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Religious Education Lesson Plan Helpers by Laura Grace

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Moses in the Desert

Review:

Questions from last week's lesson

Vocabulary: (Write bold words on the board and discuss words with class).

What are **quails**? Small birds

Who are the **Israelites**? They were God's chosen people (slaves that went with Moses)

What is **manna**? Food provided by God to feed the Israelites

What is a **desert**? An area of land where there is little water or rainfall.

Plan:

1. Read story: "Moses in the Desert" and ask questions.

1. What did God give the people to eat? Quails and bread called manna.
2. How did Moses get water for the people? He hit a rock with a stick and water gushed out.

2. Introduce game: Did the people listen and do what Moses said? Do you think that is easy? Can you do that?

Moses Says

Need: Nothing

Directions: Played just like Simon Says. Moses says, "Hop on one foot." Etc.

OR

Introduce game: So you think you are good at following directions? Let's find out.

Need: Bop It, Ballzerko, Simon, etc.

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Directions: Divide the class into groups. Have one group play one game and the other plays another, etc. Students must do what the toy tells them to do. Change games after all students get a chance to play.

OR

Introduce game: Moses led his people through the desert. Do you think they did what he told them to do? Do you think this was easy? Let's find out.

Outrageous Desert Obstacle Course

Set up an obstacle course that the students must do the crab walk backwards through it. Have them crab walk around objects, go under the table, carry a ball on their stomach and put it into the trash can, etc. Demonstrate what you want the students to do.

Another version:

Introduce game: Do you think it was easy to walk in the desert? Let's find out.

Supply list: one table, one chair

Set up your obstacle course as described in your instructions and have the children watch you walk through the obstacle course before they try it themselves. As you go through each stage, explain what it represents.

Say: First, you'll hop on one foot because the sand is so hot. Next, you will crawl under a table to get away from the sun. Then you roll on the ground from exhaustion. Finally, you crawl to a chair to rest.

Have the children go through the obstacle course, resetting it for each child as needed.

OR

Introduce game: What did the Israelites see day in and day out on the desert? Sand

Pass the Sand!

Divide the group into two teams and line them up. Have the first team players in line grab a handful of sand from a container. They must pass the sand to the next player, who passes it to the next player, and so on down the line. When the sand reaches the last player, she pours what's left of it onto a plate. The team with the most sand at the end of the relay wins the game. You may have to weight the sand on a food scale to find out, if it's close!

3. Introduce craft: What did God give the people to eat? Quails and bread called manna.

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Paper plate Quail or Paper bag Quail-

<http://www.daniellesplace.com/html/birdcrafts.html>

Scroll down to these crafts.

4. Puzzles & Mazes, Worksheets, etc.

The Great Bible Big Fun Activity Book: From the Old and New Testaments by Toni Lind
Follow the Dots to find what the Israelites found in the desert. (quail)

More 365 Activities for Kids (do any of the Moses in the desert puzzles, mazes, dot-to-dot, spot the difference, etc. from March 20 - 26).

The 40 Year Journey (maze)-

http://biblewise.com/archives/2003/september/kids_korner/fun_games/print_40_years.htm

Dinner on the Ground (maze)-

http://www.sermons4kids.com/manna_from_heaven_maze.htm

Dinner on the Ground (word shape)-

http://www.sermons4kids.com/manna_wordshape.htm

Dinner on the Ground- http://www.sermons4kids.com/manna_cloze.htm

Complete the story by filling in the blanks with a word from the word bank at the bottom of the story.

5. Introduce snack: What is out in a desert? Sand

Ants in the Sand- <http://www.yummy.com/recipe.htm?ID=20290>

Or

What did the Israelites eat out in the desert? Manna and quail.

Manna- <http://applesaucekids.com/LinkPage/Bread.html>

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