

BITTER WATER TURNS SWEET

Exodus 15:22-27

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²²Then Moses led Israel from the Red Sea and they went into the Desert of Shur. For three days they traveled in the desert without finding water.

²³When they came to Marah, they could not drink its water because it was bitter. (That is why the place is called Marah.)

²⁴So the people grumbled against Moses, saying, “What are we to drink?”

²⁵Then Moses cried out to the LORD, and the LORD showed him a piece of wood. He threw it into the water, and the water became sweet.

There the LORD made a decree and a law for them,

and there he tested them.

²⁶He said, “If you listen carefully to the voice of the LORD your God and do what is right in his eyes, if you pay attention to his commands and keep all his decrees, I will not bring on you any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians, for I am the LORD, who heals you.”

²⁷Then they came to Elim, where there were twelve springs and seventy palm trees, and they camped there near the water.

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POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	QUESTIONS
5		1.) For how many days did the Israelites travel without finding water?
5		2.) When they did find water, what was wrong with it?
5		3.) What did the Lord have Moses do to make the water sweet?
5		4.) Why do you think God turned the bitter water into sweet water?

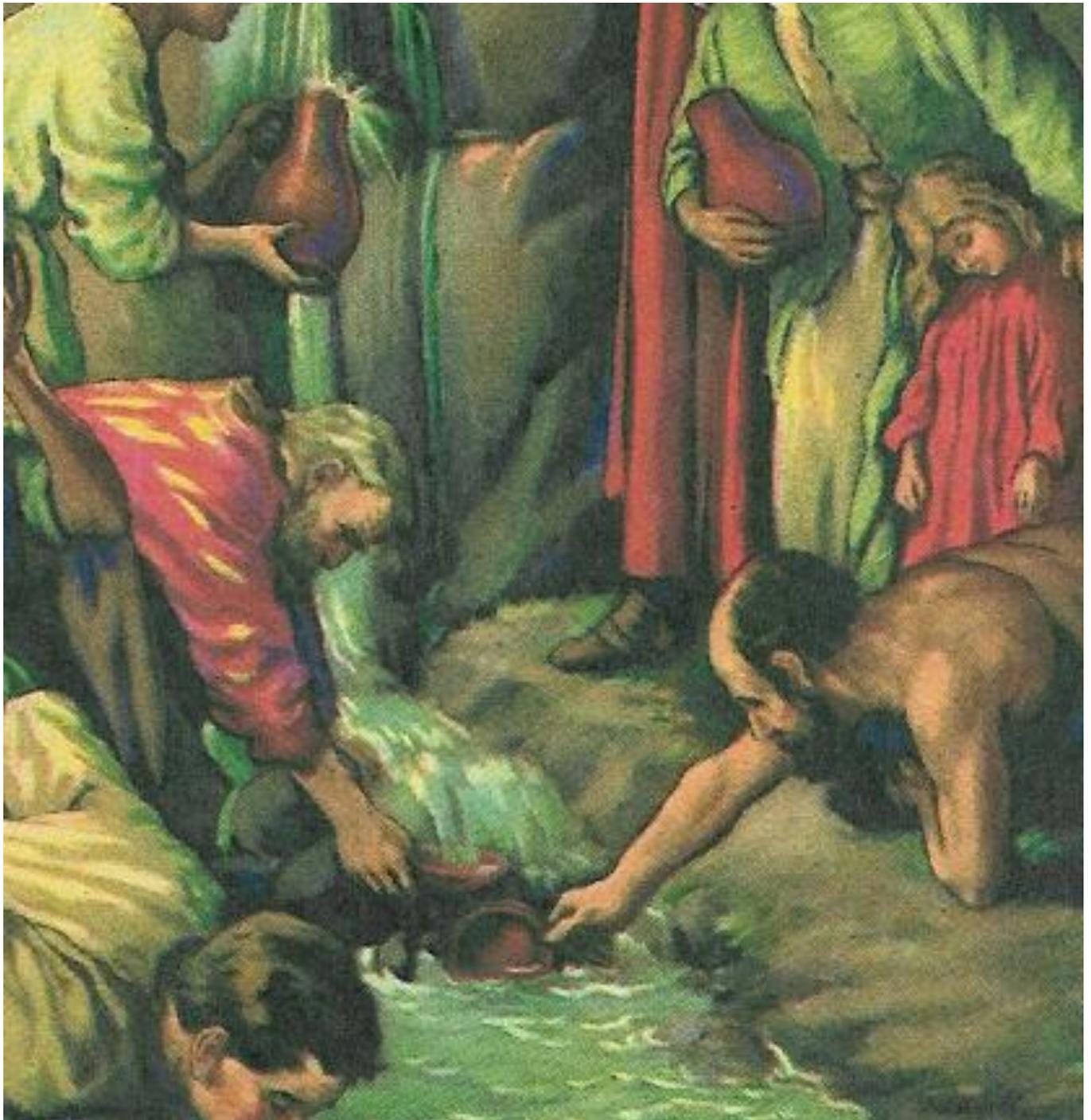
POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		<p>“You are my portion, O LORD; I have promised to obey your words.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Psalm 119:57</p>

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
	LEADER'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE ___/___/___

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Moses throws a piece of wood into the water and it becomes sweet

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CRAFT/ACTIVITY: SWEET WATER

Students will make bitter water turn into sweet water to remind them of how Moses threw a piece of wood into the water and it became sweet.

MATERIALS

1. Lemons
2. Small Paper Cups
3. Pitcher of Water
4. Popsicle Sticks/Tongue Depressors
5. Sugar
6. Knife



DIRECTIONS

1. Pass out a paper cup to each student.
2. Pour water into each cup.
3. Slice the lemons in half and pass around the halves.
4. Allow students to squeeze the lemons into their cups.
5. Allow them to try their “bitter water”.
6. Take the class outside for a few minutes to play, review the story, practice the memory verse, etc.
7. Have someone sneak into your classroom and add sugar to each cup of “bitter” water. Stir in sugar.
8. When the students return, have them stir the water with a wooden Popsicle stick or tongue depressor.
9. Have them sample the “sweet” water.

FOR DISCUSSION

As students are squeezing lemon juice into their cups, remind them that the Israelites traveled for three days without finding water. As the students are tasting their “bitter water”, remind them that when the Israelites did find water, it was bitter. When the students are stirring their water with Popsicle sticks/tongue depressors, remind them of how Moses threw a piece of wood into the water and it became sweet. God provided for the Israelites. He provides for us today, as our memory verse indicates.

TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:

Approximately 15 minutes

MEMORY VERSE

“You are my portion, O Lord; I have promised to obey your words.”
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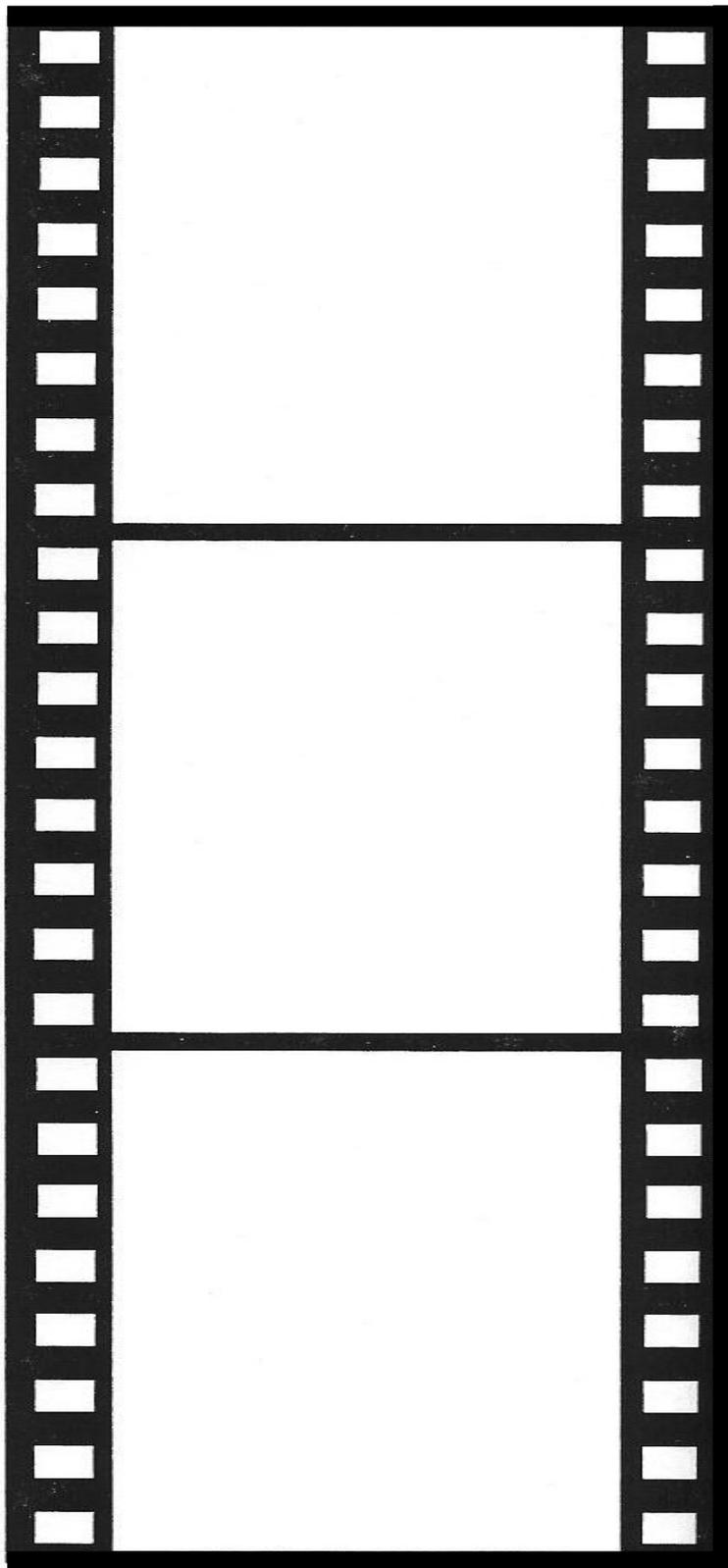
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Directions: Turn this paper to the side. Draw a picture in each frame. Then underneath each picture, write a sentence describing what you drew.

At the end of the story...

In the middle of the story...

At the beginning of the story...



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Moses led the Israelites through the Red Sea and safely into the desert.

They walked around for three days before they found any water.

When they did find water, it was bitter.

The Israelites complained to Moses, “What are we to drink?”

Moses asked the Lord what he should do. The Lord showed Moses a piece of wood. Moses threw the piece of wood into the water and it became sweet.

The Lord said, “If you listen to me and obey what I tell you to do, I will not bring diseases on you like I did the Egyptians. I am the Lord who heals you.”

Later, they traveled to a place where there were twelve springs and seventy palm trees. The Israelites camped near the water.

For more details, please read Exodus 15:22-27 in the Bible.

QUESTIONS

1. What did the Israelites complain about?
2. What did the Lord tell Moses to do?
3. What did the Lord promise the Israelites?
4. How does the Lord take care of you?

MEMORY VERSE

“You are my portion, O LORD; I have promised to obey your words.”

Psalm 119:57

UNSCRAMBLE THE MESSAGE

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threw Moses a piece

Moses _____

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