

# Collect the Manna

## Materials

- ☐ Bag(s) of cotton balls
- ☐ Chopsticks or spoons for each student
- ☐ Cups
- ☐ Optional: masking tape, chairs, snack (small, wrapped candies), sheets/tablecloths

## Instructions

*In an open area, spread the cotton balls all over the floor. For a large class, divide into groups with separate areas and more cotton balls, or divide into teams and have each team collect cotton balls and put them into a team cup. Explain that the cotton balls are like the manna that appeared every morning. The students will be the Israelites going out to collect it.*

*Give each student a cup and either chopsticks or a spoon (spoon is harder). Explain that when you say “Go,” they will collect cotton balls as fast as they can in their cup using their chopsticks or spoon (NO hands!).*

*To determine a winner:*

- *play for a set amount of time then have students or teams count their cotton balls to see who has the most*
- *play until a student or team completely fills their cup*
- *play until all the cotton balls are collected then see who has the most*

*Relay option: divide class into teams. Use tape to make a start line and place a cup on a chair across the room for each team. Give the first student on each team either chopsticks or a spoon. Students will run to the cotton balls on the floor, collect as many as they can with their chopsticks/spoon, run them to their team’s cup, then return to the start and hand the chopsticks/spoon off to the next teammate. The team with the most cotton balls in their cup after everyone has gone wins.*

*Snack option: spread sheets or tablecloths on the floor then spread snack food (small, wrapped candies) on them for the students to collect. At the end, divide the snack up evenly so everyone has the same. Then let students eat the snack.*

## Suggested Discussion

God commanded the Israelites to collect manna every morning except on the Sabbath. So, they went out and gathered it. Then they measured it out so everyone got what they needed. When the sun grew hot, it melted away!

God was teaching the Israelites to trust him for their daily bread. He also wanted them to work and share, since he had them go collect it and then divide it so everyone had enough. God was faithful to provide for his people.