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# Bible Study:

Read Numbers 20:1-13. God has a standard and it is called holiness, which means He is set apart. His ways are higher and more awesome than our ways. Read Psalm 99 as a way of meditating on His holiness. That standard is available to *us* only through Jesus!

### The gospel in the story:

God's purpose for all of creation is to put His holiness and glory on display. Scripture tells us that we have a special role in that, because He put His image in us. When Moses and Aaron struck the rock, they were putting sin on display (their rebellious hearts), rather than God's holiness. The good news of the gospel is that those who put their faith in Jesus, receive His righteousness, and by the power of His Spirit, can put that on display for all to see. That is how we can trust in Him enough to honor Him as holy in the sight of our family, friends, co-workers and neighbors.

## Application

### Head: What did we learn?

Q: Why were the Israelites grumbling? A: Because they had no water.

Q: What was Moses' response? A: He prayed to the Lord for provision.

Q: What was God's response? A: He told Moses to speak to the rock to cause water to flow out.

Q: What did Moses do? A: He struck the rock, and made it sound as if he and Aaron were doing the work of providing the water.

Q: How did God respond? A: He graciously provided water, but pronounced judgment on Moses and Aaron for their lack of trust.

#### Heart: Memory verse

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#### Hands: How does this affect the way I live my life?

Scripture tells us repeatedly to be holy because the Lord is holy. That means to be set apart, trusting in Jesus, and being led by God's Spirit to live in a way that puts God's glory and holiness on display.

#### Home: How does this affect my household?

The way we treat our family members is testimony to God's holiness at work in transforming our lives into more loving creatures. This will be put to the test daily, as we interact with family and friends!

#### Heaven; How does this help us share our faith?

God's holy purpose is that He gets all the credit for everything good in our lives. So when we serve and love others, it's not just about the act, it's about who gets credit! And when we humbly serve to put Jesus on display, it is a powerful way to share His love our neighbors.