

Children's Activities for Sunday September 27

The Kid's Talk for "Water from a rock"
Exodus 17:1-7

You'll Need: • Small rock • Blank piece of paper • Scissors

How many of you have ever played the game 'Rock, Paper, Scissors'?

Here's how to play Rock, Paper, Scissors. Follow along.
Demonstrate the motions as you explain.

Players all hold one hand out as a platform and hit it with their other fist while saying, "Rock, Paper, Scissors...go!" On the fourth hit and the word "go," Players form either a rock, paper, or scissors.

Demonstrate each item as you say the words.

This is how you know who wins: rock smashes scissors, paper covers a rock, and scissors cut paper.

Let's play! You can all play against me and you can keep track of how many times you win. Ready? One, two, three, go. For the first round, choose a rock.

I made a rock. If you made paper, you win. If you made scissors, I win. If you made a rock, we tied. *Play several rounds.*

The great thing about Rock, Paper, Scissors is that you can be a winner no matter what you choose from game to game. Today, I have a real rock, paper, and scissors with me. These items are all useful in their own way.

Hold up each item as you talk about it.

If you wanted to write a letter, a rock or scissors wouldn't be much help, but a piece of paper would be, wouldn't it? If you wanted to cut a piece of paper, a rock or paper wouldn't help, but a pair of scissors would. If you were really thirsty and needed a drink of water, a piece of paper or a pair of scissors wouldn't be much help, but a rock might be exactly what you need.

Wait—what? Some of you are looking at me like I'm crazy! Don't you think a rock would be helpful if you needed a drink of water? Let's vote. Have kids raise their hand if they think a rock would help if a person needed water,

Well, in our Bible lesson today, that's exactly what happened: A rock helped when people were thirsty. What's it like when you feel very, very thirsty? *Let a few kids respond.*

Being thirsty is uncomfortable. It can give you a headache and make you dizzy.

In fact, the human body has to have water every day, multiple times a day to stay alive.

Moses had led the Israelites out of slavery into the desert. A desert is a large place with lots of sand and you could walk for days and not find water. Every day they walked, the Israelites were more and more thirsty, the situation was getting very serious, and they complained to Moses. So Moses went to his tent and fell on his knees before

God. God answered and Moses did exactly what God told him to do. Moses struck a big rock with his staff, and water began pouring from it—enough to quench the thirst of all the people and all their animals! We can learn a lot from Moses. When you and I face an impossible situation, we can go to God and ask for His help. God can do impossible things.

PRAY: Dear God, when we face impossible situations, help us remember Moses and know that we serve a God who can get water from a rock. In Jesus' name, amen.

Sing a Song; *tune She'll be coming round the mountain*

Verse 1; I've got peace like a river in my soul.

I've got peace like a river in my soul.

I've got peace like a river, peace like a river,

I've got peace like a river in my soul.

Verse 2; I've got love like an ocean.

Verse 3; I've got joy like a fountain.

Verse 4; I've got peace, love and joy like a river in my soul.

Water from a Rock

Group Activities

Sermon Title: ["Water from a Rock"](#)

Scripture Reading: Exodus 17:1-7

ROCK JUMPING:

Let children divide into teams and run a relay with jumping over every rock that is on the path from the team to the finish line. Children must jump every rock to and from the team line and tap the next player to continue the game. If many larger rocks are not available, just make the rocks out of crumpled newspaper, etc.

WANDERING THROUGH THE DESERT RELAY:

Children can be given an obstacle course around a designated area (under tables or chairs, around corners, over pillows, a blue blanket for a stream, a brown rug can be sand etc) to wander through and at the end of the obstacle "maze", the child can take a glass of water to drink. Make the maze obstacle course as long as possible to take longer before the children can get a drink of water.

ROCK RELAY:

Divide the children into teams. Each team member will take turns running to the table with gray, brown, black construction paper and scissors. The team player will quickly cut or tear out a rock shape from the paper and then glue it on the poster board and run back to the team for the next player to do the same adding it to the first rock to make a bigger rock. Once the poster board is made by the children, they may enjoy adding some blue glitter glue to be a steam of water

pouring out of the large rock. Write the title of the lesson on the top – WATER FROM THE ROCK, or JESUS IS OUR ROCK.

ROCK HOPSCOTCH:

Draw a hopscotch grid with sidewalk chalk. Each child stands at the beginning and throws a small rock onto the grid. When jumping through the grid they may not step on the square with their rock. Every child who finishes the hopscotch without tripping or stepping on the rock square, can take a colored pretty rock from the box that the teacher has prepared.

ROCK ART: Let each child choose a smooth rock to paint. Provide paints and supplies for children to paint something from today's lesson such as GOD IS MY PROVIDER or GOD HAS THE ANSWERS, etc.

WATER FROM A ROCK SKIT:

Choose a child to slowly read today's story about Moses being the leader, and the people wandering through the desert and being thirsty. The other children will enjoy the part of "wandering and being thirsty and grumbling". Play act the rest of the story and then giving each child a glass of water, have them form a prayer circle and read or follow the teacher in praying the final prayer of today's lesson. **Follow up with this next idea!!**

Magic Rock Activity for the older kids; View this on the God's Garden Video. You'll need two plant pots with at least one with a hole in the bottom, a skewer sharpened at one end. Gray, brown, black paints or markers. (oh yes and one water filled balloon:>)

Paint one plant pot to resemble a rock. Place the balloon between the two pots, hiding the one that is not painted and "Strike it with your staff" at the same time as pressing down on the painted rock pot. A Miracle! Water spouts forth!



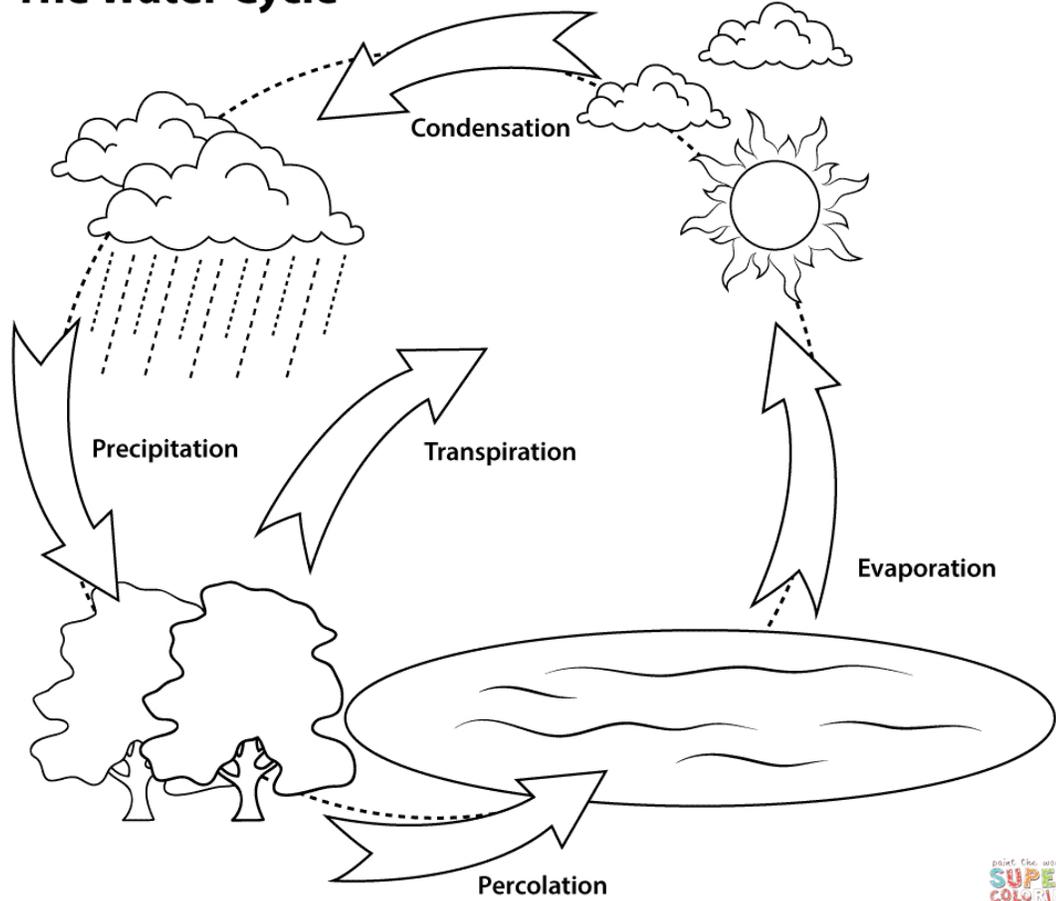
WILDERNESS WANDERINGS

Spot 8 differences between the two pictures.



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The Water Cycle



God made a perfect world for us to live in. We are not always the best caretakers of this world and we have a pollution problem. If we look after our world, God will provide clean fresh water for us forever. This is how it works

- 1 The rain falls cool and clean and waters the plants and the animals and the people
- 2 The rainwater gets muddy and dirty and is no use to us any more..
- 3 The sun soaks up the water leaving the dirt on the ground .(evaporation)
- 4 The rain falls cool and clean again to water the plants and animals and people etc.

SIMPLE EH? Try it with a dish of dirty water. Leave it in the sun for a few days and see how God's design picks up the clean water and leaves behind the dirt.