

JUNE 8
9:00am & 11:00am
Three and Four Year Olds
GOD PROVIDED FOR HIS PEOPLE
(EXODUS 15-17)

CHRIST CONNECTION: The people were unhappy with Moses and God, but God still chose to give them the food and water they needed. We are all sinners, but Jesus still chose to die for us so that we might be saved from our sin.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION: Why does sin separate us from God? Because God is holy.

KEY PASSAGE PHRASE: Psalm 34:17 *"The Lord hears, and rescues."*

STORY POINT: God took care of his people.

LEARN

(GATHER ON THE RUG FOR THE LESSON)

1. INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

Take a drink from a **water bottle** and share how blessed we are to have clean water available to us all the time.

SAY *Isn't it great that we live in a time and a place where clean water is available almost all the time? In today's story, God's people were thirsty because they could not find clean water to drink. Let's see how God responded.*

2. PLAY THE BIBLE STORY VIDEO ON THE TV.

9AM Volunteers with 3s in room 125: You will need to combine with room 124 for bible story time.

How? Turn on the TV and Apple TV, Open the Plex App, and play the video with today's date (If needed, the Plex Pin is 1234)

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3. REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

Ask the following review questions:

1. What did you like about the Bible story? *(Answers will vary.)*
2. What were some things in the Bible story that made God's people happy or sad? *(Answers will vary.)*
3. Who took care of His people with food and water even when they were complaining? *(God)*
4. How did God take care of His people? *(He gave them water; sent manna and quail)*
5. Who takes care of you? *(Answers will vary. Remind preschoolers that God is the One who created their parents and other adults who take care of them.)*
6. *Why does sin separate us from God? Because God is holy.*

SAY *God's people were upset because they were hungry and thirsty. They wanted to go back to being slaves in Egypt because they did not trust God! Even though the people did not trust God, **God took care of His people.** He has provided for our greatest need, too. He gave us Jesus so that we can be forgiven of our sin and be with Jesus forever.*

7. LEARN THE BIG PICTURE QUESTION AND ANSWER

SAY *Why does sin separate us from God? That is our big picture question. Our sin separates us from God **Because God is holy**. Even though we are sinners, God still cares for us. Just like He provided food and water for His people in our story today, He provides for us, too. He provided Jesus to us so that we could be forgiven of our sin.*

5. PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE PHRASE

Prior to the session, write the key passage phrase on **index cards**, with one word on each card. Place the key passage marker at Psalm 34:17. Invite a child to open your Bible to the key passage. Read the key passage aloud. Scatter the cards around the room and invite preschoolers to gather the cards like the people of God gathered the manna. Place the cards in order and read the key passage out loud, pointing to each word one at a time.

SAY *The people were crying out for food and water, and God provided everything they needed. **God took care of His people**, and He takes care of us, too.*

6. PRAY

SAY *Dear God, You created everything. The food we eat and the water we drink comes from You. Thank You for giving us everything we need. Thank You most of all for the gift of Jesus. Amen.*

ACTIVITIES

(PLEASE DO ALL OF THE ACTIVITIES BELOW)

SING A SONG

Lead preschoolers in singing the first verse of "God Is So Good." If you are unfamiliar with the tune, look it up online before the session. After singing the verse, stop and ask a child to name something God provides for him. Lead the group in singing the following lyrics to the tune of "God is So Good."

"God gives me (item).

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Continue asking children to name things God provides and sing about each one. Focus on shepherding hearts toward thankfulness.

SAY *Our God is a good God. He provided everything His people needed in the wilderness. **God took care of His people**. God provides everything we need too. Sometimes we may be tempted to grumble and complain like the Israelites. We may not trust God to give us what we need. In those moments, we can ask God to help us remember His goodness.*

COLOR THE ACTIVITY PAGE (please send this home with parents)

As children color, **SAY** The people were crying out for food and water, and God provided everything they needed. **God took care of His people**, and He takes care of us, too.

PLAY A GAME

Invite children to play a game. Explain you will say, "God provided ____." (Fill in the blank with either manna, quail, or water.) Instruct children to bend down and pretend to pick things off the floor when you say "manna." When you say "quail," instruct preschoolers to stand and flap their arms like birds. When you say "water," lead children to pretend they are drinking water from glasses. Begin by saying the phrase, "God provided ____ (manna, quail or water)," and guide

preschoolers to make the appropriate movements. Speed up or slow down saying the phrases as you play the game.

SAY *In the wilderness, God's people complained to Moses when they were hungry. **God took care of His people** by giving quail and manna for them to eat. Quail is a type of bird, and manna is like bread. God also provided water for His people to drink. God provided for His people. How does God provide for you?*

OPTIONAL TEACHING OUTLINE

Open your Bible to Exodus 15. Show the video or tell the Bible story. Use the bold version of the Bible story for young preschoolers.

GOD PROVIDED FOR HIS PEOPLE

*After the Israelites crossed the Red Sea, **God led the people on a journey through the wilderness.** The people traveled for three days with nothing to drink. **They were very thirsty and unhappy. They finally found water but could not drink it because it was bitter. Moses asked the LORD for help, and the LORD showed him a tree. Moses threw the tree in the water, and the water miraculously became good to drink!***

A few weeks later, God's people were unhappy again. They said, "We had all the meat and bread we wanted in Egypt, but you brought us out here where we have nothing to eat!"

Moses and Aaron gathered all the people and said, "Tonight the LORD will give you meat to eat, and in the morning you will eat bread until you are full because He has heard your complaints."

That night, quail, a type of bird, covered the whole camp, and the Israelites were able to eat meat. In the morning, bread covered the ground, and each person gathered as much as he needed for that day. The people called the bread manna. It looked like small, white seeds and tasted like honey.

*God instructed Moses to tell the people to gather only what they needed to eat for that day and not to save any of it for the next day. **God provided exactly what His people needed to eat each day.***

Christ Connection: The people were unhappy with Moses and God, but God still chose to give them the food and water they needed. We are all sinners, but Jesus still chose to die for us so that we might be saved from our sin.

DISMISS PRESCHOOLERS

- Release preschoolers to parents by matching up the number on the child's sticker with the guardian receipt.
- Give parents today's activity page to reinforce today's Bible story and Christ connection throughout the week.
- Tell parents something that their child enjoyed doing or did well during the session.

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COLOR THE ACTIVITY PAGE (*please send this home with parents*)

Lead preschoolers to complete the **activity page**. As they work, continue talking about the Bible story.

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OPTIONAL TEACHING OUTLINE:

Open the Bible to EXODUS 15 and tell the following Bible story:

After the Israelites crossed the Red Sea, God led the people through the desert. The people traveled for three days. They were thirsty and unhappy. Moses asked God for help. God showed Moses water and a tree. Moses threw the tree in the water, and the water became good to drink! Then, God's people became hungry and unhappy. God sent a type of bird called quail and bread called manna—small, white flakes that tasted like honey—for the Israelites to eat. God told the people to gather only enough food for one day. God provided exactly what His people needed.

Check diapers and release toddlers to parents according to security procedures. Give parents today's activity page to reinforce today's Bible story and Christ connection throughout the week.