



## Important Directions for Parents:

Below are additional lesson notes and activities you can use to stretch this lesson over more days and reinforce the main lesson page, videos, and songs provided on the KIDS CLUB Family Resources webpage. The formatting and page breaks for these pages don't always translate so well from their original electronic file, but you should be able to see how it works.

If you'd have questions, feel free to reach out. May the Lord guide your teaching. *Dr. Nelson*

## LESSON: God Makes Bitter Water Good (Exodus 15:22-27)

### KIDS MAKE DIRTY WATER CLEAR

#### Supplies

- clear cups (1 per child)
- pitcher of water
- potting soil (avoid all potting soil with fertilizer)
- coffee filters (1 for every 5 kids)
- clear or light-colored bowls (1 for every 5 kids)

#### Make Dirty Water

Say: **In our Bible story, God gave his friends something good even though they didn't deserve it. Hold up the pitcher of water. Right now this water looks good and clear and ready to drink. But just like grumbling can ruin a happy day, dirt will ruin our clear water.**

- Give each child a clear cup with some water in it.
- Place potting soil where kids can reach.
- Have kids use their fingers to get pinches of potting soil to drop in their cups. As they add the soil, lead them in grumbling out loud. Like during the Bible Discovery, you might mention that you're tired, hungry, bored, and so on. Have kids grumble and add a pinch of soil four times.
- Have kids swirl or stir their water to mix in the soil.

#### Pour Water Through a Filter

Ask: • **Look at our water. How has it changed?**

Say: **The water used to be clear and good to drink. But now I don't want to drink it. We need help to make this water good again.**

- Have an adult or teen hold a coffee filter above a bowl while each child takes a turn carefully pouring the dirty water through the filter. The filter will catch the dirt, causing clear water to drip through to the bowl.
- After kids pour their water, encourage each child to say something he or she thanks God for.
- Once everyone has had a turn, observe the bowl of clean water together. (Over)

### **Talk About It**

Say: The filter helped us turn bad into good. It caught all the dirt and let only clear water drip through. Like the filter turned our water good, God shows grace. He turns bad into good and changes our hearts so we grumble less and thank him more!

## **PLAY A GAME LIKE I SPY**

Say: Let's play a guessing game! I'll look around and then give you a clue about something in our room. Then you'll take turns guessing what it is. I'm going to try to choose something that will be really hard for you to guess.

- Choose an object and give a clue. Your clue could be a color, a texture, or what you do with the object. For example, "I see something soft" could be a clue for a stuffed animal, or "I see something red" could be a clue for a poster on your wall. Be careful not to look directly at the object and give it away.
- Have kids try to guess the object. When a child guesses correctly, he or she gets to choose the next object and give a clue. Challenge kids to choose things that will be difficult to guess.
- Continue playing, making sure to give each child an opportunity to choose an object and give a clue.

### **Talk About It**

Say: We didn't always guess the right objects right away. But others showed grace and let us keep guessing, even when we were wrong. Just like others showed grace in our game, God shows grace to us every day. We all make mistakes sometimes. But our friends and family members show us grace and keep on loving us.

Tell about someone in *your* life who gives you grace when you mess up.

Ask: • **Who's someone who gives *you* grace when you mess up?** Kids might mention a parent or a teacher.

Say: When people show grace, they show us what God is like. God shows grace. God's grace gives us more chances to make good choices.