



FEBRUARY 3, 2018 | **FAMILY** GROWTH GUIDE

## The Rock of Salvation

Exodus 17:1-7

### Message Big Idea

The place of testing becomes a place of resting when we quench our thirsting on water from the rock.

### Family Activity

*Items you'll need for this activity:*

1. A rock large enough to decorate and possibly sit on a table/nightstand.
2. 13 rocks large enough to write the words from the scripture verse listed below - one word per rock.
3. 13 index cards (folded in half) or 13 small sheets of paper (folded in half).

Rock #1            #2 #3 #4 #5    #6 #7 #8 #9 #10#11#12 #13

PSALM 89:26 "You are my Father, my God, and the Rock of my Salvation."

### Activities

- Open your Bibles and read Psalm 89:26 together.
- Discuss it: What does it mean that God is my Father? My God? What does it mean that God is the ROCK of my salvation?
- (Hide the 13 rocks in advance throughout your house) Tell your child/children that you have hidden 13 rocks with one word of our scripture verse written on each rock.
  - Play a game where they have to find all 13 rocks and place them into the correct order within a given time frame.

- (You can have older kids put them in order without using their Bible and have younger kids use their Bible to visually match up the words).
- Once they have found and organized the rocks to form our verse, create hand motions for this verse as a family to help in memorization of the verse.
- NEXT: Have your kids build a tower using all 13 rocks. Have kids build another tower (side by side) using the 13 sheets of paper or index cards.
  - (Without telling the kids what you'll do next as the parent) Once the two towers are complete, take out a fan or blow towards the two towers. (the paper will fall, the rock will stand)
- ASK: Which one stood the TEST of the wind? WHY?
- Continue to share with your kids about Jesus as the Rock of our salvation. Share with them some knowledge you learned from Pastor Bryan's message about the story of Moses, the Rock, the Water, etc...

Once your children understand the analogy that Jesus is the Rock of our Salvation, do this last activity together.

- Use paint or markers and write out the following phrase on the larger rock - "JESUS IS MY ROCK".
- Next, decorate the remaining parts of the rock, making sure to highlight the phrase, "JESUS IS MY ROCK".
- Place the rock somewhere in your house as a reminder that when TESTING happens in our lives, Jesus remains our firm foundation!