

Take Time to Be Holy

Lesson 9

Moses Sins

Theme: Obedience—Acknowledging the consequences of sin

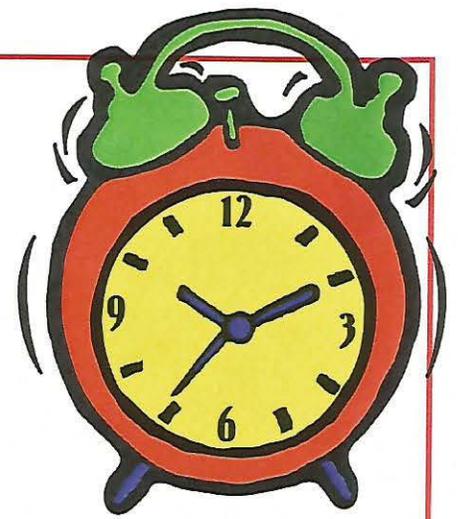
Memory Verse

“But the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, ‘Because you have not believed Me, to treat Me as holy in the sight of the sons of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land which I have given them.’”

Numbers 20:12

Daily Bible Readings

- 1 Numbers 20:1-7
- 2 Numbers 20:8-13
- 3 Numbers 20:22-29
- 4 Numbers 27:12-17
- 5 Deuteronomy 32:48-52



After this lesson you should be able to ...

- Identify how Moses responded to the people’s complaining about water
- Describe Moses and Aaron’s punishment

In the Wilderness, God’s people kept asking for water. Imagine you hear them say: “Moses, we want water. Moses, we need water. Moses, we’re thirsty. Give us water.” God had given them water several times, but it wasn’t long before they were saying, “Moses, we want water.” But Israel’s biggest problem was not thirst. It was trust. The people needed to trust God; and when they didn’t, Moses’ job was a lot harder. One time Moses became so frustrated with the people that even he didn’t honor God. Let’s see what happened and what we can learn from it.

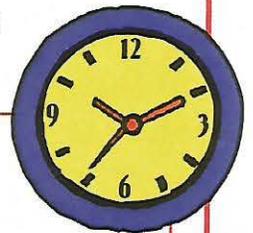
Israel Trusting God

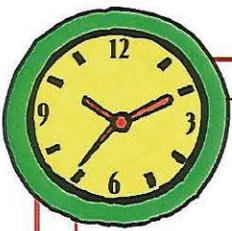
The people of Israel had been without water at other times. They

Numbers 20:1-7

What were the people of Israel complaining about ... again?

Who did the people blame for this problem?





Numbers 20:8-13

True or False?

God's instructions were hard to understand.

Circle all correct answers.

Moses disobeyed God's instructions when he a) spoke to the rock, b) struck the rock, c) said God was providing water, d) said he and Aaron were providing water.

Circle all correct answers.

God said Moses and Aaron a) didn't believe Him, b) were obedient, c) didn't treat Him as holy, d) could not go into the Promised Land.

complained to Moses about this and wondered if God was really with them. Moses talked to God, and God gave His people water. God did many great and powerful things for His people, but they still didn't trust Him. One time when Israel was in the Wilderness at Kadesh, the people didn't find any water. They were thirsty and upset, and they began complaining.

The people blamed Moses and Aaron for not having water. They asked why Moses and Aaron brought them out of Egypt to the Wilderness, to a place without water. The way people complained showed they thought Moses could give them water. The people needed to learn who was really taking care of them.

Moses and Aaron Trusting God

Moses was a man of faith and a great leader of God's people. He had been with God on Mount Sinai, and God spoke to him in a special way. Now, when the people complained again about water, Moses was frustrated and angry. He wanted Israel to trust God, but they didn't. Instead, they blamed Moses. What would Moses do? Would he and his brother Aaron trust God and teach people to trust Him?

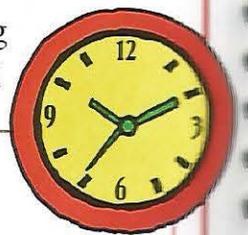
Moses and Aaron left the complaining people and went to the tent of meeting to talk to God. God gave clear and simple instructions about what to do. He told Moses to speak to the rock in front of the people and the rock would give water. This would help teach the people that God takes care of them and that they can trust Him.

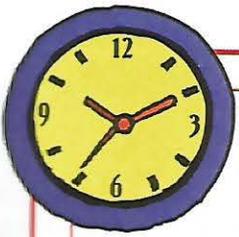
Moses stood before the people as God said, but he was still upset about the people's complaining. Moses asked them, "Shall we bring forth water for you out of this rock?" Then, Moses hit the rock with a stick instead of speaking to it like God said. By their actions and words,

Numbers 20:22-29

Matching:

Moses	became the new priest
Aaron	wept for 30 days
Eleazar	died on Mount Hor
The people	Aaron's brother and could not enter the land





Numbers 27:12-17

True or False?

Moses was allowed to see the Promised Land.

True or False?

Moses was allowed to go into the Promised Land.

Before he died, Moses asked God to
a) let him say goodbye to the people,
b) let him live, c) appoint a new leader
for the people.

Moses and Aaron made it appear that *they* provided water instead of God. God spoke to Moses and Aaron saying, "... you have not believed Me, to treat Me as holy in the sight of the sons of Israel." The men did not honor and trust God. Because of this, God said that Moses and Aaron would not go into the Promised Land. Both of the men died before Israel went into Canaan.

Our Trusting and Honoring God

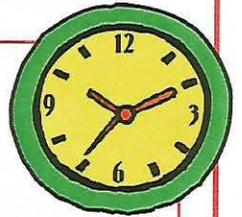
God gives us every reason to trust Him. We read in His Word about His mighty voice at creation and His mighty hand in Egypt. And now we know about God's mighty grace in giving His Son to die for

our sins. We should trust God. He will take care of those who love and obey Him. We must learn to trust Him in little things such as providing food and water. Then when big, bad things happen in our lives, we'll be ready to trust Him.

We must always treat God as holy. We must respect and love Him. We must listen to His Word and obey Him. We must do things God's way. We can help other people respect and obey God by the way we respect and obey Him.

Deuteronomy 32:48-52

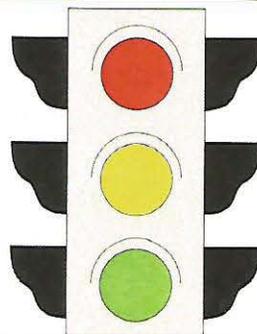
To look at the land of Canaan, God called Moses up to what mountain?



"Breaking faith with God" means:

- a) Worshiping idols
- b) Disobeying God's commands
- c) Dying on the mountain
- d) Not going into the land

I think telling little lies is okay.

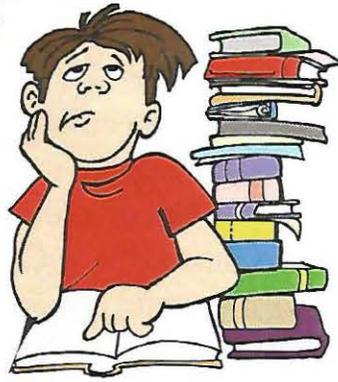


Put an X in the light that best describes you.

Red—all the time

Yellow—sometimes

Green—never



Think About It...

Do your parents ever talk to you about who you hang out with?
Why do they do this?

If you hang out a lot with kids who use bad language, what will probably happen to your language? Can kids who do bad things start making us “dirty” in God’s sight?

Take Time for Bible Facts

How many books are in the New Testament?

Without using the Table of Contents or Index Tabs, turn in your Bible right now to Leviticus 1:1, then to Psalm 1, and then to a harder one—Isaiah 1:1.

On a map inside the back cover, find Egypt, the Red Sea, and Mount Sinai and mark them with ○.

