



Grades 4–5 • Lesson 56

God Provides in the Wilderness

Exodus 16:2–3, 16:11–15, 15:23–25, 17:3–6; Philippians 2:14

Name _____

Unscramble the words which describe how God provided for the Israelites. Then match the colored letters to the boxes to fill in the attributes of God shown through his miraculous provision. Some letters will be used more than once!

1. **A** **N** **A** **M** **N**

2. **L** **A** **I** **Q** **U**

3. **E** **S** **E** **W** **T** **E** **A** **T** **W** **R**

4. **W** **A** **E** **T** **R** **O** **R** **M** **F** **E** **T** **H** **C** **R** **O** **K**

5. **Y** **O** **R** **I** **C** **T** **V** **R** **V** **O** **E** **M** **A** **A** **L** **K** **E** **I** **T** **E** **S**

6. **O** **D** **G** **R** **H** **E** **A** **D** **S** **O** **M** **E** **S** **'** **R** **E** **P** **R** **A** **Y**

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ANSWERS: 1. Manna 2. Quail 3. Sweet Water 4. Water from the Rock 5. Victory over Amalekites 6. God heard Moses' prayer
Attributes: Omnipotent, Faithful



Use the colored blanks as clues to find the answers in the memory verse.

And God spoke all these words, saying, "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the **land of Egypt**, out of the **house of slavery**. **You shall have no other gods before me.**"

Exodus 20:1-3

1. What land did God bring the Israelites out of? _____

2. For the Israelites, Egypt was a house of what? _____

3. What command is given? _____

What You Heard *In the Word*

- The Israelites sinned when they grumbled about food and water, but Moses turned to the Lord for help.
- God miraculously provided manna, quail, water, and protection from enemies for the Israelites in the wilderness.

OutWord *For Family Discussion*

Suppose your friend says that she doesn't believe that God provides for her. Her parents give her everything she needs, like food and clothing. She doesn't see God in it at all. **What would you say?**

It does look like our parents are providing for us, and they are. But God created everyone, and he gave us parents with special talents and gifts. Our parents use the gifts that God has given them to earn money so they can provide the things we need. Because God is in control of everything, including our parents and what they have, I'm grateful to God as the source of the things I have.



HomeWord *For Parents*

Despite God's amazing defeat of the Egyptians at the Red Sea, the Israelites soon began to grumble about food and water. When they were hungry or thirsty, they complained to Moses.

Moses responded by crying out to God. God graciously provided quail one evening. Then in the morning, he provided a fine, flake-like food with the dew. Moses told them that this food was bread from the Lord (Exodus 16:11–15). The people named the white wafers manna, meaning "What is it?" (Exodus 16:31). The Israelites ate manna for 40 years until they came to the border of the land of Canaan (Exodus 16:35). God also miraculously provided water in the wilderness by turning bitter water into sweet water and by causing water to flow from a rock.

The Israelites' next test was a battle against the Amalekites. Moses sent Joshua and their fighting men to meet this attack. Then he went to the top of a hill with Aaron, Hur, and his staff. Whenever Moses' hands were raised, God gave the Israelites victory. But when his hands lowered, the Amalekites prevailed. Aaron and Hur helped by holding up Moses' arms until the end of the day, and the Israelites were victorious (Exodus 17:8–13).

Each test in the wilderness, whether hunger, thirst, or battle, was meant to teach the Israelites to rely on God. Instead of grumbling, the Israelites should have responded as Moses did, by crying out to the Lord for help.

