

June Week 2

Bible Lesson/Script

The Great Deliverer

Passages: Deuteronomy 8:2-3; Exodus 16:1-3; Matthew 4:1-11

Main Point: Jesus obeyed God in the wilderness, and we can obey God too.

Bottom Line: Trust God. Obey God.

Leader: *Have you ever been told to do something you didn't really want to do?*

(Allow responses.)

Maybe it was:

- Cleaning your room
- Sharing a toy
- Turning off a video game
- Eating your vegetables

Sometimes obedience is easy, and sometimes it's really hard!

Today we're going to learn about two groups who faced difficult situations:

1. God's people, Israel, in the wilderness
2. Jesus in the wilderness

Both were tested.

Both were hungry.

Both had opportunities to obey God.

But they responded very differently.

Leader:

God rescued His people from Egypt through Moses. They were finally free!

But instead of going straight into the Promised Land, God led them through the wilderness.

Can you imagine living in a wilderness?

The wilderness was hot, dry, and difficult.

Listen to what happened.

(Read Exodus 16:1-3)

The people became hungry.

Instead of trusting God, they began to complain.

They said things like:

"Why did we leave Egypt?"

"At least we had food there!"

They forgot all the amazing things God had already done for them.

Leader:

Years later, Moses explained why God brought them into the wilderness.

(Read Deuteronomy 8:2-3)

God wanted to teach them something important:

You can trust God.

God provided manna from heaven.

Every morning God gave them exactly what they needed.

God was teaching them:

"You need Me more than food."

"Trust Me every day."

God wanted His people to learn obedience and trust.

Leader:

Now let's fast-forward hundreds of years.

Jesus had just been baptized.

Then something surprising happened.

God's Spirit led Jesus into the wilderness.

Not for 40 years.

For 40 days.

Sound familiar?

Israel was in the wilderness.
Jesus was in the wilderness.

Israel was tested.
Jesus was tested.

Israel was hungry.
Jesus was hungry.

But this time the story is different.

Leader:
When Satan tempted Jesus, did Jesus obey God?

Kids:
YES!

Leader:
Did Jesus complain?

Kids:
NO!

Leader:
Did Jesus trust God?

Kids:
YES!

Leader:

Let's compare Israel and Jesus.

Israel	Jesus
In the wilderness	In the wilderness
Hungry	Hungry
Tested	Tested
Complained	Trusted God
Disobeyed	Obedied
Failed the test	Passed the test

Here's the amazing part.

Jesus was reliving Israel's story.

But He did what Israel could not do.

Jesus obeyed perfectly.

Jesus became the faithful Son who always obeys God.

That's why Jesus is the Savior we need.

Leader:

What does this mean for us?

Sometimes we face our own wilderness moments.

Not a desert with sand.

But difficult situations.

Maybe:

- You don't get your way.
- Someone hurts your feelings.
- You're tempted to lie.
- You're tempted to disobey your parents.
- You're tempted to be mean.

In those moments, we have a choice.

Will we complain and disobey?

Or will we trust God and obey?

Jesus showed us the way.

Leader:

The good news isn't just that Jesus obeyed God.

The good news is that Jesus obeyed God for us.

All of us have disobeyed.

All of us have sinned.

But Jesus never sinned.

He lived the perfect life we could never live.

Then He died on the cross and rose again so we could be forgiven and become part of God's family.

Because of Jesus, we can be forgiven and learn to obey God every day.

Let's pray together..

"Jesus, thank You for obeying God perfectly in the wilderness. Thank You for showing us how to trust God when life is hard. Help us obey You when we are tempted and trust You when things don't go our way. Thank You for being our Savior. Amen."