

Family Worship Ideas – Numbers 20:1-13

Introduction

The Ancient church here in Numbers is learning another lesson about what it means to be God's people. They have been constantly complaining and, in this passage, they are at it again. If this story gives you a feeling of Déjà vu its because it bears a lot of similarities to a different story in Exodus 17:1-7. That time God had told Moses to strike the rock and God brought water flowing out and the saved the Church from thirst. In this week's story God told him something different, He told him to speak to the Rock. Moses disobeyed God and did what worked last time instead, he struck it. The lesson for the Church today is that it is important that we listen to God and obey his instructions.



Ideas for the Whole Family

Story: Numbers 20:1-13

Read the story from the bible or re tell it in your own words. Alternatively watch the video below:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nUTugHm2_qI

Craft Activity 2: Cup Telephone

Make a classic paper/plastic cup telephone by punching a whole in the bottom of the cup and threading string through and knot it to secure. Pull the string tight to use it.

The Cup phone only works when people take it in turns to speak and listen. Spend some fun time talking with your Child(ren) with and remind them that we can only hear when we are not speaking. Sometimes we jump straight to speaking or actions and miss what God is saying to us.

Song: Speak Oh Lord by Keith and Kristyn Getty:

How can we learn from Moses? We can listen to God and obey his instructions! This song is a perfect response as it contains those sentiments.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=my90e3a_nIM

Ideas for Smaller Children

Craft Activity 1: Paper plate scene

Draw a desert scene with a large rock on the plate and colour it in. Print and colour the image of Moses included in the appendix. Stick Moses on the plate and cut a small slit in the rock. Thread through some blue tissue paper or material to look like water pouring (if you don't have blue a white tissue will work too).



Song: I Will Trust You God by Allstar Kids Club

The people didn't trust God to provide for them and Moses had forgotten to listen to God carefully. This song reminds us that we need to do both.

To play Either search on you tube or click the link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bb3PuNF6BN8>

Older Children

Discussion:

- What did tell Moses to do to get water from the rock (Speak)
- What did he actually do (Strike it)
- Why did he Strike and not speak to the rock?
- Can we sometimes be like Moses? ... how can we learn and do better?
- How might God speak to us?

Explain:

God Told Moses to do something in a special way but Moses didn't really listen to God and thought he could do it his way. We need to make sure that we are giving God time to speak to us. And be willing to listen and obey.

Activity: Word Search

Complete the word search found in the appendix.

Appendix

Moses for paper plate scene craft



Numbers 20:1-13 Word search

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SPEAK
 NUMBERS
 THIRSTY
 STAFF
 ISRAELITES
 STRIKE
 MOSES
 LORD
 ROCK
 WILDERNESS
 GRUMBLING
 LISTEN
 AARON
 DISOBEY



