

**JULY 20**  
**9:00am & 11:00am**  
*Three and Four Year Olds*  
**THE PEOPLE GRUMBLED**  
(NUMBERS 11-12)

**CHRIST CONNECTION:** The people grumbled even though God had given them everything they needed. We also grumble when we think we need more. But God has already given us what we need most—His Son, Jesus, who died and rose again so we could be saved.

**BIG PICTURE QUESTION:** Why should we obey God? We should obey God because He made us and He loves us.

**KEY PASSAGE PHRASE:** All things work together for the good of those who love God. Romans 8:28

**STORY POINT:** God gave His people what they needed, but they wanted more.

## LEARN

(GATHER ON THE RUG FOR THE LESSON)

### 1. INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY: PUT FOOD IN THE BASKET

Before going to the group time area, walk around the room setting out pieces of play food. Then, hold up a basket in the group time area and direct the children to look around the room, find the play food pieces, and bring them to group time. As children arrive, guide them to place the toy food in the basket before being seated.

**SAY** *Wouldn't it be nice if all we had to do when we were hungry was to go outside and to collect some food each day? While God's people lived in the wilderness, God provided all they needed including their food and water. This should have made them happy all the time, but it didn't. Listen carefully and hear how they sometimes behaved.*

### 2. PLAY THE BIBLE STORY VIDEO ON THE TV.

\*9AM Volunteers with 3s in room 125: You will need to combine with room 124 for bible story time.\*

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### 3. REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

Ask the following review questions:

1. What did you like about the Bible story? *(Answers will vary.)*
2. What were some things in the Bible story that made you happy or sad? *(Answers will vary.)*
3. Why did the Israelites grumble? *(They were tired of eating manna. They wanted fish, cucumbers, and melons.)*
4. Why was God angry with the people? *(The people grumbled even though God had given them everything they needed.)*
5. God has already given us what we need most. Do you remember who that is? *(Jesus)*

### 6. **Why should we obey God? We should obey God because He made us and He loves us.**

**SAY** *God gave His people what they needed, but they wanted more. All this grumbling made God angry. God punished Miriam for her sin, but after seven days, God healed Miriam's skin*

disease. God saved us from sin by sending Jesus, who died and rose again. Jesus is who we need most.

## 7. LEARN THE BIG PICTURE QUESTION AND ANSWER

**SAY** If you are ready to learn our new big picture question, hold your hands over your head and make an 'O' shape. **[Lead children to make an 'O' shape with their arms.] Why should we obey God? We should obey God because He made us, He loves us, and His plans are good.** God had a plan to give the Israelites a good home with lots of yummy food, but the people grumbled and complained because they did not believe God's plan was good. We can trust that God's plans are good even when we don't understand them because God loves us.

## 5. PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE PHRASE

Place the key passage marker at Romans 8:28 Invite a child to open your Bible to the key passage. Read the key passage aloud. Create motions for preschoolers to use as they say the key passage. Use the key passage song video for inspiration.

**SAY** God made us and He knows what we need. God loves us. Sometimes, it is hard not to grumble and complain when we do not understand or like what God seems to be doing, but we can trust that He is working things out for our good and His glory.

## 6. PRAY

**SAY** God, forgive us for our grumbling. Help us see the ways You provide for us. Guide us to understand that forgiveness from our sins through Jesus is what we need more than anything else. Amen.

## ACTIVITIES

(PLEASE DO ALL OF THE ACTIVITIES BELOW)

### CHOOSE A SIDE

Use a simple picture showing a glass of water. On another sheet of paper, a lollipop. Use the pictures to briefly explain the difference between a need and a want. Tape the water picture on one side of the room and the lollipop on the other. Call out phrases such as "A home to live in"; "A mansion with a pool"; "Healthy food"; or "Cakes and candy." Challenge preschoolers to run and stand by the cup of water if the thing you call out is a need and by the lollipop if it is a want.

**SAY** God gave His people what they needed, but they wanted more. God's people complained because they wanted something different to eat. Sometimes, we want more than we need. Sometimes, we want something other than what we are given. Have you ever grumbled and complained? **[Allow responses.]** God has already given us what we need most—His Son, Jesus, who died and rose again so we could be saved.

### COLOR THE ACTIVITY PAGE (please send this home with parents)

As children color review the Bible story, **SAY** God gave His people what they needed, but they wanted more. The people in the wilderness grumbled even though God gave them everything they needed. This made God angry with them. We sometimes grumble too, but God gave us what we need most: Jesus! Jesus died and rose again to save us from our sins..

### OPTIONAL TEACHING OUTLINE

Open your Bible to Numbers 11. Show the video or tell the Bible story. Use the bold version of the Bible story for young preschoolers. Props in the storytelling tips are not typically provided, but feel free to bring them from home.

## THE PEOPLE GRUMBLED

### STORYTELLING TIPS

Utilize readers' theater: Enlist a few co-leaders to "read" the parts of the Israelites, Moses, Aaron, and God, while you tell the story as its narrator.

Say "Grumble": Briefly explain that grumble means to complain or to be angry and talk about things you don't like or wish were different. Guide children to listen for people grumbling and complaining in the Bible story. Lead children to say, "Grumble, grumble, grumble," each time they hear about the people complaining.

As **the Israelites** traveled in the wilderness, some of them began to get hungry for meat; they **were tired of eating manna every day**. They said, **"Do you remember when we were in Egypt? We ate free fish and cucumbers and melons!"** Moses heard the people **grumbling** about this.

**The LORD was very angry; Moses was angry too. He went to God and said, "These people are so much trouble! I cannot provide meat for all of them to eat! I am tired of leading these people."**

**God told Moses to bring 70 men** from Israel **to help him watch over the people**. These leaders would help Moses take care of the people so that Moses would not have to lead them alone.

**Moses' sister Miriam and his brother Aaron also began to grumble**. They said, "Why is Moses so special? Doesn't God also speak through us?"

**The LORD heard their words and** spoke to Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. He said, "I speak to prophets in visions and dreams. But I speak to Moses directly." God didn't speak to anyone else the same way He spoke to Moses. After God said these things, **Miriam's skin became diseased. It looked flaky, like snow. She had to leave the camp because of her sickness.**

Aaron said, "Moses, please don't let her be punished for our sin!" **Moses cried out to God to heal Miriam. After seven days, Miriam was healed. She returned to the camp, and the Israelites set out again.**

Christ Connection: The people grumbled even though God had given them everything they needed. We also grumble when we think we need more. But God has already given us what we need most—His Son, Jesus, who died and rose again so we could be saved..

### DISMISS PRESCHOOLERS

- Release preschoolers to parents by matching up the number on the child's sticker with the guardian receipt.
- Give parents today's activity page to reinforce today's Bible story and Christ connection throughout the week.
- Tell parents something that their child enjoyed doing or did well during the session.

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**BIG PICTURE QUESTION:** Why should we obey God? We should obey God because He made us and He loves us..

**KEY PASSAGE PHRASE:** There is no one like the Lord. 1 Samuel 2:2

**STORY POINT:** God told His people to obey and worship Him only.

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### 3. PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE PHRASE

Place the Key Passage Phrase Marker at 1 Samuel 2:2. Invite a child to open your Bible to the key passage. Learn and say the key passage phrase together while raising and lowering your hands in worship.

**SAY** *God is holy. He does not sin. God told His people to obey and worship Him only. God told His people to show they were sorry for their sins. The people could not pay for their sins, so God sent His Son, Jesus, to pay for sins. Anyone who trusts in Jesus has forgiveness and life with God forever.*

## ACTIVITIES

(CHOOSE ONE OR ALL OF THE ACTIVITIES BELOW)

### PLAY FOLLOW-THE-LEADER

Lead toddlers around the room using a variety of movements such as marching, crawling, or hopping. Retell the story, reminding the toddlers how God led the people through the wilderness. Invite latecomers to join you at the front of the line to help lead the group.

**SAY** *The Israelites became tired of eating manna. What did they do? They grumbled, and Moses and God heard them. God gave them everything they needed.*

**COLOR THE ACTIVITY PAGE** *(please send this home with parents)*

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**OPTIONAL TEACHING OUTLINE:**

Open the Bible to the book of Numbers and tell the following Bible story:

*As the Israelites traveled in the wilderness, they got hungry for meat and became tired of eating manna. They remembered how in Egypt, they ate fish, cucumbers, and melons. Both Moses and God heard the people grumbling. God was very angry; Moses was angry too. God told Moses to bring in 70 men to help so Moses would not have to lead people alone. Moses' brother and sister, Aaron and Miriam, also began to grumble. They asked, "Why is Moses so special? Doesn't God also speak through us?" But God didn't speak to anyone else like He spoke to Moses. After this, Miriam's skin became diseased. Moses asked God to heal her. After seven days, God healed Miriam.*

**Check diapers and release toddlers to parents according to security procedures. Give parents today's activity page to reinforce today's Bible story and Christ connection throughout the week.**