

**Summer Children's Church**  
**H2Oh! God Keeps His Promises**  
**Miraculous H2Oh! Water from the Rock – Lesson 3 – Exodus 17:1-7**

**Bible Words:**

In our story today, you will hear another promise from God. It is about a time when God's people were walking through a hot and dry desert. They became very thirsty, but they could not find any water to drink. You can read the story to find out what happened.

**Faith word:**

Cast – to throw in a specific direction (to throw to God)

Blessings-all the good things we receive

**Key Point:** God pours out His generous love for me by sustaining my life through abundant blessings now and forever.

**God Speaks:**

Today's bible story is from the Book of Exodus. Last week you heard how God chose Moses to lead God's people out of Egypt and crossing the Red Sea. God showed them where to go. He led them in a cloud by day and fire at night. He delivered His people from trouble and set them free from the bad King Pharaoh and his army. Today we will hear more about how God cares for his people.

After God's people crossed the Red Sea, they traveled in to a desert from place to place. Moses was leading them to a new place to live. The people walked and walked. The sun was shining brightly, and the desert was very hot. The people began to complain. "We are thirsty!" they said. But there was nothing to drink. So, the people grumbled to Moses. "God doesn't love us," they told him.

God's people became angry. They forgot how God had delivered them from the bad King and his army. They forgot how God had brought them safely through the waters of the Red Sea. All they thought about was how safely through the waters of the Red Sea. All they thought about was how thirsty they were. "We are thirsty!" They kept saying.

The people complained to Moses even more. "God doesn't love us," "We need something to drink!" Moses asked God, "What am I to do? The people are ready to throw stones at me!" God said, "Walk ahead of the people. Bring some of the leaders with you. And take your walking staff with you."

God showed Moses where a special rock was. Then God told Moses to hit the rock with his staff. Moses obeyed God. When Moses hit the rock, what do you think happened? Cool, fresh water gushed out for everyone to drink!

God took care of His people. He was leading them to a new place to live. He gave them everything they needed. God loved and took care of them even when they complained and thought God did not love

them.

Have you ever grumbled or complained? Does God still care for you? Yes, God promises to care for us too. And God, our Heavenly Father, keeps all His promises! He gives us what we need. The very. Best thing God gave us was His Son, Jesus. What did Jesus do for us? (Jesus saved us from sin by dying on the cross of us.) Jesus shows us how much God cares for us.

**Review the Story:**

What did God's people complain to Moses about? (They were thirsty and there was not any water anywhere.)

What did God tell Moses to do? (To take some leaders and His staff-a rod stick. Hit a special rock with his rod)

What happened when Moses hit the rock? (cool, fresh water came out)

How did this show God's care? (Even though they complained and did not trust God to care for them, He did. He gave them water to drink)

Today we talked about God's people being thirsty and needing water. When you drink out of your water bottle or glass of water you can think of this story and how God provided water to them. God showed He cared for His people just like He cares for you.

Some days we worry about things that we should not. When we feel anxious, we need to remember to talk to God.

Cast all your anxieties on Him because He cares for you. 1 Peter 5:7

Anxieties are all the things that bother or worry us. God's people had anxieties in our Bible story today. God's people were thirsty, but they could not find anything to drink. But in 1 Peter 5:7 we are reminded to cast our burdens, or anxieties, or give them to God. Moses took the people's anxieties about being thirsty to God. God cared for His people. He gave them water to drink from the rock.

In church, we say the words, "I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth." We say those words to tell what we believe about God. We believe that God created us. God also cares for us. He gives us everything we need to live.

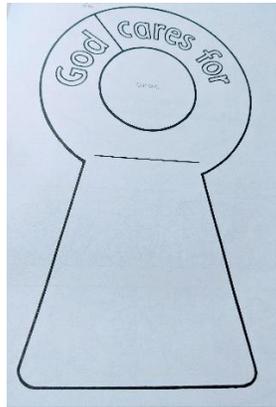
**Craft:**

Promise door hanger:

God cared for His people when they were thirsty. He gave them water to drink. God cares for us too. He gives us everything we need. Best of all, God sent Jesus to be our Savior Because Jesus paid for our sins, God forgives us and gives us a home in heaven. Today you get to make a door hanger for your home to remind you of this every time you walk through the door. It will remind you that God loves you and cares for you very much.

You will need a piece of paper/poster board/cardboard to draw the door hanger image. You can then

color or decorate how you like. Cut it out and hang on a door in your home for all your family to see. Remember that today we learned this promise: "God cares for me."



**Prayer:**

*Dear God,*

*Thank you for loving and caring for us.*

*Thank you for all the blessings that You give me each day.*

*Thank You especially for sending Jesus to die for my sins.*

*I am happy that You keep all Your promises*

*And care for me.*

*Amen*