

GOD HAD MERCY ON ISRAEL

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: EXODUS 33-34



The STORY

Read "Putting Things Right" from The Children's Bible in 365 Stories (page 84). Some of the children may have missed the previous lesson so recap the story of the golden calf from last week's lesson before presenting this lesson.

Please note: The discussion questions in the following sections are written to serve as a guide in teaching our youngest children. Three to six year olds are not going to be able to answer these questions like their older brothers and sisters. Please refer to the God's Story Preschool Curriculum Outline for additional ideas.

After reading the story, use the following questions to involve the children in a discussion.

- What happened in this story? (Instead of judging the Israelites, God forgave the people for their sin and did not abandon them.)
- What did God tell the people to do if they sin from now on? (They should sacrifice an animal as an offering to God for their sin.)
- What was Moses concerned about? (He did not want God to take His presence away from His people.)

CRAFT QUESTIONS

Coloring sheets have been provided that exemplify today's lesson: a cloud on a mountain. Engage the children by asking:

- What does the mountain have to do with our story? (The mountain is where God's presence lived and where God met with Moses.)
- What did God give Moses when he met with him on the mountain? (God gave Moses the Ten Commandments.)
- Could anyone go up to the mountain to see God? (No, only Moses could go up to the mountain and talk to God.)

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SNACK QUESTIONS

While the children are eating the snack, engage the children by asking:

- Why did God have the people sacrifice animals to take away their sin? (God was preparing them to understand Jesus' sacrificial death on the cross. Jesus would die to take away all of our sins.)
- Why did the animal have to be killed? (The animal was taking the punishment that the sinner deserved.)

WHERE IS JESUS?

Please use the following comments connecting today's lesson to the Gospel to help inform your understanding and serve you by aiding your preparation for class. Remember, we want to do more than present disconnected Bible stories and lessons to our young children. We want them to understand how each story in the Bible plays a part in God's greater plan of redemption.

Moses once again mediated between God and Israel. As a result of Moses speaking on behalf of the people, God agreed to continue with them and have His presence go with them. Moses however was not sinless. As a sinner, his role was limited. He could not take away the sins of Israel; he could only stay God's judgment for a while. If it were not for Jesus, the better mediator of the New Covenant, God's eternal judgment would eventually fall upon every person who has sinned, with no way of escape.

SWORD BIBLE MEMORY

BE A DOER OF THE WORD

Take time during the class to review the SWORD Bible Memory verses with the class. Provide the opportunity for each child to recite the verses to an adult worker.

