

June Week 4

Bible Lesson/Script

The Great Deliverer

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

Leader:

Have you ever been REALLY hungry?

(Allow responses.)

Maybe:

- Your stomach started growling before dinner.
- You forgot your snack at school.
- You were waiting forever for pizza night.

When we're hungry, what do we want?

(Allow responses.)

FOOD!

Today we're going to learn about **two groups of hungry people** and **two amazing miracles**:

1. Moses and the Israelites in the wilderness.
2. Jesus and a crowd of over 5,000 people.

Both groups were hungry.

Both needed help.

And both discovered something amazing:

God is our Provider!

Leader:

First, let's travel back to Moses.

God had rescued the Israelites from slavery in Egypt.

Now they were traveling through the wilderness.

But there was a problem.

There were no grocery stores.

No farms.

No restaurants.

And soon...

the people became hungry.

Very hungry.

So they began to complain.

(Have kids use their best whining voices.)

"We're hungry!"

"We want food!"

"Did you bring us out here to starve?"

Have you ever complained when you were hungry?

(Pause.)

The Israelites did too.

But God already had a plan.

Leader:

God told Moses:

"I will rain down bread from heaven for you."

Wait...

Bread?

From heaven?

Everybody look up!

Pretend bread is falling!

Catch some!

Put some in your pockets!

The next morning, the Israelites woke up and saw little white flakes all over the ground.

And they asked:

"What is it?"

That's exactly what the word **manna** means:

"What is it?"

Everybody say it with me:

"What is it?"

The people didn't know what it was.

But God did.

It was bread from heaven.

And every single morning,

God gave them exactly what they needed.

Not too much.

Not too little.

Just enough.

Leader:

Who provided manna?

Kids: GOD DID!

Who took care of His people?

Kids: GOD DID!

Who can we trust every day?

Kids: GOD!

Leader:

Now let's fast forward hundreds of years.

Jesus had been teaching people all day long.

More and more people kept coming.

Soon there were thousands of people gathered.

And before long...

everyone became hungry.

The disciples came to Jesus and said:

"Jesus, send the people away so they can buy food."

But Jesus said something surprising:

"You give them something to eat."

The disciples looked around.

There wasn't enough food!

Then they found one little boy.

And do you remember what he had?

Leader:

Let's count together!

Five loaves of bread!

Count:

1...2...3...4...5

And...

Two fish!

1...2

Now let me ask you something.

Could five loaves and two fish feed:

20 people?

Kids: NO!

100 people?

Kids: NO!

500 people?

Kids: NO!

5,000 people?

Kids: NO!

But Jesus wasn't worried.

Because Jesus is our Provider.

Leader:

Jesus took the bread.

He thanked God.

He broke the bread.

And then something amazing happened.

The bread kept coming.

And coming.

And coming.

The fish kept coming.

And coming.

And coming.

Everyone ate.

Not just a few people.

EVERYONE.

And not just a little.

Everyone ate until they were FULL.

Leader:

And after everyone finished eating...

Do you know how many baskets of leftovers they collected?

TWELVE!

That's more than when they started!

Because when Jesus provides...

there is always MORE THAN ENOUGH!

Everybody say:

MORE THAN ENOUGH!

Leader:

Let's compare Moses and Jesus!

When Moses led God's people...

Kids: God provided manna!

When Jesus saw the hungry crowd...

Kids: Jesus provided bread and fish!

Manna came from heaven.

Jesus is...

Kids: The Bread of Life!

Manna fed people for one day.

Jesus gives life...

Kids: Forever!

Leader:

And here's the most amazing part.

Jesus later said:

"I am the Bread of Life."

Does that mean Jesus is a loaf of bread?

(Laugh.)

No!

Bread feeds our bodies.

Jesus feeds our hearts.

Jesus gives us:

- Hope
- Joy
- Forgiveness
- Peace
- Eternal life

And unlike manna...

Jesus never runs out.

Leader:

So let me ask you:

Who gives us food?

Kids: GOD!

Who gives us our families?

Kids: GOD!

Who gives us our homes?

Kids: GOD!

Who gives us forgiveness?

Kids: JESUS!

Who is our Provider?

Kids: GOD IS OUR PROVIDER!

Leader:

The Israelites needed bread.

The crowd needed bread.

But every one of us needs something even greater.

We need Jesus.

Because Jesus is not just a Provider.

Jesus is God's greatest gift.

He died on the cross for our sins.

He rose again.

And anyone who trusts Him can have eternal life.

That's why Jesus is called:

The Bread of Life.

Leader:

Let's practice.

When I'm worried...

Kids: God will provide!

When I don't know what will happen...

Kids: I can trust God!

When I have a need...

Kids: God cares for me!

When I need forgiveness...

Kids: Jesus is enough!

Leader:

God provided manna in the wilderness.

Jesus provided bread for the crowd.

And today...

Jesus is still our Provider.

Let's pray.

Prayer:

Jesus, thank You for providing manna for the Israelites and food for the hungry crowd. Thank You for being our Provider and the Bread of Life. Help us trust You every day and remember that You always give us exactly what we need most—You. Amen.