

FOR FAMILIES TO LEARN AND GROW TOGETHER IN JESUS

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DIG IN @ HOME

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God Makes Bitter Water Good Exodus 15:22-27

THE LESSON

After the Israelites escape Egypt, they travel in the desert for three days without finding water. When they finally find some, it tastes bitter. They complain and doubt God's plan, but **God shows grace** by providing a piece of wood that makes the water good! Read about it here: [Exodus 15:22-27](#) Many other times in the wilderness God showed his people grace and mercy. Watch the videos below.



THE POINT

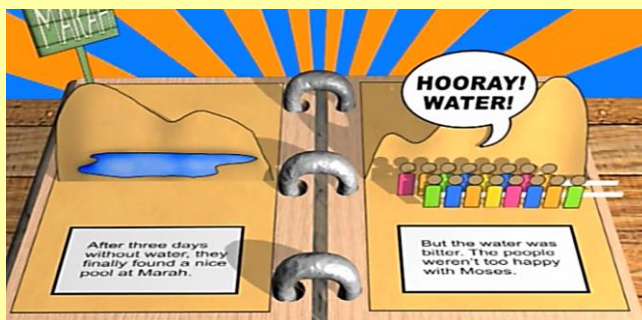
*God shows grace,
so we show grace.*



[Exodus 15: Marah](#)



[God's Story: Wilderness](#)



[Sweet-A-Stick](#)

1. At Marah, why did the Israelites complain?
2. Should they have been complaining? Explain.
3. Look at [Exodus 15:1-21](#). What had God done for the Israelites just days before Marah?
4. Have you ever forgotten about God's blessings to you and complained about something? Share.
5. In the Bible lesson and videos above, how did God show grace to his people over and over?
6. What is the MOST gracious thing God has done for you and all people of all time?

Family Together Time

Celebrate God's grace with your favorite beverages.

- Let everybody choose his or her favorite thing to drink, whether that's a soft drink, coffee (for Mom or Dad), juice, milk, hot chocolate, or something else.
- You might even go to a fast food or ice cream place for soft drinks and milkshakes!
- As you enjoy your tasty drinks, talk about all the good things God has given you that you don't deserve. That's grace!
- Talk about how you can show grace to other people, too.



Amazing Grace



God Has Given Me



Praise Him

A Sweet Drink and Prayer

Supplies

- sweet drink (enough for each child to have a few sips)
- 3-ounce cups (1 per child)

Drink a Sweet Drink

Say: God did something amazing in the Bible story we read today. God showed grace when he helped his friends. They were very grumpy and didn't really deserve help, but God gave them what they needed anyway. He made some water safe to drink.

Give each child a small cup with only a sip of the sweet drink, and tell kids not to drink it yet.

Share about something sweet God does for you. For example, you might share how God brings you peace when you read the Bible. You might also share how God makes you feel joy when you sing to him.

Ask: • What's something sweet God does for you? Help children think of ideas, if needed. They might share how they feel safe when they remember that God's with them at night or that God gave them family whom they love.

Say: God gives us so much, and every time God gives us something, he's showing us grace. God loves us and wants to take care of us, even when we don't deserve it. God showed grace to his friends in the Bible when he gave them something to drink, and he shows grace to us. Let's thank God for taking care of us and giving us grace.

Lead children to say, "Thank you, God" and then drink a sip from their cups.

Continue Sipping and Praying

Say: God's grace never runs out. Add more of the sweet drink to each child's cup. We can make bad choices, but God will love us and forgive us. Let's thank God for forgiving us.

Lead children to say, "Thank you, God" and then drink a sip from their cups.

Say: Because of God's unending grace and love, we can show grace and love to others, too. Let's ask God to help us share God's grace with others by being kind to all those around us.

Lead children to say, "Help me show grace, God" and then drink a sip from their cups.

Say: This week, remember that God has such a big love for you, and he can help you show grace and love to others, too.

