

WATER FROM THE ROCK

7 ARROWS

CENTRAL TRUTH

We are called to serve and follow the Lord on His terms, not ours.

KEY QUESTION

- ↑ **What does this passage tell us about God's patience with Israel? How is God patient with us?**

God gave Moses specific instructions to gather all of the people and to speak to the rock for water to come out. God was compassionate and patient toward the Israelites and their frail human hearts. Though He could make a river spring up out of the ground, God invited the people to see and understand who He was as their Protector and Provider.

KEEP IN MIND

- ▮ In this week's passage, we find examples of the Lord's justice (barring Moses from the promised land) and His grace (allowing water to spring forth despite Moses's disobedience). It's important to remind students to embrace all of God's attributes because He is our good Creator and Lord.
- ▮ Repentance may be a word that students aren't familiar with. Using the Culture Note to assist you, help students understand what repentance is and why we should consider it a gift and an opportunity. Through repentance we not only confess our rebellion, but we turn from it and toward the Lord.

APPLICATION

- ▮ **Are there areas of our lives where we have only been partially obedient or obedient on our own terms? What can we do this week to repent and obey fully?**

THE WIN

FOR THE STUDENT: Though we may want to serve the Lord on our own terms, we must choose to obey Him and worship Him on His terms.

FOR THE LEADER: We must urge students to be fully obedient to the Lord. As you teach, help students to see that He alone is worthy of our trust and obedience.

- ↻ What does this passage say?
- ↑ What does this passage tell us about God?
- ← What did this passage mean to its original audience?
- ↔ How does this passage change the way I relate to people?
- ↓ What does this passage tell us about the human heart?
- ↻ How does this passage prompt me to pray?
- What does this passage demand of me?