

Mom! There's no water. What happened? I want a drink," called Daniella.

"Sorry, dear," Mother answered. "There must be a break in the water line again. I'll call the water company right away."

Years ago, God told Moses to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. Moses did, and they had a water problem too. This is how it happened.

The Israelites were out of water—again. So they started complaining to Moses—again. "Why did you bring us out of Egypt to die in this desert?" they grumbled. "There's nothing good to eat here. And there's no water to drink!" They didn't mumble about this just once or twice. Again and again they complained, their voices growing louder and louder.

How many times had Moses heard that? In fact, the people had complained about having no water 40 years earlier. At that time God had told Moses to strike the rock and water had gushed out. Gallons and gallons of water. And it kept pouring out from the rock as long as the people were there.



So here they were again without water. Instead of trusting God to care for their needs, they grumbled and complained. And Moses, as he always did, turned to God for help. God told Moses to take his staff—his walking stick—and call his brother Aaron. Then they were to gather all the people together.

"'Speak to that rock before their eyes and it will pour out its water,'" God said.

The Message

We worship God
when we trust Him.

Memory Verse

“Trust in the Lord
forever, for the
Lord . . . is the Rock
eternal”

(Isaiah 26:4, NIV).

(See Numbers 20:6–8, NIV.)

Moses had been patient for a long, long time. But after 40 years of listening to the Israelites grumble, he'd had enough. He was angry. He was tired. He was probably hot and thirsty too. Whatever the reason, he forgot how patient God had always been with Him. He forgot how forgiving God had always been. He forgot how gently God had treated him.

And in his anger Moses was not ready to show gentleness. Not to the people or to the rock.

“Listen, you rebels, must we bring you water out of this rock?” Moses yelled at the people. But he didn't speak to the rock as God had commanded. He raised his arm and hit the rock twice with his staff. And God made the water gush out.

Moses may have felt quite pleased with himself for a moment. He'd probably wanted to yell at the people for a long time. And it may have felt good to hit that rock.

Then God spoke again in His calm, gentle voice. “Moses, you did not trust Me. Not even enough to honor Me as holy in the sight of the Israelites,” God said. “Because of that, you will not bring this community into the land I give them.”

Immediately Moses realized what he had done. He, too, had forgotten to trust God. He had forgotten God's saving grace—His patience, love, and forgiveness. Moses had even forgotten for a moment who sent the water.

For 40 years Moses and Aaron had struggled in the wilderness. For 40 years they had led God's people. But Moses and Aaron

could not go into the Promised Land. All because they forgot to trust God. They hadn't honored Him before the people.

God wants us to honor and worship Him. He wants us to trust Him. He wants us to know that He will be with us every day. We worship Him when we do as He asks. And we worship Him when we trust Him to take care of us.





S A B B A T H

READ God created a waterfall when He provided water from the rock. If possible, sit near a waterfall and read the Bible lesson with your family. Find and read Isaiah 26:4 together.

DO Ask everyone to tell about a time they were discouraged. Did you all trust God to help you? What happened? Ask God to help you trust Him more.

S U N D A Y

READ During family worship, ask everyone to draw a face to show how they look when tired and thirsty. Then read together Numbers 20:1-13. Now have everyone draw a picture of how they would look after water came out of the rock.

DO Cut some rock shapes from cards or heavy paper. Print a word of the memory verse on each "rock." (Get help, if you need it.) Scramble the "rocks," then put them in order and read the verse to your family.

M O N D A Y

THINK Discuss these questions in family worship: In what situation might you grumble? If you don't like something, what should you do? Read the following verses together: James 5:9; Psalm 142:1, 2; Psalm 37:7; Matthew 18:15; Proverbs 24:6.

DO Arrange your memory verse "rocks." Read the memory verse aloud five times.

T U E S D A Y

THINK In worship today ask everyone to remember the last time they were angry. Have them tell what they did. Discuss: Why did Moses suffer so greatly because of his anger? (Read Numbers 20:12 together.)

DO Put your memory verse rock cards in order, then say the verse for your family.

God kept our shoes and clothes from wearing out for 40 years! And we always had manna and enough water.



W E D N E S D A Y

DO At family worship, make a list of people you trust most, starting with the most at the top. Which of the people on the list are closer to you? Does trusting help you be closer to someone? Read and discuss Proverbs 16:20 together.

DO Say your memory verse to your family.

T H U R S D A Y

DO During worship, find Kadesh on a Bible map. Have someone find its distance from Canaan. Measure this distance from your house to a town nearby.

Tell your family this week's Bible story in your own words. What lessons did you learn from this story?

DO Read Proverbs 3:5 together. Then sing "Trust in the Lord" (Sing for Joy, No. 111).

DO Show the memory verse rock you made in Sabbath School. Recite the memory verse to the person you show it to.

F R I D A Y

DO During family worship play "Leading the Blind." Before worship starts, help set up an obstacle course somewhere inside or outside your home. When worship starts, blindfold half of your family members. Ask the others to be helpers. Each "helper" will lead the blindfolded partner through the obstacle course. Ask, "Did you trust your 'helper'?" What Helper can you trust most?" Read Psalm 118:6, 7 together. Ask your family to repeat the verse with you.

DO Show the memory verse rock you made in Sabbath School last week. Give each person a rock to hold. Then ask them to tell one way they can trust in God.

PUZZLE

Directions: Do math problems under each line to find out which letter from the code belongs there.

A | B | D | E | G | L | N | O | R | S | T | U | Y
 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13

 12-1 6+3 6+6 5+5 12-1

 4-3 3+4 2+1

 4+4 1+1 2+2 12+1

 2+3 9-1 4-1





Nature

God's Second Book

We can find many lessons from God when we study nature. Look closely and listen carefully when you are outside. Ask your parent or teacher about what you see.

Study this picture. Find and circle these objects (some of which are hidden): cloud, fire, stream, Aaron's rod in bud, rock, piece of wood.

