

Adventures with GOD!

GOD GAVE WATER TO THIRSTY TRAVELERS (A.2.Spring.6)

Biblical Reference	Exodus 17:1-7
Key Verse	1 Peter 7:5
Key Concept	God loves me and gives me water to quench my thirst.
Educational Objectives	At the end of class today, children will be able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Describe how Moses felt when the people asked for water. 2. Explain how God provided water to drink. 3. Give thanks to God for providing us water.

Life Application

God is so faithful and caring of our needs. God took care of the people of Israel while they were in the wilderness by giving them food and pure drinking water. Children must learn to trust and have confidence in God, because God will not leave us without water for us to live. Encourage children to give thanks to God whenever they are thirsty and need a drink of water, because God has blessed us with water to quench our thirst.

Possible Activities and Class Plan

Activity	Materials	Time
Opening Prayer	Candle	1 minute
Introduction	Water, cups	5 minutes
Bible Story	Bible, stick	15 minutes
Craft	Crayons	5 minutes
Craft	Crayons, scissors	15 minutes
Snack		10 minutes
Closing Prayer	Candle	1 minute

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INSTRUCTIONS

Opening Prayer

Gather children around a candle and explain that we are entering into a special time with God. Encourage the children to hold their hands out in front of them, palms up, as a sign they are ready to receive what God has for them today. Light the candle.

Prayer: God we light this candle remembering: you made light, you made us, and you are with us now. Amen

(For safety sake, you may wish to extinguish the candle after the prayer.)

Introduction: Place a pitcher with fresh water and some glasses on a table. Ask children to share a time when they were thirsty. Ask questions like: What is water? Where do we get the water? Ask other questions surrounding children's experiences of playing in and/or enjoying water.

Bible Story: Grab a stick to show children what Moses used. As you tell the story use your hands to demonstrate. Remember to use a simple vocabulary for easier understanding.

The Israelites must have been desperate, so desperate that they almost died of thirst under the hot desert sun. While narrating this part, dramatize the situation of anxiety and thirst the people of Israel had in those moments. This will make the children feel almost the same need. Do the same when you mention that people complained and protested against God.

Together, dramatize the complaints and protests of the Israelites when they were desperate under the hot desert sun. Finally, point out how God is always aware of our needs and provides what's necessary at the appropriate time. Reassure children to trust in God.

Craft: Give each child the attached worksheet found on page 3. Encourage children to color the illustration while reflecting on the story.

Craft: Pass out copies of puzzle illustration found on page 4. Children can color and cut the puzzle, and then can spend time putting it back together.

Snack: When everyone is seated, take the time to serve fruit as a snack and water to drink. Before eating, say a prayer thanking God for water. Encourage children to thank God for water, because there are places where people do not have enough water to drink.

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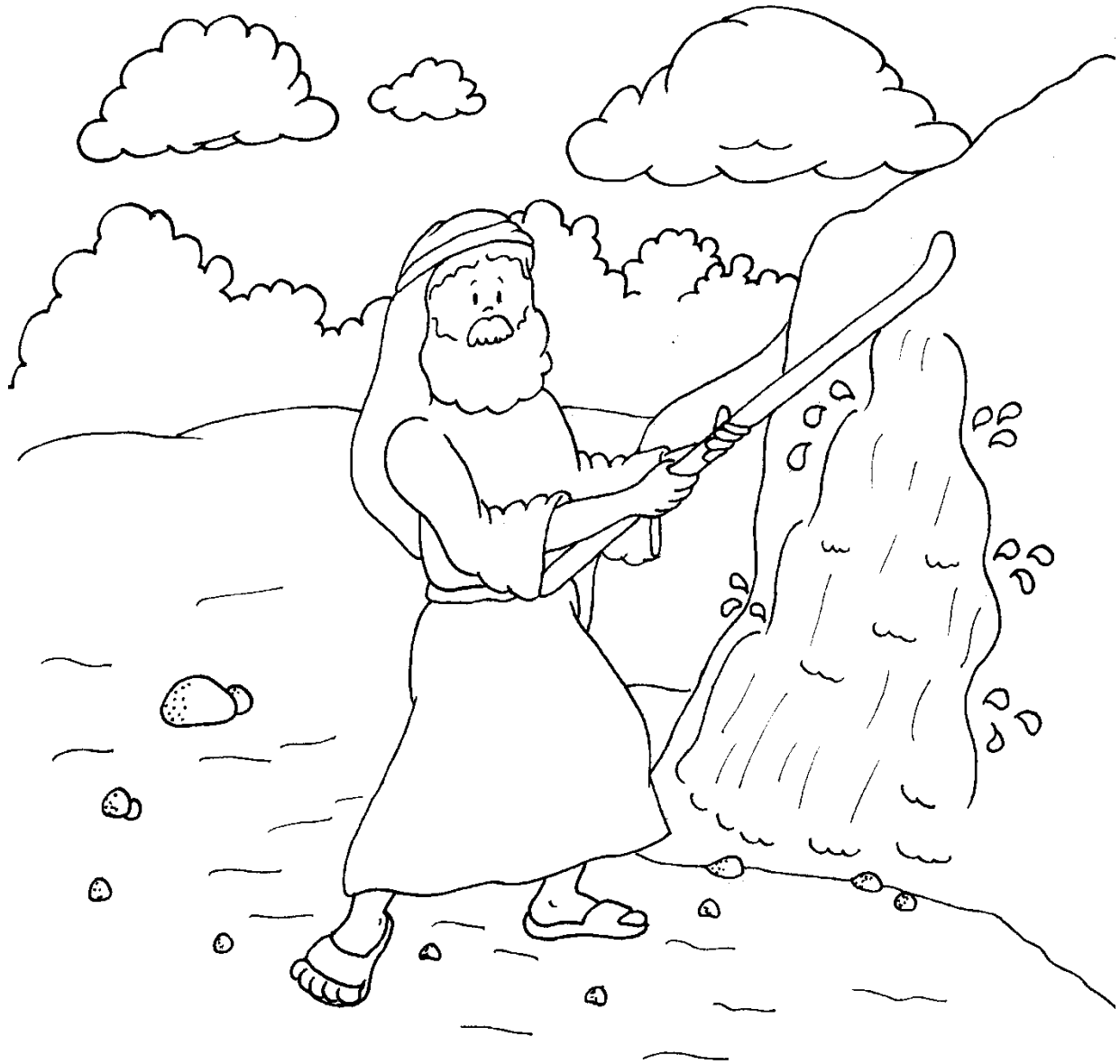
Closing Prayer: Spend time giving thanks for your families, and asking God to forgive us if we have said hurtful things or showed unkind behavior. Gather children around the candle again and then light the candle.

Prayer: Thank you God for loving us, and for sending your son Jesus into the world.

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Illustration

Rock Water



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Puzzle

