

Lesson 81: God Provides Water

[Exodus 17:1-7](#)

Youtube Link: <https://youtu.be/h96HBxnGRok>

Children's Bible Story Video: https://youtu.be/_vN0KwALjvg

Worship Theme: God is patient and God wants you to be patient.

Memory Verse: The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. (Psalm 145:8)

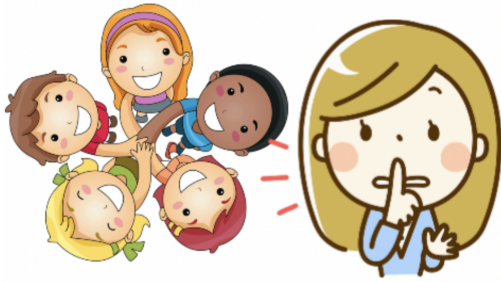
Songs (Youtube links):

1. Who is my master? <https://youtu.be/e4gCJBfWNTs>
2. Praise Jesus's name <https://youtu.be/uA448Ncse8Q>
3. The love of Jesus <https://youtu.be/W7hfRd0undE>

Prayer

Song: Select songs from the list above

Icebreaker: "The Silent Game"



1. Divide the children into groups of 5-6 people.
2. The object of the game is to be silent without making any sounds (not even a cough!).
3. When the teacher starts a timer, everyone starts to be silent.
4. The group that was able to stay silent the longest wins the game.
5. After the game, remind the children of the importance of being patient even when they're

frustrated.

Introduction:

When we are able to wait for something without becoming angry or frustrated or complaining, we call that patience. It isn't easy to be patient when we want something to happen or when we want something to stop happening. We want to hurry. People struggle to be patient every day. But God is always patient with us as he waits for us to do the things he told us to do. God is patient when we forget to trust him. Even though the Israelites complained to God, He was still patient with them. God is patient when we disobey him. God waits patiently to forgive us and lovingly teaches us to trust and obey him. Let's learn more about God's patience.

Bible Story:

When the Israelites complained about food, God provided for them manna and quail. In fact, they were getting manna every morning and quail every evening. But one day, they could not find water. You would think the Israelites would remember how powerful God is and trust that God will provide water like he provided manna and quail.

Unfortunately, instead of trusting God, they complained to Moses and said that they were going to die in the desert for lack of water. Moses was angry at the Israelites because they were always complaining, forgetting what God had done for them so far!

God, however, showed patience and love. Instead of being angry at the Israelites, God provided water for them. God told Moses to strike the rock with his staff. And when he did, water came out of the rock! Even when people forget about God and God's power and complain, God is still patient with them and takes good care of them!

Questions to discuss:

1. What were the Israelites complaining about? (Lack of water)
2. Who were the Israelites complaining to? (Moses)

3. What should they have done instead of complaining? (Trust God will provide water for them like he provided manna and quail)
4. How did God provide water? (Moses struck a rock and water came out of the rock)
5. What would God do if you forget about God and God's power? (God will be patient with you and still take good care of you)
6. What should you do when you have problems or need something? (let the children answer)

Game (Option 1): "Memory Game"



1. Make a copy of the "Memory Game" picture (see below) and give to a group of 3-4 children.
2. Give the children 1 minute to study the picture. Tell them to remember as many things about the picture as possible.
3. After a minute, have the children turn over the paper and ask questions. The group that answers

the most questions wins the game.

- a. Questions:
 - i. How many camels are there? (Answer: 3)
 - ii. What color are the loads that the camels are carrying? (Answer: Red and green)
 - iii. What other animals are there? (Answer: lambs, goats)
4. Remind the students that just like how we quickly forgot the pictures that we saw, we often forget that our God loves us and is powerful enough to take care of us. Let's always remember that our God is patient even when we forget and still loves us!

Game (Option 2): "Give Us Water"



1. Take the children outside of the class.
2. Fill a plastic bag with water.
3. Hang the plastic bag on a tree (or anywhere that you can hang it).
4. Divide the children into two groups and play rock, paper, scissors to decide on a turn. .
5. Blindfold a child from the winning team and turn around 3 times. Then give the child a stick to try break the plastic bag to get the water out. They have 3 chances to hit the plastic bag.

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Song: Select songs from the list above

Prayer

Teacher's Devotion (Please read before you get ready to teach the students.)

A relationship with Jesus brings us forgiveness, not perfection. As our faith in Jesus grows, we become more like him! We should thank Jesus for being patient with us and molding us to be like him. Even if some people frustrate us, we need to be able to show them love as Jesus shows us love when we make mistakes. Ask God to help you love and embrace the children whom you'll be teaching today.

