

God's Mighty Hand



Lesson 8

God Provides for Israel

Theme: The Lord provides for His people; they should trust and obey Him.

Memory Verse

“Now then, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be My own possession among all the peoples, for all the earth is Mine;”

Exodus 19:5

Daily Bible Readings

Thursday	Exodus 15:1-18
Friday	Exodus 15:22-27
Saturday	Exodus 16:1-2, 11-21
Monday	Exodus 16:22-36
Tuesday	Exodus 17:1-7

When God used His mighty hand to bring His people out of their slavery in Egypt, the people respected and trusted Him. Moses led the people of Israel to praise the Lord with a song. Moses' sister, Miriam, led women to praise the Lord. But before long, people forgot what God had done. They started complaining and whining.

The Grumbling Begins

After crossing the Red Sea, Israel traveled into the Sinai Peninsula on their way to Canaan. After traveling for three days, people

Exodus 15:1-18

Write down two things mentioned in the song about God's hands – either what kind of hands He has or what He did with them.

1.

2.





Exodus 15:22-27

They couldn't drink the water at Marah because it was:

bitter

poison

hot

The water became sweet because:

Moses threw a tree in the water

the people obeyed God

the people grumbled

What did God do about the bitter water?

were running low of water. They came to some water, but it tasted bitter and they could not drink it. People started grumbling to Moses about not having water to drink. God showed Moses a tree and told him to throw it in the water. When he did, the water turned sweet and the people drank.

God talked to His people about obeying Him. They should think about all God had done to take care of them. They had good reason to trust God and obey His word, but this was a hard lesson for Israel to learn. The people came to a place where there were springs of water and date palm trees. They camped here for a while, but then

moved on in their journey toward Canaan. One month after leaving Egypt, the people's food supply was running low, and they grumbled to Moses about it. Some people forgot all the suffering in Egypt and said they wished they were back there. God told Moses He would provide food.

God Provides Manna and Quail

God provided manna each morning and quail each evening. He wanted to supply the people's needs and teach them to depend on and obey Him at the same time. God gave instructions about collecting, storing, and eating the food. He also gave Israel a day of rest and reflection. This day would interrupt people's routines each week so they could remember the Lord.

Every morning of the week, except the seventh day, manna



Exodus 16:1-2, 11-21

What is another word for *grumbling*?

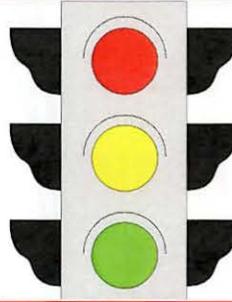
What happened when some people kept manna for the next day?

would cover the ground. Manna was something like small pieces of bread that the people would gather. In the evenings, God brought quail to the

people. Quail were birds the Israelites could eat. Everyone had enough food each day – not too much and not too little. They were not to keep any leftovers, except on the sixth day they were to gather enough to last that day and the next. In gathering and eating the food, people were to

remember that God was providing for His people.

I like to hear people complain about what they have.



Put an X in the light that best describes you.

Red — all of the time

Yellow — sometimes

Green — never

Exodus 16:22-36

On the seventh, day of the week, called the Sabbath day, the people: (circle all correct)

- were supposed to rest
- received manna
- cooked the quail

They were to keep a jar of manna to:

- eat in an emergency
- remember God's care
- give Aaron something to do

More Grumbling

Israel camped at several places on the way to Canaan. Again, the people came to a place where there was no water to drink. Some started grumbling to Moses and whining again about having no water. They wondered if God was still with them. God told Moses to use his staff he had used to turn water into blood in Egypt. He was to strike a rock with the staff. When he did, God provided water for people to drink. One more time, God used

His mighty hand to provide for His people. They should trust and obey such a great and good God.

Exodus 17:1-7

When people grumbled about water again, God provided it using: (circle all correct)

- Moses a rod a stream
- a tree a rock



List all the blessings you can think of that God has given to you. Don't forget items such as toilet paper and blankets. Imagine they will be taken away if you forget to list them.

High Five for the Bible Facts!



Which book in the Bible is about a Jewish queen who saved her people?

By putting numbers in the blanks, put the major stages of Bible history in their proper order.

- ___ Babylonian Captivity
- ___ Jesus Christ
- ___ Promise to Abraham
- ___ Wilderness
- ___ Promised Land
- ___ Slavery in Egypt
- ___ Mount Sinai

Name the nations of the Divided Kingdom and find them on a map inside the back cover..