

**Story Time: Read the story to the children:**

**Lesson 42: WATER FROM THE ROCK**

**EXODUS 17:1-6**

And the children of Israel went on from the waste land of Sin, by stages as the Lord gave them orders, and put up their tents in Rephidim: and there was no drinking-water for the people. So the people were angry with Moses, and said, Give us water for drinking. And Moses said, Why are you angry with me? and why do you put God to the test? And the people were in great need of water; and they made an outcry against Moses, complaining about him, and said, Why have you taken us out of Egypt to kill us and our children and our cattle because we are dying from not having water? And Moses, crying out to the Lord, said, What am I to do to this people? they are almost ready to stone me to death. And the Lord said to Moses, Go on before the people, and take some of the chiefs of Israel with you, and take in your hand the rod which was stretched out over the Nile, and go. See, I will take my place before you on the rock in Horeb; and when you hit the rock, water will come out of it, and the people will have drink. And Moses did so before the eyes of the chiefs of Israel.

## 42. WATER FROM THE ROCK (EXODUS 17:1-6)



"Behold, I will stand before thee there upon the rock in Horeb; and thou shalt smite the rock, and there shall come water out of it, that the people may drink. And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel."

**EXODUS 17:6**

## **42. WATER FROM THE ROCK**

### **(EXODUS 17:1-6)**

#### **MEMORY VERSE:**

**“Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the LORD, at the presence of the God of Jacob.” PSALM 114:7-8**

#### **TRUE OR FALSE**

1. There was plenty of water for the people to drink.  
TRUE or FALSE
2. The people told Moses, ‘Give us soda, so that we may drink.’  
TRUE or FALSE
3. The people were complaining against Moses. TRUE or FALSE
4. Moses did not ask God what to do. TRUE or FALSE
5. The Lord told Moses to hit the rock and water would come out.  
TRUE or FALSE

#### **ANSWER THE QUESTIONS**

1. Did Moses obey the Lord?
2. Were the people trusting God? What were they doing?
3. What did Moses do when the people were complaining about him?
4. What did the Lord tell Moses to do?
5. What did Moses do after God told him to hit the rock with his rod?

## 42. Craft/Activity

### The Rock

Make a “rock” out of gray clay (or just use play-dough) with several strands of blue yarn “flowing” from it. If you want, have the children make rocks too, so they can take them home as a reminder of the power of God.

God then told Moses that He would "stand before you there upon the rock in Horeb." What a beautiful promise: God would stand before Moses. Moses was to "strike the rock, and water will come out of it, that the people may drink."

### Act It Out!

Have the children act out today's lesson – One child can be Moses, several children can be the Israelites complaining to Moses that he brought them into the desert to kill them and their animals because they had no water to drink.

Have Moses pray to God to ask what he should do.

You can act the part of the Lord and tell Moses to go to Horeb, that you will stand before him on the rock, to hit the rock with his rod and water would come out.

Then have Moses strike the ‘rock’ (use a chair or something) with his ‘rod’ (you can roll up an extra piece of paper or find something to use as a rod/staff) and let all the Israelites be amazed that water came out!

**PRAYER** Lead the children in a prayer of thanksgiving for God's faithful provision. If there are any children who have not yet responded to the Gospel, give them opportunity.