

The Great Deliverer: Tracing God's Plan from Moses to Jesus

Week 4 June

Preteen 9:45

Passage: • Exodus 16:4, 15, 32-33, Matthew 14:13-20

Main Point: God provided manna for Israel, and Jesus provided food for the crowd. Jesus is our provider and the Bread of life

Bottom Line: God is our provider

Welcome Question

In your journals write and answer

Have you ever been surprised by someone giving you exactly what you needed? Explain

Explain: Today we are going to talk about how God provided and how He is our provider

Mystery Bag: "What's Inside?"

Supplies:

- bag
- Bread, fish crackers, cotton balls, toy fish

Let kids reach inside without looking.

Ask:

- What do you think it is?
- Would you expect bread to come from heaven?
- Could this feed 5,000 people?

Then reveal the items and introduce the lesson.

Big Idea: God provides in surprising ways!

Discussion Questions (5 min):

- What did the Israelites eat?
- Where did manna come from?
- Why did Jesus feed the crowd?
- Why didn't He send them away hungry?
- What are some things God provides for us?
 - Food
 - Family
 - Friends
 - Church
 - Forgiveness
- What worries do you need to trust God with?
- Why is Jesus better than manna?

Review Game

"Moses or Jesus?"

Have children run to one side of the room for Moses and the other for Jesus.

Ask:

Who did this?

- Led Israel in the wilderness? (**Moses**)
- Fed over 5,000? (**Jesus**)
- Received instructions from God about manna? (**Moses**)
- Multiplied bread and fish? (**Jesus**)
- Is called the Bread of Life? (**Jesus**)
- Helped God's people learn to trust Him? (**Both!**)

Daily Bread Calendar

Give children a simple seven-day chart. Explain that they can keep up with all of the ways God provides for them each day.

Each day they write or draw:

"Today God provided ____."

Examples:

- Breakfast
- A friend
- A hug
- Safety
- A teacher
- Forgiveness

Verse:

"Give us today our daily bread." Matthew 6:11

Closing Prayer:

"God, thank you for taking care of us every day. Thank you for giving us what we need and for sending Jesus to show us your love. Help us trust you. Amen."