

Large Group

Moses Led the Israelites

Bible Passage | Exodus 17-18

Memory Verse | Psalm 34:17

Big Picture Question | Why does sin separate us from God?
Because God is holy, sin has broken our relationship with God.



Countdown Video (3 mins)

Worship Song (4 mins)

Worship Leader briefly introduces self, welcomes kids, leads 1st worship song, and prays for the time.

Welcome (1 mins)

Large Group Leader tell kids what to expect to happen (1 minute)

- watch the lesson video
- retell the story.
- read the story from scripture

Watch the Lesson Video (4 mins)

Retell the Story (11 mins)

Lead the kids in a fun retelling of the story

Here are some resources to help you formulate this time.

Review what we learned:

God rescued His people from slavery in Egypt by showing His great power through the ten plagues. God led His people to the Red Sea by cloud and fire and then parted the Red Sea so they could be rescued from their enemies. Last week, we saw how God provided for their needs as they started their wilderness journey by giving them food and water. Today, we will see how **God provided help for Moses to lead the people.**

Today's Lesson

God's people faced challenges in the wilderness. Today, we learned that the Israelites were attacked by the Amalekites—a people who hated the Israelites. But God was with His people. How did God help Moses win the battle? [Allow responses.] When Moses held his staff high in the air, Israel would be winning. But Moses grew tired, and when his arms fell, Israel would start to lose. God helped Moses by providing men to hold up Moses' arms. God provided exactly what Moses needed to lead the people in victory.

Then we learned that Moses' father-in-law, Jethro, saw how Moses was trying to meet the needs of all the people on his own. How did Jethro help Moses? [Allow responses.] Jethro helped Moses see that he needed a team of wise men to meet with the people. The team of men helped the people with smaller concerns while Moses could handle the bigger concerns. **God provided help for Moses to lead the people.** We need help like Moses. God gives us people who can help us when we're in trouble or need advice. Most importantly, God provides us with people who can help us learn about Jesus and how He saves us from sin. God has also given Christians the Holy Spirit, who is our Helper. The Holy Spirit helps lead believers in truth and helps them grow to be more like Jesus.

Moses was a great leader, but he was just a man. He was not able to meet all the needs of all the people by himself. Jesus is fully man and fully God. He is able to hear and respond to all of our prayers, and His death and resurrection provide salvation to everyone who trusts in Him.

Gospel Discussion | God knows we all need help because no one can save themselves from sin. No one is powerful enough or good enough to take away their sin. God provided the help we need by sending Jesus to die for our sins. Jesus took our punishment for sin and then rose from the dead three days later. We are saved from sin and death when we trust in Jesus.

Read from the Bible (4 mins)

Exodus 17:8–13; 18:5–9; 13–27

Remind Kids of Four Questions (1 min)

- What did you like about today's story?
- What did you find confusing?
- What did you learn about people?
- What did you learn about God?

Memory Verse Song (4 mins)

Worship Leader connects the lesson to the memory verse, leads the memory verse song with hand motions, and closes in prayer.