

Numbers 20:1-13

1. Where did the children of Israel stay when they came into the wilderness of Zin? (v.1)
2. Who died and was buried there? (v.1)
3. Why did the people gather together against Moses and Aaron? (v2)
4. What did they complain about? (v3-5)
5. What did Moses and Aaron do? (v6)
6. Tell what God told Moses to do. (v7-8)
7. What did Moses do? (v9-11)
8. Did God provide for the children of Israel?
9. Why were Moses and Aaron not allowed to bring the children of Israel into the promised land? (v12)

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10. Why was Aaron to die now? (v24)

11. Who was Moses to take up to Mount Hur? (v25)

12. What was Moses to do to them? (v26-28)

13. How long did the people mourn Aaron?

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14. Why did God tell Moses to go Mount Abarim? (v12)

15. What would happen to Moses after he saw the land? (v13)

16. Why did Moses not get to lead the people into the promised land? (v14)

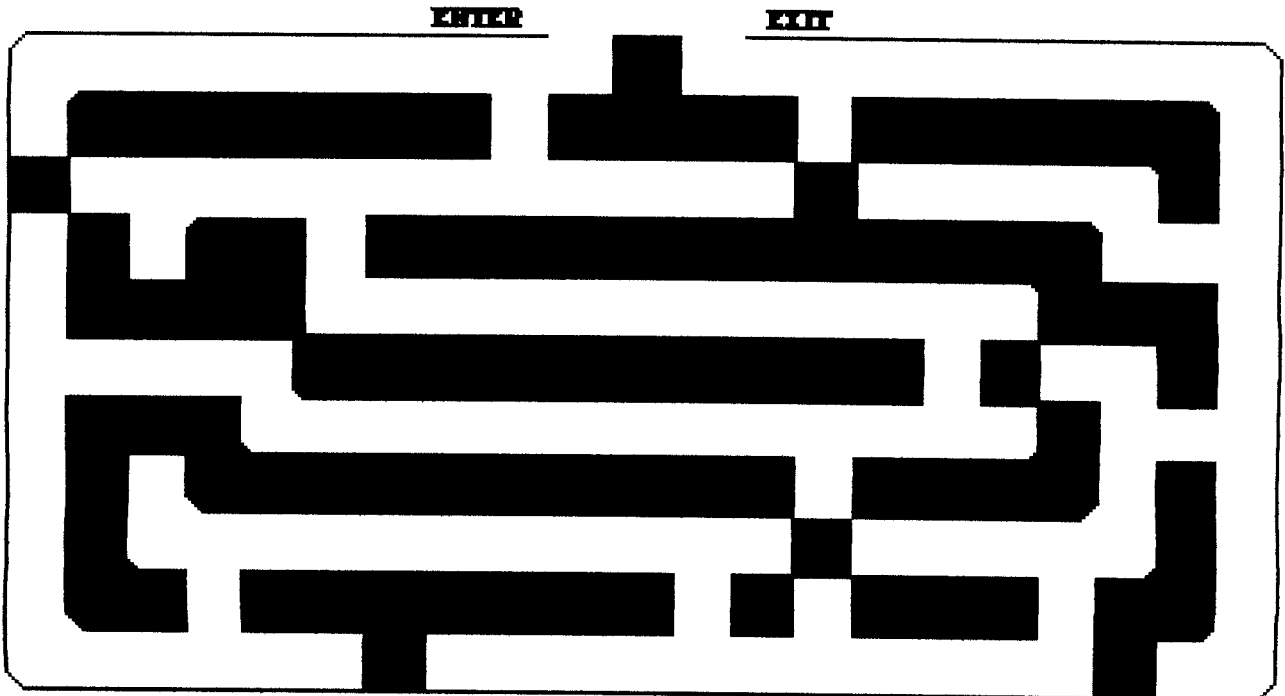
## 51. MOSES DISOBEYS GOD (NUMBERS 20:1-13)

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**CONTENDED  
DIE  
GOD  
HALLOW**

KADESH  
MIRIAM  
MOSES  
OBEY

**ROCK  
SPEAK  
STRUCK  
WATER**



Class: 3rd + 4th Grade

Date:

Lesson #: 111-7

Text: Numbers 20,  
27, 15-17

Teacher:

Memory Verse: Hebrews 4:2

### Concept development

Moses Sins obedience, consequences of sin

Moses and Aaron's sin - Aaron's also, not Moses entirely

### Lesson

\*39 or 40 year of Exodus - at this time of lesson (New Generation)

Words to define: No words Maribah (v13)

Body: Starts out Miriam death, Aaron's death at the end

Miriam doesn't say "gathered with the people" (not sure why)

disobeyed God's commandment (v8) spoke to people, struck rock

v12 Moses took God's glory

Moses knows their ready to enter promised land, Moses

takes ~~in his own~~ control, not God

v12 God says there was disobedience, maybe Moses took credit for this miracle

God told Moses to pick up sticks at Red Sea, God

saying why are you yelling at me, but it's time to look at

Activities: in his own hands

Questions: 4 points of lesson:

① disobeyed God's commandment (9, 11, 12)

② did not follow God (10, 12)

③ disobedience (12) wondering if water would come at all

11:34

Psalm 106:32-33

④ before whole congregation (11:22-24)

Psalms 106:32-33 Also anger was inspired by Moses.  
V8, 10, 27:14 - Moses died in front of whole congregation  
they usually bring the elders

Disbelief in some sense - maybe he believed God would  
give them water

He lost to physically live in promised land, but did lose  
his place with God. He would be "gathered to his people" 27:14

27:15-17 Moses asking for another leader - Joshua

# Obedience - Acknowledging Consequences for Sin

Numbers 20 : 27 : 15-17

Num. 20

## Questions

1. \_\_\_\_\_ died in the wilderness of Zin. vs. 1
2. The children of Israel began complaining again about what? \_\_\_\_\_ 20:2-5
3. God told Moses to \_\_\_\_\_ to the rock  
that it may yield \_\_\_\_\_ 20:8
4. Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly before the rock, and they said, "Listen now, you \_\_\_\_\_ shall \_\_\_\_\_ bring forth water for you. vs 10
5. Did Moses give God the ~~same~~ respect he should?  
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6. The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, "Because you have not believed me, to treat me as \_\_\_\_\_ in the sight of the sons of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the \_\_\_\_\_ which I have \_\_\_\_\_ them. vs 12.

7. The Lord spoke to Moses at Mount Hor, saying,  
\_\_\_\_\_ shall be gathered to his people, because you  
\_\_\_\_\_ against My command at the waters of Meribah  
vs 23, 2

8. Who took the place of Aaron? \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter 27: 15-17

9. Then Moses spoke to the Lord saying, "May the  
Lord, the God of the spirits of all flesh, appoint a  
\_\_\_\_\_ over the \_\_\_\_\_, who will lead  
them out. vs 15, 16

10. Who was to be the new leader to take Moses  
place? \_\_\_\_\_.

## God must be glorified in all of His work

### Genesis 40:8

8 And they said to him, "We each have had a dream, and there is no interpreter of it." And Joseph said to them, "Do not interpretations belong to God? Tell them to me, please." NKJV

### Genesis 41:16

16 So Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, "It is not in me; God will give Pharaoh an answer of peace." NKJV

### Numbers 11:22-23

22 "Shall flocks and herds be slaughtered for them, to provide enough for them? Or shall all the fish of the sea be gathered together for them, to provide enough for them?" 23 And the LORD said to Moses, "Has the Lord's arm been shortened? Now you shall see whether what I say will happen to you or not." NKJV

### Daniel 2:28-30

28 But there is a God in heaven who reveals secrets, and He has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will be in the latter days. Your dream, and the visions of your head upon your bed, were these: 29 As for you, O king, thoughts came to your mind while on your bed, about what would come to pass after this; and He who reveals secrets has made known to you what will be. 30 But as for me, this secret has not been revealed to me because I have more wisdom than anyone living, but for our sakes who make known the interpretation to the king, and that you may know the thoughts of your heart. NKJV

### Acts 3:12-16

12 So when Peter saw it, he responded to the people: "Men of Israel, why do you marvel at this? Or why look so intently at us, as though by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? 13 The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified His Servant Jesus, whom you delivered up and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let Him go. 14 But you denied the Holy One and the Just, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, 15 and killed the Prince of life, whom God raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses. 16 And His name, through faith in His name, has made this man strong, whom you see and know. Yes, the faith which comes through Him has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all. NKJV

### Acts 14:9-15

9 This man heard Paul speaking. Paul, observing him intently and seeing that he had faith to be healed, 10 said with a loud voice, "Stand up straight on your feet!" And he leaped and walked. 11 Now when the people saw what Paul had done, they raised their voices, saying in the Lycaonian language, "The gods have come down to us in the likeness of men!" 12 And Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul, Hermes, because he was the chief speaker. 13 Then the priest of Zeus, whose temple was in front of their city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates, intending to sacrifice with the multitudes. 14 But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard this, they tore their clothes and ran in among the multitude, crying out 15 and saying, "Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men with the same nature as you, and preach to you that you should turn from these useless things to the living God, who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and all things that are in them, NKJV

### Romans 15:17-19

17 Therefore I have reason to glory in Christ Jesus in the things which pertain to God. 18 For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ has not accomplished through me, in word and deed, to make the Gentiles obedient-- 19 in mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God, so that from Jerusalem and round about to Illyricum I have fully preached the gospel of Christ. NKJV

### 1 Corinthians 3:7

7 So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase. NKJV



## Lesson 4

# Moses Strikes the Rock

Numbers 20

### \* MD 4-1 Review Map

This map shows how God led Israel out of Egypt and to the Promised Land. Let's look and remember what happened in places we've heard about. Do you see Egypt on the map? Can you tell me some of the things you remember about Egypt? Let's find the Promised Land, or Canaan, as it was called. The black, broken line is the route by which God led Israel in their journey. Who remembers why God led them in such a long, roundabout way rather than by a short route along the Mediterranean Sea (or as was called then, the Great Sea)? Let's follow Israel's journey, locating and briefly reviewing the events at each place on our map:

- the Red Sea crossing
- Marah (bitter waters made sweet by the tree)
- Elim (oasis of twelve springs and seventy palm trees)
- Rephidim (water from the Rock; the defeat of Amalek)
- Mt. Sinai (the year's encampment which included the golden calf tragedy, the giving of the Ten Commandments, and the building of the Tabernacle)
- Kadesh-Barnea (twelve spies) (miriam died)

You remember that at Kadesh-Barnea, the people of Israel had rebelled against the Lord by refusing to believe God and go into the land of Canaan. As punishment they were made to wander for forty years in the wilderness until all that generation died. Notice the large number 40 on our map. That represents the forty years they wandered.

Slowly and wearily, they moved from place to place in the wilderness during those forty years. Many times they must have realized the awful price they were paying for not trusting their God. Eventually all who had not believed God at Kadesh-Barnea died. Hundreds of thousands of graves dotted the cruel and lonely desert. During this time, the children grew up and had children of their own. These were the ones who would enter the land of Canaan. Near the end of the forty years, only a very few of the older people were still living; among them were Moses, Aaron, Miriam, Caleb, and Joshua.

Again the cloud moved, and the Israelites packed their belongings and followed the cloud, going in the direction of Canaan. At Kadesh, Miriam died, and there she was buried.

### MD 4-2 The people complain of thirst

Remember, at Kadesh the people had many years earlier sent out the twelve spies and waited for their report and grumbled in unbelief. Now these many years later, they again began their murmuring, grumbling, and complaining; this time because there was no water. Having no faith in God's promise to help them in every need, they came to Moses and Aaron, who were very old men, and said, "Oh, why did you bring us to this terrible place? We wish we had died when our brothers did! Nothing can grow here without water. Where are the wonderful crops and the fertile land you told us about? Why, there is not even water for us to drink! You deliberately brought us into this wilderness to get rid of us!"

It was the same old story, the same old complaint. They always blamed Moses and said their problems were his fault.

### MD 4-3 Moses and Aaron before God

Moses said nothing, but he and Aaron went to the door of the Tabernacle where they fell face downward before the Lord, "and the glory of the Lord appeared to them." Though they were old and weary, God was still the same as ever and ready to help them with their problems. And what a good place for you and me to go when others criticize us and find fault with us; we can just go to the Lord and talk with Him about the situation.

The Lord gave Moses explicit directions: "Get your rod; then you and Aaron gather the people in front of a rock that towers above the camp. As the people watch, speak to the rock and water will flow out. There will be water for all the people and their cattle." So Moses took the people out to the rock.

### MD 4-4 Moses strikes the rock

As Moses stood before the assembled multitude, he faced them in anger and disgust. He raised his voice, saying, "Listen, you rebels! Must we bring you water from this rock?" Then instead of speaking to the rock, Moses took his rod and struck the rock twice. A clear stream of water gushed out and flowed across the plain. The people eagerly came and drank, and then they gave water to their cattle. Although God honored Moses before the people by supplying the water, He was very displeased and grieved with Moses and Aaron. God rebuked them by saying, "Because you did not believe me nor obey me, I will not allow either of you to enter into the land of Canaan."

The hearts of the two old saints of God sank. Not go into Canaan! After all the long, long journey, enduring all the hardships and trials along the way, and putting up with these rebellious people through the years? Yes, it was their punishment, because their sin was greater than they realized. They had definitely disobeyed God because they failed to listen carefully to God's instructions.

Moses and Aaron had ruined a most important lesson that God wanted to teach Israel, and us, and all the people of all ages. For, you see, the rock was a picture or a type of Christ. And Christ, the Rock of ages, was to be struck only once, but never again. He was to be "once offered to bear the sins of many" at Calvary, not many times, over and over again.

God had told Moses years earlier to strike the rock at Rephidim. That was right because God had told him to do that. But now God had commanded him to speak to the rock, not to strike it. God teaches us in the New Testament, "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust" (1 Pet. 3:18). God also says that "the offering of the body of Jesus" was offered "once for all" (Heb. 10:10). As Christ died only once for our sins, so we accept Him only once as our Savior (not many times), and then we are to speak to Him in prayer for our daily needs. This teaches us that we come to the smitten Rock only once for salvation, but ever after we speak to Him for our needs.

They called the name of that place Meribah because of the strife concerning water from the rock.

#### MD 4-1 (Use again) The route around Edom

After this experience, Israel followed the cloud toward the border of Canaan, to the land of Edom. Moses sent messengers asking permission from the king of Edom to pass through his country of Edom, promising that they would stay on the main passageways and not eat of Edom's fields or vineyards nor drink water from their wells. This would be a much shorter route for Israel than going all the way around Edom.

But the king of Edom would not give them permission to pass through his land. Therefore, there was nothing for Israel to do but to go the long route around Edom to the land of Canaan. The new route was a long, tiresome, detour journey across the barren wilderness and rocky plains. Reaching Mount Hor, they camped there, and the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, "Because Aaron disobeyed me at Meribah (where you struck the rock twice), he shall die here and not enter the land of Canaan. Take Aaron and his son Eleazar up on the mountain."

#### MD 4-5 Death of Aaron

It was a sad procession that wended its way slowly up the mountainside. The two brothers had stood together through all sorts of troubles and trials, and now they were to be separated by death. God had told Moses that the high priestly robes should be taken off Aaron and put on his son Eleazar before all the people of Israel. So when they reached the summit of Mt. Hor, the garments were removed one by one and placed upon Eleazar. In this way, God was showing the people that He had chosen Eleazar to take his father Aaron's place as the High Priest. How thankful Aaron must have been for his son! At the age of 123 years, Aaron died and was buried on the mountain.

As Moses and Eleazar came down from the mountain alone without Aaron, the people saw Eleazar wearing the high priestly garments, and they knew that God had appointed Aaron's son to take his place as High Priest. The people mourned the death of Aaron for thirty days, and then they continued their journey to the Promised Land. □