

# Water from a Rock

## Exodus 17

### Teacher Preparation

Read background materials from the Dole *Bible Study Notes*: <https://www.newchurchvineyard.org/file/dbsn-2-08-at-rephidim.pdf>

### Introduction

Welcome the kids and ask them how they're doing.

### Read and Discuss

1. Before reading today's reading, review the story of the Exodus.
  - Why was Israel in Egypt? (They came during a famine. Joseph had food for them there.) What were they in Egypt? (slaves)
  - How did they escape from Egypt? (the Lord brought 10 plagues)
  - What happened at the Red Sea? (Egyptians were chasing them, waters opened, and then closed on Pharaoh's army, drowning them)
  - What happened when they were thirsty in the desert and the only water they could find was bitter? (the Lord told Moses to throw a tree into the water, and then the water was sweet; then they found an oasis)
  - What happened when they were hungry? (Lord provided manna and quail)
  - What did the Children of Israel do when things were hard? (they complained; they said the Lord had brought them into the wilderness to die, it would have been better to stay in Egypt)
  - Did the Lord seem to be forgetting about them or taking care of them?
2. Read *Exodus 17*
3. Explain how the Children of Israel's journey from Egypt to the land of Canaan is like our life-long journey to heaven—there are lots of hardships along the way, but at the end of it, we will get to a “land flowing with milk and honey.” So what do *\*we\** do when we encounter hardships? Whine and complain or trust that the Lord will help us, as He has helped us all the other times.
4. How do the two stories in this chapter apply to our lives—what part of our trip towards heaven is like hitting a rock and fighting a battle against the Amalekites?
  - Rocks mean truth—important things that we learn from the Word. What have you learned from the Word? (in Church, Sunday School, your parents, classes; the Lord loves you, do the Ten Commandments, be kind etc.) Do these ideas sometimes these seem boring? Or hard as a rock? What about when you use them (represented by hitting the rock with a stick)? Then maybe can they seem more useful and less boring? Can you think of any examples of using truth that you've learned that made your life better?

## Read and Discuss (continued)

5. But then sometimes we get tested. We find that we have faults, and we have held some mistaken ideas, and we have to learn new, better ideas. Even though we might know better, when we're tired or frustrated, those wrong ideas might pop up and fool us into doing bad things. But how did the Children of Israel fight against the Amalekites? Moses went up on a hill (going towards the Lord for help) and Aaron and Hur helped. Those two men represent the things that we have learned from the Word that will help us to fight against the wrong ideas and desires. We can't do it all by ourselves—we're not strong enough alone—but with the help of the Lord's truth, we can overcome.

## Project

Various worksheets, some better for younger kids, some for older—let them pick  
After they've done at least one worksheet (possibly two) then they can colour the picture

## Supplies

- Copy of the Word
- Print out (or be able to show the pictures on a device) a selection of these pictures illustrating the story from:

<https://www.rainbowtoken.com/moses-strikes-rock-bible-story.html>

[https://discerningjesus.files.wordpress.com/2015/05/moses\\_water\\_rock\\_strike.jpg](https://discerningjesus.files.wordpress.com/2015/05/moses_water_rock_strike.jpg)

<https://www.believetrust.com/bible/exodus-17-water-from-the-rock/>

[https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/bc/content/shared/content/images/gospel-library/manual/PD60004369/CU110201\\_bkf01alt.jpg](https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/bc/content/shared/content/images/gospel-library/manual/PD60004369/CU110201_bkf01alt.jpg)

- Print out an assortment of worksheets and colouring pictures:

[https://sermons4kids.com/water\\_from\\_a\\_rock\\_wordsearch.htm](https://sermons4kids.com/water_from_a_rock_wordsearch.htm)

[https://sermons4kids.com/water\\_from\\_a\\_rock\\_crossword.htm](https://sermons4kids.com/water_from_a_rock_crossword.htm)

[https://sermons4kids.com/water\\_from\\_a\\_rock\\_decoder.htm](https://sermons4kids.com/water_from_a_rock_decoder.htm)

[http://www.gospelhall.org/index2.php?option=com\\_docman&task=doc\\_view&gid=731&Itemid=65](http://www.gospelhall.org/index2.php?option=com_docman&task=doc_view&gid=731&Itemid=65)

<https://www.newchurchvineyard.org/file/coloring-page-holding-up-the-hands-of-moses-exodus17.pdf>

<https://www.pinterest.ca/pin/328481366567928849/>

[https://sermons4kids.com/water\\_from\\_a\\_rock\\_colorpg.htm](https://sermons4kids.com/water_from_a_rock_colorpg.htm)

- Pencils and coloured markers and/or crayons