## **PARENT'S GUIDE**

Dear Champion Fellowship parents,

We are so thankful for your participation in the Champion Fellowship family. We want you to know how much we enjoy your children and the opportunity to partner with you to train them in the way of the LORD. One of our goals this year is to strengthen our partnership with you in this task. We have recognized that the most effective way for a child to learn the Bible and how to live by it is to learn it at home from parents – and we believe the LORD designed it this way. So, to help you do this with your children, we intend to provide you with valuable resources each week that will help you reinforce what your child is learning at church.

Every Sunday following services, we will send you the basic teaching outline from the morning's lesson along with several questions and answers that you can practice with your kids to help them learn and retain the story of the Bible. We will also attach our Teacher Tips video that our classroom teachers watch to prepare for the lesson. This will help you to better understand the content so you can feel more confident discussing it with your children.

We hope that this is a blessing to you as we steadily take steps from partnership toward ownership in our family ministry. Our dream is to see parents as the primary disciple-makers in their kids' lives and this is a big step in that direction. Please don't hesitate to provide any feedback on how we might better prepare you to do this important job.

In Christ, Alex Wolfe Family Pastor

## **Lesson Outline**

God is faithful in times of trouble.

### AGES 3–5 LESSON OUTLINE

- 1. The people start complaining about the wilderness after they left Egypt (15:24; 16:2-3; 17:3).
- 2. Even so, the LORD still provided for their needs (see point 2 in Ages 6-11 outline).
- 3. In the same way, the LORD will one day provide the true Image-Bearer (see point three below).

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- 1. Despite their deliverance from the evil Egyptians, the people immediately begin groaning and complaining at their circumstances (15:24; 16:2-3; 17:3).
- 2. The LORD, being merciful and gracious, provided for His people's needs nonetheless:
  - a. He provided them clean water (15:22-27),
  - b. He provided them with manna and meat (16:1-36),
  - c. He provided them with Sabbath rest (16:30),
  - d. He provided them with water from the Rock (17:1-7),
  - e. He provided them with judges to guide them to do what is good in God's eyes (18:1-27).



### 3. All of these provisions in the desert foreshadow the provision of the true Image-Bearer to come:

- a. He will be the bread coming down from heaven (John 6:32-33)
- b. He will provide ultimate Sabbath rest (Heb 4:9-11)
- c. He will be the Rock of the LORD's provision of salvation (1 Cor. 10:4)
- d. He will be Israel's ultimate Judge (John 5:27)



# TEACH THE BIBLE LESSON

### The LORD Provides for a Grumbling People in the Wilderness • Exodus 15:22–18:27



## Lesson Questions

Use these questions to teach or to review this week's lesson.



#### Ages 3–5 Lesson Questions

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- 2. The LORD cared for His people, Israel, in the wilderness despite all their complaining to Moses about Him. How did the LORD do this?
  - a. He gave them clean water to drink so they would not be thirsty.
  - b. He gave them special bread from heaven and meat to eat so they would not go hungry.
  - c. He gave them rest when they were tired from their long days of walking.
  - d. He gave them a special rock that flowed with water for them to drink.
  - e. He gave them judges to help them do what was good in God's eyes and not what was good in their own eyes.

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- 4. How do each of the things the LORD gave the grumbling Israelites point to the coming True Image-Bearer that the story is looking for and help us know who He is when He arrives in the story?
  - a. The True Image-Bearer will be bread coming down from heaven (John 6:32-33).
  - b. The True Image-Bearer will bring rest from the curses on creation including death. (Hebrews 4:9-11).
  - c. The True Image-Bearer is the Rock that gives living water (1 Corinthians 10:4).
  - d. The True Image-Bearer will be Israel's ultimate judge (John 5:27).