

Lesson 6: Providence

Today's Bible Story

When Moses grew up, he became a great leader. Although he had been raised in Egypt by Pharaoh's daughter, Moses was not an Egyptian. He was a Hebrew by birth. And when the Israelites needed to escape from slavery in Egypt, it was Moses who led them to freedom.

After crossing the Red Sea, Moses and the Israelites wandered in the wilderness for a long time. Even though they were now free, life was still hard. Before long, the people started to grumble. They missed the sweet water and good food they had left behind in Egypt. Everything seemed wrong in this new land.

One day, while camping in a very dry area, the Israelites got angry with Moses. "There's no water here!" they cried. "Why did you bring us out of Egypt? Now we're in a worse situation. Our children and animals will die of thirst in this place!"

Moses wasn't sure what to say. So he went to the Lord, and asked, "What should I do? The people are almost ready to kill me!"

God said, "Take your staff in your hand. Then, invite some of the elders to come with you to the rock at Horeb. Don't worry; I will stand before you there. When you strike the rock with your staff, water will come out of it, and the people will be able to drink."

Moses listened to God and did as he was told. While the elders watched in amazement, Moses hit the rock with his staff, and water poured out! No one would go thirsty after all. Moses called the place Massah and Meribah (which means "testing" and "quarreling"), for it was there that the people tested God by asking, "Is the Lord with us or not?"



From Exodus 17:1-17

Bible Rhyme

While walking through the wilderness,
the Hebrews felt a lot of stress.

There was no water anywhere.

Would they survive? And did God care?

"We're thirsty, Moses, and we're mad!

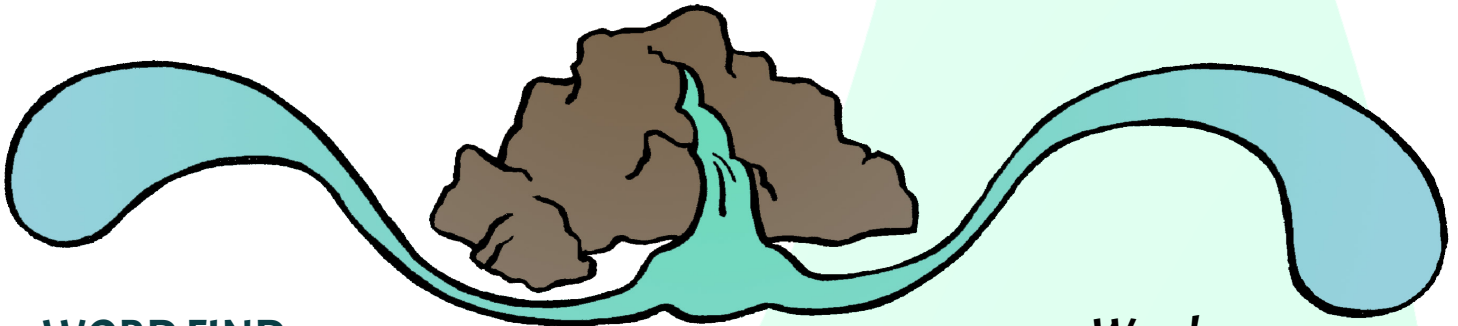
You brought us here! This place is bad!"

"O Lord, please help me," Moses said.

"The people think they've been misled."

God said to Moses, "Grab that stick,
then hit the desert rock with it!"

So Moses went and tapped: knock, knock;
and water poured out from the rock!



WORD FIND

Find and circle the words from the story of Moses and the water from the rock.

M	E	R	I	B	A	H	B	G	A	X
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Q	U	A	R	R	E	L	L	O	R	D
C	A	R	E	R	H	E	L	P	Q	K

Words:

Moses

Israel

Nile

Water

Thirst

Elder

Lord

Egypt

Rock

Staff

Quarrel

Massah

Meribah

God

Help

Care

Drink

Joy

In the New Testament, look up: 1 Corinthians 10:4

According to this verse, who did the rock in this story symbolize? _____