**Next 25 minutes:** Large Group

**Last 25 minutes:** Snack and Small Group

Finish early? Repeat the activity! Kids this age learn through repetition. Or, check out the end of the activities section to find an idea for this week.

## tips

Before you begin checking in kids, choose roles. Decide who wants to check kids in, who wants to lead small group, who wants to be in charge of snack, who wants to check kids out, etc. Then work together as a team.

## check-in/out

As kids leave, remind them to tell their parents how God showed love to his family in today's story.

## large group heads up

Today's large group emphasizes the way God loves his family. In the wilderness he cared for them by providing for their needs and giving them rules that would help them stay close to him.



## connect time

**GOAL:** *Connect time is all about engaging kids in a short, interactive game to prepare them for Large Group.*

- **Clean up! (when you get the 5-minute warning from the presenter)**
- Line up. Then ask all the kids to sit down. Tell them sometimes we forget things. Ask them to stand up if they've ever forgotten...
  - To brush their teeth (then have them all sit back down).
  - Someone else's name (then have them all sit back down).
  - Your own name! (then have them all sit back down, if they stood).
  - To wash your hands (then have them all sit back down).
  - To take a bath when you're dirty (then have them all sit back down).
  - Add some other funny ones if you have time. End with this one:
  - *That God loves you....*
- Remind kids that we've talked about how God rescued his family. Then tell them that in today's story, God's family is safe, but they are stuck in the desert. And *they forgot that God loved them and would take care of them!*

*If the music hasn't started yet, remind kids that when their listening ears are on, their mouths should be closed tight. Then practice that together! For fun, hop into Large Group like HOPS.*



## instructions

**Goal:** Kids will (1) review the story and (2) understand that God gave food, drink and even rules out of love for his family.

**Why?** Sometimes following God feels like following rules. In truth, God only gave us rules to help us stay near to him.

**Tip:** Don't just play Simon Says; tell kids WHY you are playing Simon Says (reasoning is provided in the lesson).

## small group

*\*Serve kids snacks as you review the story.*

### REVIEW

1. How did God's family feel when they were first stuck in the desert? (Hot, Tired, Thirsty, Hungry—be dramatic with the kids to help them remember those feelings.)
2. What did God's family forget? (God loves them!)
3. How did God give them food? (He sent manna to rain down from heaven.)
4. How did God give them water? (He sent Moses to hit a rock with a stick—it turned into a drinking fountain!)
5. How did God give them rules? (He gave them to Moses on top of a mountain.)
6. Why did God give them rules? (To help them stay close to him.)

### ACTIVITY: SIMON SAYS

Sometimes following rules is hard, but God gives us rules because he loves us! And that means that following God's rules can also be fun. Let's have some fun following rules today:

- Line the kids up in a row.
- Stand a few feet away, facing them.
- Give them a command like
  - Jump on one foot
  - Spin around
  - Quack like a duck
  - Touch your toes
  - Say your name out loud
  - Stand on one foot
  - Etc.!

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- Before some commands, you will say, “Simon Says.” (“Simon says spin around!”) If Simon says it, the kids *should* do it. If Simon doesn’t say it (“Spin around!”) the kids should stand still.

\*Remind the kids that when we know God or a parent has given us a rule, we can enjoy following it! (If a kid really wants to be “Simon,” you could take turns letting kids try it out.)

**\*\*Then pray, thanking God that he still loves his family so much.**

*Extra time? Try to get kids to engage with the story. Give them Play Dough or a piece of paper and ask them to sculpt or draw their favorite part of today’s story. If that’s not working, let loose and have some fun with an Animal Party: Make a circle. Choose one person to be the leader (be the leader first to show kids how it’s done). The leader names an animal and then everybody imitates that animal! Be as loud and crazy as you want. Do sounds, movements, or both! To mix things up, limit animal choices per round. Ask kids to choose specific animals such as jungle animals, farm animals, birds, bugs, fish, etc.*



## special notes

The desert loop is to help kids set the scene. Really play up the setting!

## presenter tips

While we can't post today's video on CrossroadsKidsClub.net, you can preview it here: <http://bit.ly/WFZz0n>.

## script

Presenter: Hi Friends! Welcome to Kid's Club. I'm \_\_\_\_\_ and I'm really glad you're here today. Before we get started, I want you to meet my friend HOPS. She's going to remind us of the kind of choices we can make today in Kids' Club.

**Video: HOPS 4 Share With Others** (*about 1 minute*)

### REVIEW

Presenter: (Hold up the **Bible** for kids to see.) This is God's story. Out of all the stories in the world, this story is the most important. It's God's Rescue plan.

Remember how God made the whole world and everything was good? The world was perfect! Give me a smile and a thumbs up! (Let kids respond. Then change your tone.) But THEN, something bad happened. Adam and Eve chose to disobey God, and sadness and death came into the world... Show me your sad face. (Let kids respond.) This was *really* sad.

But even though Adam and Eve disobeyed God...God loved them anyway! And he didn't want to leave them in a world filled with pain and sadness and wrong things. So God planned a great rescue so that Adam and Eve—and you and me—can be close to him again. The rescuer was God's very own son, Jesus.

### GOD RESCUES HIS FAMILY

Well, God planned to send the Rescuer, Jesus, through a family. And he started building that family long before Jesus came. We talked about how God's family got into a LOT of trouble. They were stuck as slaves in Egypt, but God sent Moses to rescue them to freedom! Moses led them out of Egypt and across a big sea into the desert.

### GOD'S FAMILY IS IN THE DESERT

But guess what? God's family hated the desert. (**Show loop of the desert.**) This is what a



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desert looks like. It's full of sand (**hold up a handful of sand from the bin and let it run through your fingers**). That means it gets dusty, which can make us cough. Let's all cough! (Cough together.) And it's hot in a lot of deserts (fan your face).

God's family was also hungry (pat your stomach and look pained)! Do you see any kitchens or restaurants in the desert? Refer to loop and let kids say: NO!) Let's say in our best whiny voices, "I'm hungry!" (Let kids say: I'm hungry!)

And how about drinking fountains or water? Do you see any of those in that desert? (Refer to loop and let kids say: NO!) No. Me neither. So it was very dry and God's family was thirsty. (Smack your lips together as if you have "dry mouth.") Let's say in our best whiny voices, "I'm thirsty!" (Let kids say: I'm thirsty!)

*God's family was so upset that they FORGOT that God loves them and takes care of them!*

## **GOD GIVES RULES**

So guess what? God did some pretty amazing things to show his family that he loves them. We're going to watch a video about some of these amazing things. As you watch, see what God did to show his family that he loves them.

## **Video: Ten Ways to Be Perfect**

Wow, that's amazing! So while God's family was whining and complaining, God was taking care of them. He gave them food ...*from the sky* and water ...*from a rock*! Then he gave them special rules that would help them stay close to him. Rules like, "Love me more than anything else in the whole world!"

And you know why I love this story? It shows me that God is always going to love and take care of me too! Let's talk to God and thank him for his love. (Pray, breaking it into smaller, repeatable phrases.)

Pray: Hi God! Thanks for loving your family. Thanks for loving me. I love you too. In Jesus' name, aaaaa-MEN.

## **WORSHIP**

Now let's sing to God to show him our love.

**Song: Whole Wide World**

**Song: King of the Jungle**

Dismiss kids to small groups. (Be creative as you dismiss them. Ask them to come give you a high five first, or maybe tiptoe or hop to their groups.)



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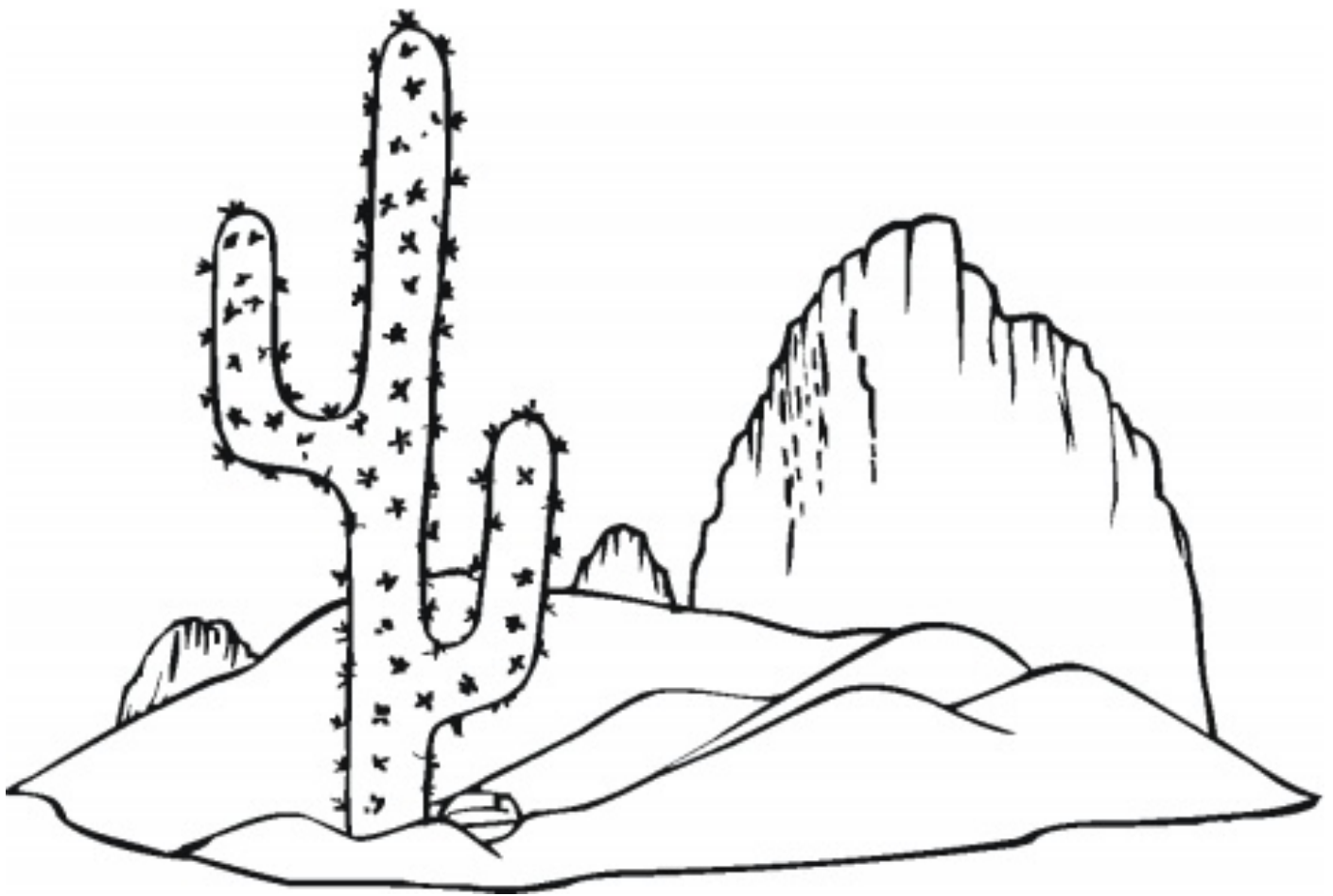




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# PREP needs



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## connect time supplies

Stand up if you forgot game – no supplies needed

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## small group supplies

Coloring Page: Desert  
Plenty of markers/crayons  
Extra paper (in case of extra time)

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## large group supplies

The Jesus Storybook Bible (pp. 100-107)  
Bin of sand

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## a/v needs

1. Video: HOPS 4 Share with Others
2. Video: desert loop (<http://bit.ly/WG062o>)
3. Video: Ten Ways to be Perfect (<http://bit.ly/WFZz0n>)
4. Song: Whole Wide World (version with kids singing)
5. Song: King of the Jungle

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## connect questions

Tell me about God's family in the desert.  
How did God show love to his family?

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## parent page

Daily Talk Starters - printed separately