

Week 2: "God is My Provider"

Lesson Overview

Today's Point: God provides for our needs in miraculous ways.

Key Verse: Philippians 4:19 (CSB)

And my God will supply all your needs according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

Bible Story: Elijah and the Widow at Zarephath (1 Kings 17:8-16)


Songs:

Mighty Name of Jesus

<https://youtu.be/nacyxLqWjO8?si=a0cR09U0Hbu069t1>

Here is a second song that you can use if you would like to:

I Thank God: <https://youtu.be/tay5kChzkDQ?si=xE3Z2F8jES1mQ2b3>

Story Video:  God's Story: God Provides for Elijah

Life Connection: As God provided for Elijah and the widow, He will provide for us in our daily needs, including school supplies and friendships.

Gospel Connection: Jesus' sacrifice on the cross provides for our greatest need—salvation. We can rely on His provision and share His love with others.

Schedule:

Warm Up Question (3 min.):

When you are really hungry, what do you want to eat?

Review Classroom Rules (3 min.)

Review giving and collect offerings (2 min.)

Review point and Key verse: (5 min.)

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Play this month's songs (3-6 minutes)

Activity (5-6 minutes)

Say:

Good morning, everyone! It's great to see all of you here today. Last week, we learned about how God is our helper and how He helped David defeat the giant Goliath. Today, we will learn about another amazing way God helps us. But before we get into our Bible story, let's play a fun game to get us thinking about how God provides for us in different ways.

Supplies:

Index cards or small pieces of paper

A pen or marker

A basket or small container

Preparation:

1. Write down simple items or things God provides on index cards or pieces of paper (e.g., food, water, friends, family, sunshine, rain, school, church). You can write each item on a separate card.
2. Place all the cards in the basket or container.

Instructions:

1. **Set Up:** Gather the children in a circle. Place the basket with the cards in the center of the circle.
2. **Game Play:** Explain to the children that they will each take a turn picking a card from the basket. When it's their turn, they will draw a card and read out loud the item written on it. After reading the item, they will share one way that God provides this for them or why it is important.
3. **Debrief:** After everyone has had a turn, discuss how God provides all these different things for us, just like He provided for Elijah and the woman in our Bible story. **Ask the children:** How do you feel knowing that God takes care of all these things for us?

Say:

Fantastic job, everyone! Now that we've talked about some of the wonderful things God provides for us, let's sit down and hear an incredible story from the Bible about how God provided for Elijah and a woman who had very little.

Lesson: (15 minutes)

“God Provides in Amazing Ways”

Teach the Bible lesson by reading the verses and talking about them with the kids using the script below.

Say:

Last week, we learned about how God is our helper through the story of David and Goliath. Today, we will hear another amazing story about how God provides for us in surprising ways.

READ: 1 Kings 17:8-10

God told Elijah to go to a place called Zarephath because He had commanded a widow there to supply him with food. Elijah obeyed and went to Zarephath. Now, a widow is a woman whose husband has died, and back then, widows often had a hard time getting enough food and money.

Can you imagine traveling to a new place and having to ask a stranger for help? Elijah must have really trusted God to do this! Have you ever had to ask someone for help with something? It can be a little scary, right? But Elijah knew God would provide.

READ: 1 Kings 17:10-12

When Elijah arrived at the town gate, he saw a widow gathering sticks. He asked her for a little water and a piece of bread. The widow told him she only had a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. She was planning to make one last meal for herself and her son, and then they would have nothing left.

Wow, that sounds really tough! This woman was preparing for what she thought would be her last meal. Let's raise our hands if we've ever felt worried about not having enough of something, like food, money, or even time. It's normal to worry, but God wants us to trust Him.

READ: 1 Kings 17:13-14

Elijah's message from God was a promise that the widow's flour and oil wouldn't run out. Imagine hearing that! Have you ever been surprised by something good happening when you didn't expect it? That's how God's provision can be—unexpected and amazing!

Crosstown only activity:

Let's all act out the story of Elijah and the widow together! First, let's all pretend to mix the bread. Use your hands to mix the flour and oil in a big bowl. Stir it around, really big motions! Now, let's smell the bread. Mmm, it smells so good!

(Children act out mixing and smelling the bread)

Now, let's check the jar to see how much flour and oil is left. Peek inside and act

surprised and happy to find more than you expected. Can you all show me your surprised and happy faces?

(Children act out checking the jar and showing surprise and happiness)

Great job! Next, let's form the dough into a loaf of bread. Use your hands to shape it, make it nice and round. Isn't this fun?

(Children act out shaping the dough)

Now, let's pretend to put the loaf into the oven. Carefully place it in, and let's all gather around. While we wait, let's smell the delicious aroma. Can you smell it? It smells amazing!

(Children act out putting the bread in the oven and smelling the aroma)

The bread is ready! Let's take it out of the oven. Be careful, it's hot! Now, let's taste the bread. Take a big bite. Mmm, it's so delicious! Show me your happy faces as you taste the bread.

(Children act out by taking the bread out of the oven and tasting it, showing happy expressions)

Wonderful job, everyone! Just like in our story, God provided for Elijah and the widow in a miraculous way. Remember, God is our provider, and we can trust Him to care for us.

Elijah's message from God was a promise that the widow's flour and oil wouldn't run out. Imagine hearing that! Let's all make a big, surprised face. Have you ever been surprised by something good happening when you didn't expect it? That's how God's provision can be—unexpected and amazing!

READ: 1 Kings 17:15-16

So the widow went away and did as Elijah had told her. And guess what? There was daily food for Elijah, the woman, and her family. The jar of flour was not used up, and the jug of oil did not run dry, as God had promised through Elijah.

God kept His promise and provided for Elijah, the widow, and her son. It's like a never-ending supply of what they needed. Just like in our lives, God knows what we need and takes care of us in ways we might not expect.

Play story video to review the lesson

GOSPEL CONNECTION: Just as God provided for Elijah and the widow, He provided for our greatest need by sending Jesus to save us from our sins. Jesus' sacrifice on the cross ensures that we have eternal life and a relationship with God. When we trust in Jesus, we can be confident that God will always provide for our needs.

Discussion Questions & Prayer

Say:

You did a fantastic job listening to the story of Elijah and the widow. I could see how engaged and attentive you all were. Great job! Now, let's talk about what we have learned today. I have a few questions for you to share your thoughts.

Discussion Questions:

1. How do you think the widow felt when Elijah asked her for food, even though she had so little? How would you feel in her place?
2. Why do you think the widow trusted Elijah and followed his instructions? What helps you trust God when you have to do something hard?
3. Can you think of a time when you or your family needed something important, and God provided it for you? How did that make you feel?

Konnect Bible Verse Review:

Bible Verse Hot Potato: Use a ball or a real potato to play hot potato. As the ball is tossed, each word must be said individually and in order by the person catching the ball. If someone misses a word or drops the ball, they are out.

Crosstown Bible Verse Review:

Have the kids say the verse with you a few times.

Ideas for time remaining:

Coloring sheet - talk to the kids about the lesson again
Sword Drills
Free play

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Questions to Discuss With Your Child:

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