Unit 3: What the Bible Says About Obedience

Lesson 3: Moses’ Disobedience (Numbers 20:7-12)

4th grade or Juniors

Performance Objectives:
1. The student will be able to actively participate in the review game.
2. The student will be able to say two verses from memory by the end of the class period.

Materials Needed: Visuals for all verses learned for the quarter, visuals for songs.

Opening Activities:
- Prayer
- Sing “Obedience”
- Review game with verses
- Sing “Trust and Obey”

Sequence of Activities:
A. Review and Motivation. Ask questions from last week’s lesson about Peter and the apostles.

B. The Israelites were wandering around the wilderness and they began to complain that they did not have water to feed their families. They had done this before. In fact, the Israelites were usually complaining about something. The last time they had complained about not having water, God had told Moses to strike a rock and when he did, water came from the rock, enough to satisfy everybody. This time, God said, “Take the rod, and gather thou the assembly together, thou, and Aaron thy brother, and speak ye unto the rock before their eyes: and it shall give forth his water, and thou shalt bring forth to them water out of the rock: so thou shalt have the congregation and their beasts drink.” Moses was told what to do, speak to the rock and God would perform a miracle by bringing water out of it. Here is what the Bible says that Moses did.

“And Moses took the rod from before the LORD, as he commanded him, And Moses and Aaron gathered the congregation together before the rock, and he said unto them, Hear now, ye rebels; must we fetch you water out of this rock? And Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he smote the rock twice: and the water came out abundantly and the congregation drank, and their beasts also.” God said to speak to the rock, but, instead, Moses in his anger hit the rock twice with his rod. “And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron, Because ye believed me not, to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them.”

C. Sin has its consequences. Because Moses disobeyed God, he would not be able to go the Promised Land. God would allow Moses to see the Promised Land before he died, but he would never share the blessing that the rest of Israel could.

D. Review all verses for the quarter.

E. What are some of the consequences when you sin? Maybe your parents spank you, or give you a time out. Sin does have consequences, and we all have to pay them when we do wrong.

Evaluation: The student will be able to actively participate in the review game and be able to say at least two verses from memory by the end of the class period.