Bible Story 50
Wandering in the Wilderness
Numbers 14:11-38

OPENING ACTIVITIES

• Chalk art
  o Have the kids draw with sidewalk chalk on the sidewalk or another safe place outside the church
  o Discuss what will happen to the drawings when it rains (Get the children thinking about cause and effect situations)

WORSHIP

PRAYER

STORY
Numbers 14:11-38

• Act
  o Act out the story with teachers/helpers as Moses and the voice of God
  o Have the children pretend to be Aaron, Joshua, Caleb, and the rest of the Israelites

MEMORY VERSE
Numbers 14:18a

“The LORD is longsuffering and abundant in mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression.”

• God is merciful. He did not destroy all the Israelites. Yet, God is also just and He wants us to live more righteously as we grow in our relationships with Him. He is merciful and forgiving, but He also gives us consequences for our sin
• Practice the verse by saying the verse in rhythm and using various voices (whisper, shout, baby, football player…)
ACTIVITIES

• Color
  o Color the paper with the memory verse on it

• Application
  o Have the children role-play scenarios where they are forgiven, but they still have to suffer a consequence for a wrong choice
    • Cheating during a game, so she has to sit out for the rest of the game
    • Not cleaning up when he is told, so his toys are taken away for a day
    • Walking on a fence when her mom told her not to, and she falls off and gets hurt
    • Not coming right away when his teacher calls for him, so he has to take the last paper for the craft and can't pick the color he wanted

• Object Lesson
  o Set up a treasure hunt, with a box of wrapped treats or toy prizes at the end
  o Give the children clues, one at a time, that lead them from place to place
  o When they arrive at each destination, there should be an instruction for them to follow at that location (pick up a piece of trash, spin around, jump up and down 10 times…); if they obey that instruction, they will get the directions leading them to the next place
  o Have a helper doing all the actions obediently with the children
  o When you arrive at the treasure, there should be one final instruction to follow before they receive their prizes. This time, have the helper, who has been following all the instructions with the children, disobey
  o Because of the helper’s disobedience, all the children miss out on the treasure. Compare this to the children of Israel who had been looking forward to entering the Promised Land for a long time. Now because of the disbelief and disobedience of many, many of them won’t get to enter at all and many others will have to wait an extra 40 years to enter
  o Go back to the final destination, and after having waited these few extra minutes, reward all the children who obeyed the instructions with a prize

MATERIALS

- Coloring paper with memory verse on it (Print the coloring page from http://www.calvaryknoxville.org/OTTableOfContents.pdf and cut and paste the memory verse onto the bottom)
- Sidewalk chalk
- Props for role-playing
- Treasure hunt instructions and directions
- Box of wrapped treats or toy prizes for the children
- Crayons
- Costumes