

# Adventures with GOD!

## GOD PROVIDED FOOD TO TRAVELERS (A.2.Spring.5)

Biblical Reference	Exodus 16
Key Verse	1 Peter 7:5
Key Concept	God provides me with food every day.
Educational Objectives	At the end of class today, children will be able to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Say today's Key Verse.</li> <li>2. Dramatize today's story.</li> <li>3. Name some foods God gives us.</li> </ol>

### Life Application

God shows love in many ways. God provided food to the children in the wilderness and continues to provide food for us today. Children will learn to give thanks to God for all God provides for us, especially for food and nourishment. During the week, children are encouraged to give thanks to God before breakfast, lunch and snack every day.

### Possible Activities and Class Plan

Activity	Materials	Time
Opening Prayer	Candle	1 minute
Introduction	Photos	5 minutes
Bible Story	Bible, bread	10 minutes
Drama	Candy	10 minutes
Game	Food, plates, utensils	15 minutes
Craft	Magazines, scissors, glue, paper	15 minutes
Closing Prayer	Candle	1 minute

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## INSTRUCTIONS

### Opening Prayer

Gather children around a candle and explain that we are entering into a special time with God. Encourage the children to hold their hands out in front of them, palms up, as a sign they are ready to receive what God has for them today. Light the candle.

**Prayer:** God we light this candle remembering: you made light, you made us, and you are with us now. Amen (For safety sake, you may wish to extinguish the candle after the prayer.)

**Introduction:** Decorate classroom walls with pictures of people eating in multiple places like restaurants, homes, etc. As children view all the pictures ask questions related to the topic. For example: What are these people eating? What is your favorite food? Why do you prefer certain foods? Ask other questions according to what they respond.

**Bible Story:** Use illustrations relevant to the story. Before you begin to tell the story, it would be good to hand each child a piece bread. This will help children understand a little more on how God provided food to the people of Israel.

Emphasize that throughout history, although God was always attentive to the needs of his people, they were always complaining and protesting against Moses who was their leader. When the people received food from God, they became happy, praising and giving thanks. Yet after a while, the people began to complain and protest again. When we get something we want, we are happy, but sometimes we complain and do not remember to thank God for what is given to us. Do you think we act like the people of Israel sometimes? Explain that we need to continually recognize God's goodness and faithfulness at all times.

**Drama:** You are going on a wilderness journey. If possible, take children outside to a garden to dramatize the story. Discuss how the people of Israel felt when they had no food. Find a spot where children can sit and pass out candy. This activity will help them understand the joy they felt when they received the bread from heaven.

**Game:** If you have time, serve some vegetables, bread, cheese, etc. Before serving, say the names of food for children to learn. Repeat that a few times. Have children pick one thing from each food group and ask them to pray each time they try something different.

**Craft:** Gather magazines or newspapers for children to cut out. Use child-safe scissors or perhaps cut before class. Ask children to find pictures of food or people eating. Then give a white sheet of paper to stick what they cut. Write today's Key Verse at the bottom. Children can take their work home to share what they learned today with their parents. If there is extra time, children can color illustrations on pages 4-7.

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**Prayer:** Have children repeat the Key Verse by adding the name of the child next to them at the end of the line. For example: "For He cares for Anthony" Keep it going until all names are mentioned.

Finally, encourage children to always be thankful to God for always providing us with food every day. Encourage children to pray. Help children start with a sentence " Thank God for the milk ... (mention other foods)."

## **Closing Prayer**

Gather children around the candle and light the candle again.

**Prayer:** Thank you God for loving us, and for sending your son Jesus into the world.

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## Illustration

Manna from Heaven



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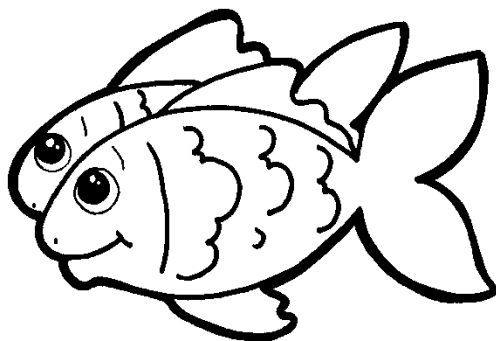
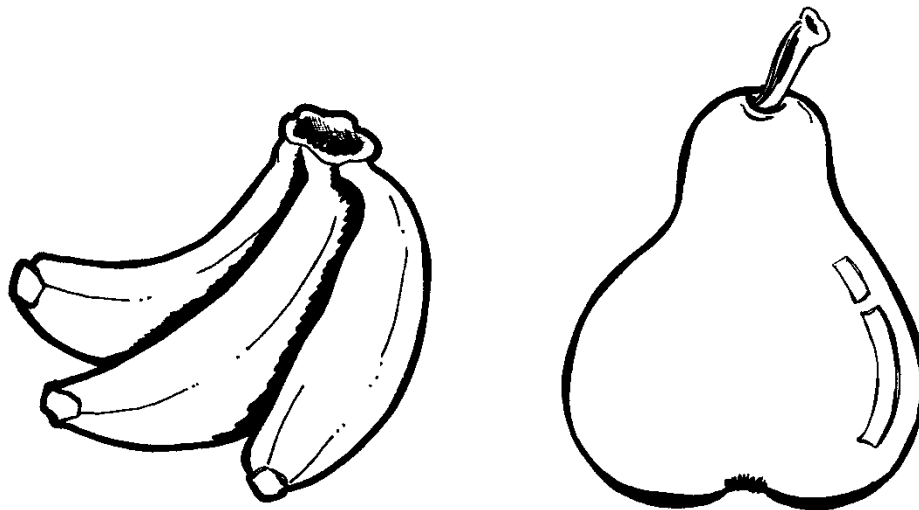
## Illustration

### Gathering Manna



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