

God Provides Helpers for Moses

Lesson Text: Exodus 18:13-26

Moses was feeling very tired. It was hard trying to make sure all the people were getting along with one another and handling their problems the right way. It was hard answering all their questions and listening to all of their grumbling. It was just too much for him to do by himself.

God saw that Moses needed help, and He used Moses' father-in-law, Jethro, to give him a good idea. Jethro told Moses, "You are going to wear yourself out by trying to do everything alone. And the people also are getting tired of standing in line and waiting to talk to you."

Jethro told Moses that he should continue to be the one to explain God's laws and teachings to the people. That is a very important job! He should warn them not to break God's laws and tell them the right way to live and what they should do. But he should also choose judges and leaders to help the people with other matters.

Moses listened to Jethro's advice. The leaders that were chosen to help Moses were men who could be trusted to make good, godly decisions. They had to be truthful men who would not make decisions to help only the people who offered to give them money and other gifts.

Moses put some of the helpers in charge of large groups and some in charge of smaller groups. Every day, the people could always bring their questions to these rulers, and Moses only had to decide the most

important cases. God blessed Moses by providing helpers to share the work. God blessed the people too. Now they could get the help they needed and go home with their problems solved.

COLOR AND LEARN

"And thou shalt teach them ordinances and laws, and shalt shew them the way wherein they must walk, and the work that they must do" (Exodus 18:20).



Moses chose some Israelite men to help him lead the people.

"Me Too"

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OUR LESSON TALK

The Israelites were in the wilderness for a long time. There may have been one million people. Sometimes they had disagreements with one another. They brought their problems to Moses to solve.

From morning until night, the Israelites lined up to talk to Moses. It was very tiring for everyone! Moses’ father-in-law Jethro saw this and suggested that Moses divide the people into smaller groups.

Moses obeyed this advice. He appointed godly men, called elders, to solve the problems of the Israelites.

God did not expect Moses to do His work all alone. He provided helpers for him so he would not get too tired. God does the same thing for us.

Moses helped solve the people’s problems by asking God for help. Today, we have God’s instructions written down in the Bible. God has also provided parents, pastors, and teachers to help us when we have a problem.

SOMETHING TO DO

Find all the words in the puzzle below.

MOSES HELPERS JUDGES SMALLER
GROUPS JETHRO BIBLE GOD PROVIDES

X L M B A L M T J K A O M S T L
P R G O D T O G Q R B C H L Q T
E E L M P D S M A L L E R V S B
L N O K G Q E F D A L S H O H R
S J U D G E S S T J H C E Z D L
F E L L R O Q D I B I B L E N M
R T A B O C O I U J I L P M S Z
B H T U A E N L Z Q S E C H J
Y R Z D P R O V I D E S R D L B
C O H S S I L R N F F S S L H N

Print 7 in front of true statements. Print F in front of false ones.

- ___ God expects us to do His work all on our own.
- ___ God provides helpers for us.
- ___ We do not know what God wants us to do.
- ___ God has given us instructions in the Bible.
- ___ We can trust God to provide for our needs.

Cross out every third letter. Print the remaining letters on the blanks below.

G O T D S M W O L R D P I S Q G O S D S D L A P W
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