

WATER FROM A ROCK

Exodus 17:1-7

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¹The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, traveling from place to place as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²So they quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.”

Moses replied, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the LORD to the test?”

³But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?”

⁴Then Moses cried out to the LORD, “What am I to do with these people? They

are almost ready to stone me.”

⁵The LORD answered Moses, “Walk on ahead of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I 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.” So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarreled and because they tested the LORD saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

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POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	QUESTIONS
5		1.) What were the Israelites arguing with Moses over?
5		2.) What did the Lord tell Moses to do?
5		3.) How did God show the Israelites that He was with them?
5		4.) Why do you think God waited until the Israelites complained before they received water?

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		<p>“I call on you, O God, for you will answer me; give ear to me and hear my prayer.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Psalm 17:6</p>

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	HOME CONNECTION	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
5		<i>I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.</i>	
5		<i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>	
10		<i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i>	

TOTAL POINTS	CLUB CONNECTION
	<p>LEADER’S SIGNATURE _____ DATE ____/____/____</p>

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CRAFT/ACTIVITY: CUP PHONES

Students will make “cup phones” to remind them that God hears us when we call out to him.

MATERIALS

1. Disposable Plastic Cups
2. String (not yarn)
3. Small Paper Clips
4. Ball Point Pens

DIRECTIONS

1. Pass out two disposable plastic party cups to each student.
2. Poke a hole in the bottom of each cup with a ball point pen.
3. Cut a 10 foot piece of string for each student.
4. Slip the piece of string through the bottom of each cup.
5. Tie a paper clip to each end of the string.
6. Pull cups away from one another slowly until there is a bit of tension on the string.
7. Allow students to take turns talking into their “cup phones”.



FOR DISCUSSION

As students are assembling their “cup phones”, remind them of how the Israelites cried out to the Lord when they were in need. God heard their cries and took care of their needs. When we cry out, as children of God, he hears us too. He also is at the other end of our “cup phone”, so-to-speak.

TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:

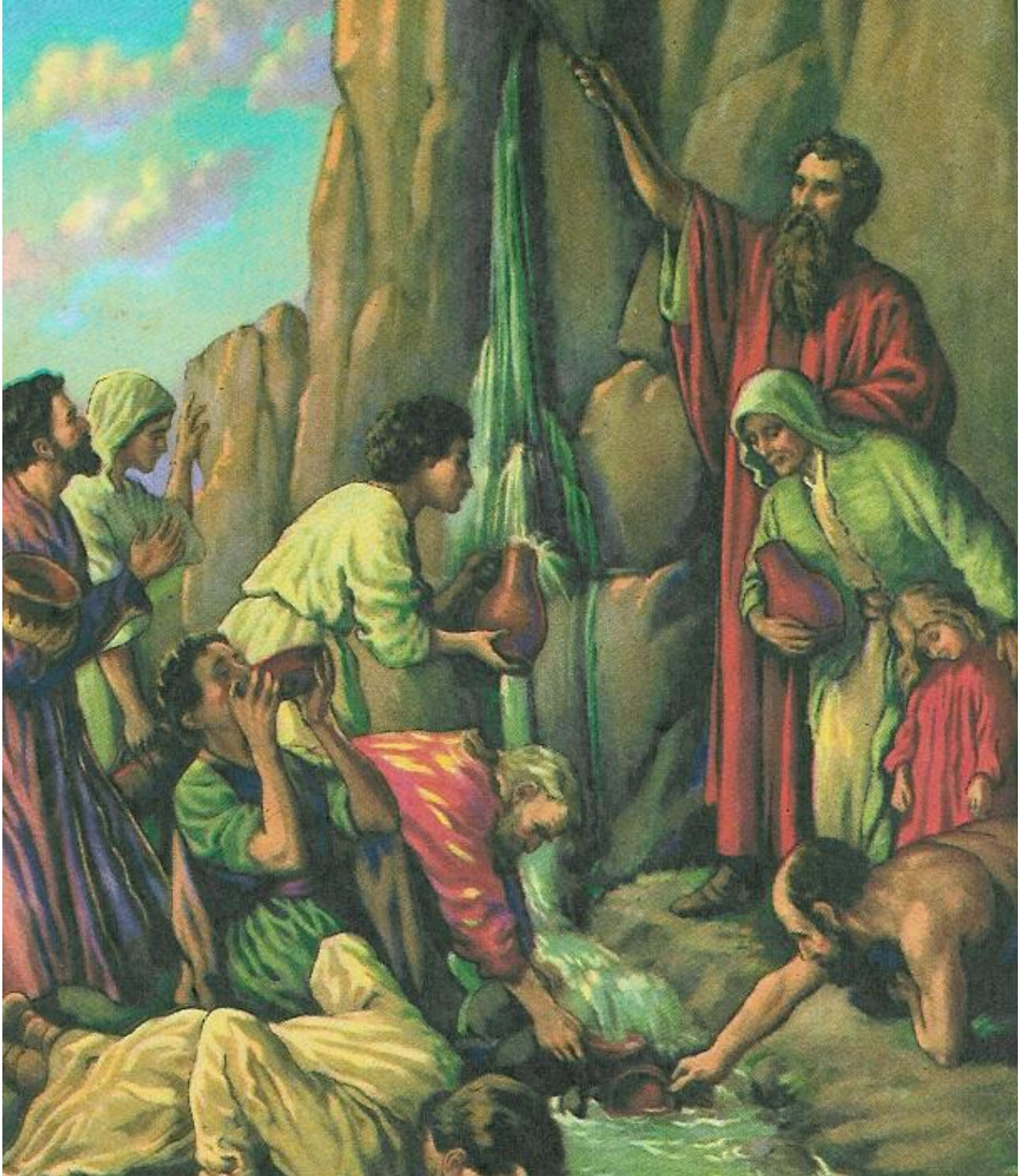
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MEMORY VERSE

“I call on you, O God, for you will answer me; give ear to me and hear my prayer.” Psalm 17:6

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Moses struck the rock with his staff and water came out

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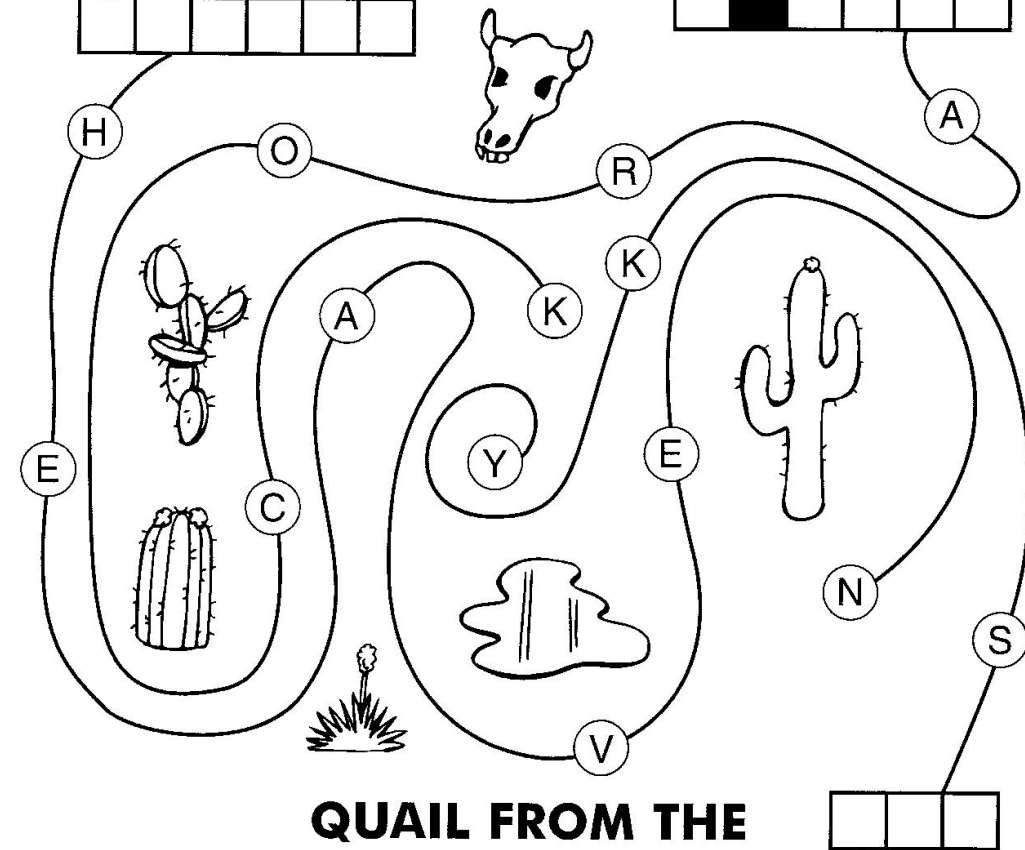
To find out how God's people got the food and water they needed to live in the desert, follow each trail. Copy the letters along each trail into the puzzle boxes.

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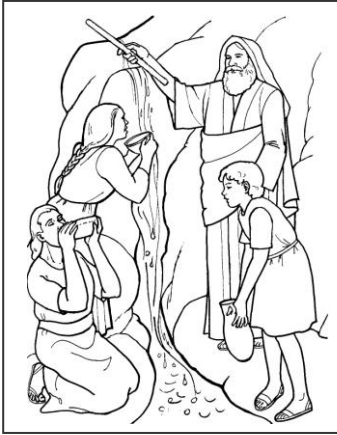
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Moses and Aaron led the Israelites through the desert.

The Israelites began to complain again. They said to Moses, “Give us

water to drink. Why did you bring us out of Egypt to make us die of thirst in the desert?”

Moses prayed to the Lord and asked, “What should I do? The people are almost ready to stone me.”

The Lord told Moses to walk ahead of the people with the elders. The Lord said to touch a rock with his staff, or stick, and water would come out.

Moses did as the Lord instructed him. When Moses touched the rock with his staff, water came flowing out!

God continued to provide for his people while they lived in the desert.

To find out more, read Exodus 17:1-7 in your Bible.

QUESTIONS

1. What did the Israelites complain about?
2. What did the Lord tell Moses to do?
3. Do you think the Lord hears you when you pray? Why or why not?
4. Why do you think the Lord had water come out of a rock?

MEMORY VERSE

“I call on you, O God, for you will answer me; give ear to me and hear my prayer.” Psalm 17:6

CROSS OFF THE LETTERS

Cross out every other letter. Write the remaining letters on the lines below to reveal the hidden message.

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From the Red Sea, the Israelites started on their long, hard journey across the dusty desert. They needed God's help. In the puzzle below, read the needs of the Israelites in the squares. Read what God did in the circles to take care of them. Carefully follow the letters in the words, "God took care of them," to match the Israelites' needs with what God did to help them. Then write the letter that goes with each number.

1. They didn't know where to go.	2. They were hungry.	3. They had only bad water to drink.	4. They had to fight the enemy.
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A. God made the water sweet.

B. He went before them in a cloud by day and a fire by night.

C. He gave them victory over their enemies.

D. He gave them manna and quail.

1 = _____ 2 = _____ 3 = _____ 4 = _____

God will take care of you, too. Do you turn to Him when you need help? Do you thank Him for taking care of you?