

EXODUS FOR KIDS



Have you ever noticed that the Bible is a really big book? In fact, it's not only a really big book; it's actually a collection of 66 books that are bound together in what we call the Bible. So if the Bible is made up of 66 little books, then do all those 66 books tell their own little stories? Or when you put them altogether, do they tell one really big story?

Let's look at Exodus 17:6 to see. **'BEHOLD, I WILL STAND BEFORE YOU THERE ON THE ROCK AT HOREB, AND YOU SHALL STRIKE THE ROCK, AND WATER SHALL COME OUT OF IT, AND THE PEOPLE WILL DRINK.'**

Now, let me tell you the backstory to this verse. The people of Israel are thirsty and they complain to Moses about their lack of water, so God gives them water from a rock. So here is a story, in the middle of Exodus, about water and a rock. But soon, we are going to see that this little story is actually part of a much bigger story.



You may know this, but Exodus is actually the 2nd book in our Bibles (remember there are 66 books), but now let's read from 1 Corinthians 10:4, which is the 46th book in the Bible. Here is what it says, **"FOR THEY DRANK FROM THE SPIRITUAL ROCK THAT FOLLOWED THEM, AND THE ROCK WAS CHRIST."**

From this verse, we begin to understand something really cool about the Bible. The Bible is not just a collection of 66 different stories that are unrelated to each other, but instead, those 66 books all point to and tell one giant story. And that is the story of God's great rescue of us in His Son Jesus Christ!

How do I know that? Let's just look again at those two verses. In Exodus, the people of God drank and were satisfied from a rock, and in the New Testament, Paul tells us that Rock was and is Jesus Christ! So who quenched their thirst in the Old Testament? Jesus. Who quenches the thirst of our hearts today? Jesus.

So what do these two verses from the 2nd book and 46th book of our Bible teach us? They teach us that the whole Bible is ultimately about Jesus, and every page and story points to Him, our great God and Savior.

If you don't believe me, just listen to Jesus Himself: **"THEN HE SAID TO THEM, 'THESE ARE MY WORDS THAT I SPOKE TO YOU WHILE I WAS STILL WITH YOU, THAT EVERYTHING WRITTEN ABOUT ME IN THE LAW OF MOSES AND THE PROPHETS AND THE PSALMS MUST BE FULFILLED.'" (LUKE 24:44)**

Jesus mentioned three things: the Law, the Prophets, and the Psalms. This was how the Jews summarized the whole Old Testament. So Jesus is saying the whole Old Testament is really about Him!

So the next time you hear a Bible story or read the Bible for yourself, remember who every story or verse points you to and remember this, if you read the Bible and miss Jesus, you have missed the main point. So always look for how a story or passage relates to Jesus, and don't stop until you have seen Him!