



BIG STORIES OF THE BIBLE 15

WANDERING (EXODUS 40)

Scripture: Exodus 40:34-38

Open: Greet, Praises, Requests, Pray

Supplies: Butcher paper, markers, tablecloths or bed sheets, plastic wrap, printouts

Ask:

- Does anyone remember the 10 finger Commandments from last week? Let's do them now!
- Today, we're going to talk about how God led the Israelites

Explain:

God was taking the Israelites to the Promised Land. The land that he promised to Abraham a long time ago. But he was taking them on the scenic route. He wanted to teach the Israelites to trust him and him alone. To do that, he led them in a pillar of fire and cloud.

This pillar would rest on the Tabernacle. Does anyone know what a Tabernacle is? (It was the first "house" of God. It was made of tents, and it is where God's glory would rest).

Read: Exodus 40:34-38

Activity:

Have the kids color a large piece of butcher paper to look like fire. Wrap and adult in the butcher paper and have the kids form blanket tents with the chairs. After they get under their tents, have the leader hop to another place in the room. Tell the kids they must break down their tents and follow. Do this several times, sometimes waiting a while in between, sometimes a long time.

Explain:

That would take a lot of trust, huh? And a lot of work. But God wanted the Israelites to learn to follow him. Let's learn about another way he taught them to trust.

Read: Exodus 16:11-20

Explain:

This happened before the 10 Commandments, but it carried on their entire time in the desert-- that's 40 years!

But God only wanted them to gather enough for one day. They needed to trust that he would provide their bread and quail daily.

Do you think that would be hard?

Apply:

God still wants us to trust him today for everything we need. In a prayer Jesus teaches, he tells us to ask God for our daily bread. We aren't meant to worry about things far away, but to trust that God will meet our needs daily.

Activity:

Create a jar to hold manna. Give each child a jar print. Cut out the jar at the end of the lesson and place a clear wrap over it (or glue a sandwich bag to it). Have the kids go on a scavenger hunt to find manna and quail throughout the room, placing the manna in their jars.

Comic Book Bibles:

Have the kids draw the ways God provided and taught his people to trust during their desert wanderings. Save it to add to their Comic Book Bibles.

Memorize: Exodus 40:38

Close in Prayer



