

Jr Church/Kids Club Lesson for 4/26 Week #9

The Israelites Drink Bitter Water

Key Point: We listen to God.

Bible Passage: Exodus 15:22-27 New International Version (NIV)

The Waters of Marah and Elim

²² Then Moses led Israel from the Red Sea and they went into the Desert of Shur. For three days they traveled in the desert without finding water. ²³ When they came to Marah, they could not drink its water because it was bitter. (That is why the place is called Marah.^[a]) ²⁴ So the people grumbled against Moses, saying, "What are we to drink?"

²⁵ Then Moses cried out to the LORD, and the LORD showed him a piece of wood. He threw it into the water, and the water became fit to drink.

There the LORD issued a ruling and instruction for them and put them to the test. ²⁶ He said, "If you listen carefully to the LORD your God and do what is right in his eyes, if you pay attention to his commands and keep all his decrees, I will not bring on you any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians, for I am the LORD, who heals you."

Questions:

What sorts of things do you find yourself grumbling about?

Do you find yourself complaining about the things that we cannot do while we are in quarantine?

What do you add to food or drinks to make them taste better?

How does that compare to what happened to make the gross water taste better?

In what ways does listening to God make your life better?

Play with ideas: Make a "bitter" drink at home! Make a cup of tea, coffee, or Kool Aid. DO NOT ADD any sugar, milk, honey, or other sweeteners. Take a sip. What do you think- do you like the taste? Now, instead of tossing in a

piece of wood, add in something that makes your drink better, like sugar, milk, honey, or other sweeteners. How do we feel about your drink now? When we make drinks at home and add in tasty ingredients, remember that WE LISTEN TO GOD. Our lives will go better when we do what God says!

Let's watch a video on YouTube made by GraceLink to see what it might have looked like (they have a little different Bible point and verse- that's okay!):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ev6gDgCruPM>

Lets' Sing and move with this YouTube video, reminding us to stay strong when times are hard:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=52GHF_8v-kw&list=PLzSwkR28Y857krP9PVUByXDxcldbNKano&index=4

Let's Pray

Dear Jesus, help us to remember to listen to you and do things your way. You know what is best for us. We hear from you when we pray and read our Bible. Help us to remember to do those things this week. Help us not to grumble and complain the way the Israelites did. Keep our attitudes positive and strong, even when we are struggling with all of the things we can't do. Help us to focus on the things that we can do and the many ways you are taking care of us. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

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