

Large Group

The People Grumbled

Bible Passage | Numbers 11-12

Memory Verse | Romans 8:28

Story Point | God provided for His people, but they grumbled for more.



Countdown Video (3 mins)

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.

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:

When God called Abraham, He gave Abraham a special promise: God said He would give Abraham a good land, the land of Canaan. Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob lived in this land for awhile, but then a famine came and Jacob's family moved to Egypt. Jacob's family grew into the nation of Israel while in Egypt, and eventually, they became slaves in Egypt. Through Moses, God freed His people, parted the Red Sea, and brought them to Mount Sinai. We've learned that at Mount Sinai, God gave His people the Ten Commandments, commanded them to build the tabernacle, and instructed them on how to worship at the tabernacle. Now, God was leading His people to the land He had first promised Abraham. Today, we'll see how God's people grumbled while they traveled in the wilderness to Canaan.

Today's Lesson

God was with His people in the wilderness, and He gave them what they needed. God provided them with food, and they never went hungry. What was the food called that God gave them? [Allow responses.] The people had manna that fell from heaven. But they became ungrateful. They started to grumble about the food God gave them. What did the people wish they had? [Allow responses.] The people began to wish for the food they had in Egypt. **God provided for His people, but they grumbled for more.** They grumbled so much, they started crying!

Moses was upset with the people, and God was angry with them too. They didn't show they were thankful for all God had done for them. The people didn't show that they trusted God. Moses didn't know how to lead people who grumbled so much! How did God provide help for Moses? [Allow responses.] God placed His Spirit on 70 men to help Moses lead the people. God provided exactly what Moses needed.

Then Moses' own sister and brother grumbled against him. They were jealous that God spoke through Moses. What did God do because of their grumbling? [Allow responses.] God was angry at their sin, and Miriam's skin became diseased. Moses prayed for his sister to be healed, and after seven days she was healed.

The people grumbled because they thought they needed more than God had provided. We also grumble when we wish God would give us more of the things we want. But God has already provided what we need most—His Son, Jesus, who died and rose again so we could be saved.

Gospel Discussion | When we grumble and complain, we show that we have sinful hearts. Grumbling and complaining points to how we want our way and not God's way. But our sinful ways lead to death. Jesus came to earth and died for our sin so we can have a better way to live. When we trust in Jesus, our sins are forgiven and we want to live according to God's way. We find happiness and eternal life in Jesus.

Read from the Bible (4 mins)

Numbers 11:4–6, 10, 13–14, 16, 24–26; 12:1–2, 4–11, 14–15

(you are not obligated to read all of this, choose the parts that you prefer)

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?

Worship Song (4 mins)

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