

## STORY: EXODUS: Water from the Rock (Exodus 17:1-7)

### HOOK: Rock, Paper Scissors

*Get kids to play this game among each other. Best of 3. Loser sits down. Winner continue playing until there are only 2 left. Get them in front to do a Best of 5 game.*

The great thing about Rock, Paper, Scissors is that any one of them can be a winner. I have a real rock, paper, and scissors this morning. If you are going to write a letter, a rock or scissors wouldn't be much help, but a piece of paper would, wouldn't it? If you wanted to cut a piece of paper, a rock or paper wouldn't help, but a pair of scissors would. If you were really thirsty and needed a drink of water, a piece of paper or a pair of scissors wouldn't be much help, but a rock might be exactly what you need.

What? Some of you are looking at me like you think I'm crazy! Don't you think a rock would help you if you needed a drink of water? Well, in our Bible story today, that is exactly what happened. Our Bible story today is called, "Water from the Rock."

Last week we learnt that after God miraculously led the Israelites through the Red Sea, they started complaining about not having food and preferred to return to slavery in Egypt.

What did God give them? Did He rain down hailstones from heaven?  
*No. He gave them quail to eat. And manna (bread from heaven) every day.*

What is "Manna"? *Bread from heaven; like white coriander seeds and tasted like wafers made with honey.*

What does "Manna" mean? *"What is it?"*

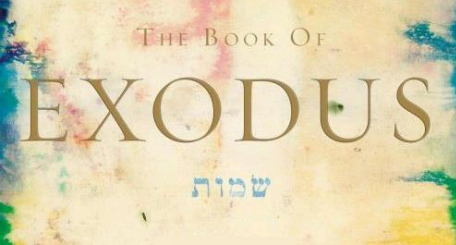
You'd have think ... after ALL those miracles, after ALL that manna, the Israelites would know how to trust God. But the next time they set up camp, the grumbling started again.

This time it was, "WE HAVE NO WATER! WE ARE GOING TO DIE! WHY DID YOU BRING US OUT HERE TO DIE OF THIRST? WHERE IS GOD? IS HE WITH US OR NOT?!"

Moses went to God. "What shall I do? These people are going to stone me to death!"

God told Moses: *"Go on before the people, and take with you some of the elders of Israel. Also **take in your hand your rod** with which you struck the river, and go. <sup>6</sup>Behold, **I will stand before you there on the rock** in Horeb; and **you shall strike the rock**, and **water will come out of it**, that the people may drink."*

And Moses did as God told him to. And the people had water to drink.



## LESSON

We've been learning that we can see Jesus in the whole Bible. He's not just a New Testament person. Jesus was God, and part of His salvation plan for the whole world.

And in the Old Testament, through God's interactions with the Israelites, He would leave them clues to show them what He was going to do.

So far, we've seen Jesus in the:

- Burning Bush - Jesus is the I AM
- 10 Plagues - Jesus as the Firstborn who died for our freedom
- Passover - Jesus as the Perfect Passover Lamb who took away our sin
- Passover - Jesus as the Unleavened Bread (striped, pierced, burnt for us)
- Parting of the Red Sea - Jesus is our Deliverer
- Manna - Jesus our Bread from Heaven
- Water from the Rock - Jesus is the Rock!

### Jesus is the Rock

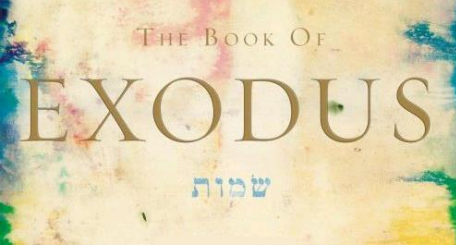
**1 Corinthians 10:4** *"for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ."*

When Moses struck the rock with his staff = Picture of Jesus struck & crucified

### The Holy Spirit is the Water

Jesus died and rose again. And He went back to heaven, so that God the Holy Spirit could come and live in all of us forever. The Holy Spirit is the stream of living water that flows in all who believes in Jesus. Jesus makes us righteous so the Holy Spirit (the living water) can live in us forever!

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## WATER FROM THE ROCK

### ACTIVITY SUGGESTION

#### Related Craft with Memory Verse (John 7:37)

<https://www.pinterest.com/jennyj8/moses-water-from-the-rock/>

#### Memory Verse Challenge:

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