

# July 10

## Moses Disobeyed God (Numbers 20)

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### RECAP

#### Christ Connection

Moses disobeyed God, so he could not go into the promised land. God sent Jesus, who always obeyed God. When we trust in Jesus, He brings us into God's kingdom forever.

#### Big Picture Question:

*What is God like? God is holy, good, and loving.*

#### Key Passage:

*Lord, who is like you among the gods? Who is like you, glorious in holiness, revered with praises, performing wonders? Exodus 15:11*

### PRESCHOOL REVIEW QUESTIONS

After you watch the video, ask the following review questions.

1. Did the Israelites trust God and go into the promised land? *(No)*
2. Where did the Israelites go? *(God made them walk around in the wilderness.)*
3. Did the Israelites have what they needed in the wilderness? *(No, they did not have water to drink.)*
4. What did God tell Moses and Aaron to do to have water for the people? *(God told them to stand in front of the people and speak to a rock.)*
5. Did Moses and Aaron do exactly what God told them to do? *(No! Moses used the staff to hit the rock two times.)*
6. **What is God like? God is holy, good, and loving.**

**SAY** *God gave the promised land of Canaan to the Israelites. However, they were fearful of going into the land. God wanted them to trust Him to lead them. Instead, they walked around in the wilderness and set up camp but did not have water to drink. God told Moses and Aaron to stand in front of the people and speak to a rock. Then water would come out of the rock for everyone to drink. Moses stood in front of the people. Instead of speaking to the rock, he hit the rock with his staff. Water rushed out of the rock for the people and animals to drink. Moses and Aaron did not do exactly what God told them to do. So God said Moses would not lead the people into the promised land. God would give His people a new leader.*

Sing the key passage song "Who Is Like You."

### ELEMENTARY DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Discuss the following deep questions. Encourage kids to be honest about their feelings and help them learn to process them in healthy ways.

1. **We talked about the fear you might feel when you think about Moses' anger towards the people and the consequences that his disobedience had. But that may not be the only feeling you have when you think about God's plans. What are some other feelings you may have when you think about holiness?**

*Help kids think about and describe other feelings—such as disappointment that a leader who was so close to God could fail or worry that they may disobey like Moses—they may have. Provide a safe place for kids to discuss emotions, and remind kids that their feelings are real and valid, even if they don't match what others feel.*

2. **Can you think of other times you have felt those feelings? Would anyone like to share their**

**stories?**

*Help kids talk through other situations where they have felt fear, disappointment, worry, or another emotion mentioned in the first question. Be prepared with examples from your own life.*

**3. Can you think of any hurtful or destructive ways we might use those feelings?**

*It can be disappointing to see adults like Moses make mistakes. It might make us think we can't trust anyone, or it might make us think we can do the same thing even though we know it's sin. On the other hand, we might feel so worried that we'll make bad choices that we get stuck and don't make any choices at all.*

**4. Can you think of any helpful or constructive ways we might use those feelings?**

*God has put important leaders in our lives to help us live for Him, but it is important to remember that our pastors, small group leaders, parents, and teachers are not God. These adults still sin. We can follow their lead and trust them, while also remembering that our ultimate guide is God. We can also give any worries we have to God. We shouldn't let fear stop us from following His plan for our lives.*

## THE GOSPEL PROJECT @HOME

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### FAMILY WORSHIP

*Consider doing this during a designated time each week or before/after a meal together:*

**Read all or parts of Numbers 20 from the Bible, talk about the scripture, pray and do the fun activity or family serve project this week.**

In 2011, a woman visiting the city of Bellevue, Washington, accidentally drove her car directly into a lake. While searching for her hotel after dark, the woman ignored the directions of the car's navigation system, took a wrong turn, ended up on a boat ramp, and drove the car right into the water. The woman was safe, but the car was never able to be recovered from the lake. What a costly mistake.

As the Israelites wandered in the wilderness, Moses disobeyed God, and it was a costly mistake. The Israelites continued to grumble and complain because the wilderness was not where they wanted to be. They were hungry, and they were thirsty. God told Moses and Aaron to go and speak to a rock, and it would produce water for the Israelites to drink. However, Moses told the people that he and Aaron would bring water from the rock. Then, Moses struck the rock with his staff and water came out.

The rock produced water for the people to drink, but Moses had disobeyed God's directions. Moses sinned against God by trusting in his own ability and his own plan to give the people water. Because of their sin, God did not allow Moses and Aaron to lead the Israelites into the promised land.

Sin is always costly. Whether big or small, any sin breaks our relationship with God. Our disobedience must be punished, but we see God's mercy through Jesus. Jesus took the punishment for every sin, and He paid the cost for us. Only Jesus can cover our costly mistakes and rebellion.

**Moses disobeyed God and did not enter the promised land. We all have disobeyed God by sinning. But God gave us His Son, Jesus. Jesus always obeyed God. When we trust in Him, Jesus brings us into God's kingdom forever.**

**Pray:** *God, forgive us when we disobey You. We know that sin breaks our relationship with You, and it must be punished. We thank You for the mercy You've shown by sending Jesus to cover the cost of sin.*

## **FAMILY PRAYER**

### **Mornings**

Ask God to help you worship Him through obedience today. Why does our obedience give God the glory He deserves?

### **Evenings**

Thank God for parents, teachers, and pastors who pray for you. Why did Moses and Aaron go to the tabernacle to ask God for help? How does it feel to know that others are asking God to help you?

## **FAMILY ACTIVITIES**

### **For Fun**

Play "Simon Says" with the whole family. Allow each kid in your family to take turns calling out instructions. After the game, talk about how hard it can be to obey instructions. Explain to your kids that all have sinned and fall short of God's glory. Remind them that this is why we need Jesus—the One who saves us from our sins.

### **To Serve**

Set up a lemonade or hot chocolate stand in your neighborhood to serve free drinks. Take the opportunity to meet your neighbors and get to know them better. If given the opportunity, tell them about this week's Bible story and how God provided water for the people to drink.

Supplies: lemonade or hot chocolate, cups