

Leaving the Desert

Week 10

Teaching Point – God’s love is everlasting.

Games:

Traffic Lights The leader shouts either red, yellow or green. On hearing these commands the children either stop (red), sit down (yellow) or run (green). You could make it more interesting by adding in commands such as roundabout (spin round) and police coming (run round saying Nee Nah Nee Nah).

Where am I going? Set up a fairly simple obstacle course in the room. The children have to negotiate their way through the obstacle course with a blindfold on. Once they have reached the other side they can take the blindfold off and run back to give it to the next person. This is to show the children how the Israelites must have felt when travelling through the desert and not knowing where they were going.

Hand over Sit the children in a circle. The first child does a simple action. The child on their left repeats that action and adds another action of their own. The next child repeats the previous two actions then adds their own and so on, until all the children have attempted to repeat the previous actions and added their own.

Introduction – Give each child a lump of play dough. The task is to turn something that is ugly into something great. Link this with God turning a bad situation for the Israelites into something amazing and wonderful = the Promised Land.

Story Exodus 33+ 34 Use the points below to help you tell the story.

- God forgives his people and promises to be with them.
- Moses is given a new set of Commandments.
- Moses dies and Joshua becomes the new leader of the Israelites.

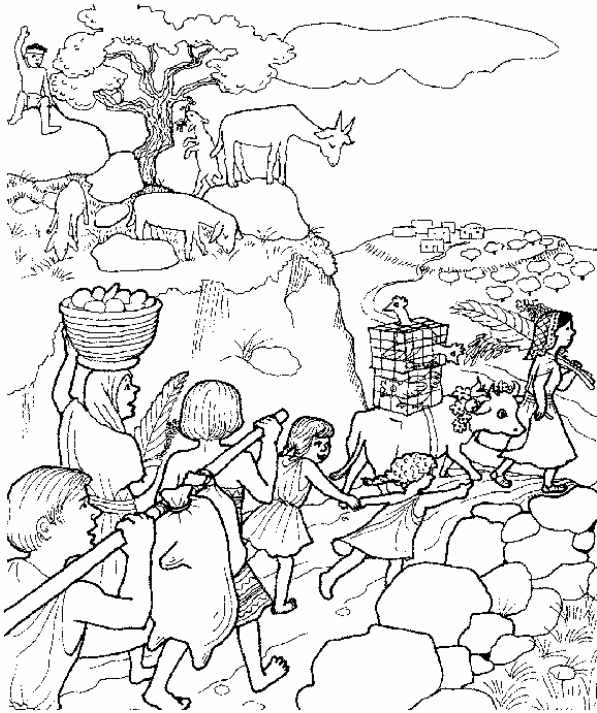
Application – The Israelites were in a bad situation yet again but through God’s forgiveness and His love for them, it was made better. He promised to be with them as they travelled to the Promised Land.

Memory Verse – *‘The Lord is good; His love is eternal and his faithfulness lasts forever.’* Psalm 100: 5. Write the memory verse on a long roll of paper. Wallpaper is good for this. Slowly unravel it to reveal the memory verse. Roll it back up to test the children when they’ve learnt it.

Prayer – Make a big red heart out of card. Ask the children to write their thank you prayers on post-it notes and stick them on the heart. Remind them that God’s love is eternal which means He’ll always be faithful to us and hear our prayers. Play the song suggested below while they do this.

Song – Father God, You love me – Track 5, Best of Spring Harvest Kids’ Praise, CD 1

Resources – Funsheet.



Anagrams

Can you unscramble these letters to make words about the story?

- SOMES _____
- TESRED _____
- DAMMOCTENM _____
- FOGVINER _____
- MISSROPE _____
- LAVRET _____

'The Lord is good, His love is eternal and His faithfulness lasts forever.' Psalm 100:5

Match the shapes together and read the message

