

Lesson 41: God Sends Quail and Manna
Exodus 16:1-26

Youtube Link: <https://youtu.be/xkgaPHd7J98>

Children's Bible Story Video: <https://youtu.be/0bxDZLq5Aws>

Worship Theme: God Gives Good Gifts to His Children.

Memory Verse: “Ask and it will be given to you, seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you” (Mathew 7:7)

Songs (Youtube links):

1. I Can Do All Things <https://youtu.be/YPKAgHMdYog>
2. Our God is So Great <https://youtu.be/QXEVqO94wpg>
3. Everlasting God <https://youtu.be/suW4J1Wbxa4>

Prayer

Song:

Icebreaker: “God Gives Good Gifts!”



Have the children sit in a circle and choose a child to start the relay by saying, “God gives good gifts to his children. I am thankful for _____. ” Continue around the circle until the last student has a turn.

Introduction:

- If today was your birthday, what would you like to receive as a gift? (let students answer)
- Why do we need God's blessings? (let students answer)
- Will God give us gifts/blessings? (Yes!)
- What makes God's gifts/blessings good? (Answer: they meet our needs; God gives them to us out of love)
- Would you give a gift to someone who is not nice to you? (No!)

But God loves us even when we're not good to God. The Israelites didn't deserve good gifts. They whined and complained as they traveled to the Promised Land. Their actions were often halfhearted. But God didn't give them what they deserved. He gave them good gifts to provide for their needs. Let's learn about what gifts God gave to the Israelites!

Bible Story:

God gave good gifts to his people, the Israelites. After he led them out of Egypt, the people became hungry as they were traveling in the desert. The Israelites began to complain. God wasn't happy that the people complained. God wanted them to believe and trust that he would take care of them. But God loved the Israelites. Instead of being angry at them for complaining, he gave them good gifts of food to eat. People called this food “manna,” which means “What is it?” The Israelite have never seen this food before and kept asking “What is it?” which became the name. Exodus 16:31 says “It was white like coriander seed and tasted like wafers made with honey.” God put manna all around the camp for the Israelites to pick up and eat every morning. They did not have to worry about food!

But the Israelites began to complain again. This time, they wanted meat. Instead of being angry, God gave the Israelites good gifts/blessings again. “That evening quail came and covered the camp” (Ex. 16: 13). The Israelites caught the quail and had meat to eat for dinner.

For forty years, while the Israelites were in the desert, God gave them manna to eat. God gave good gifts to his people—quail and manna. These good gifts helped the people to know that God would keep his promises to them and that God gives good gifts to his children.

Questions to discuss:

1. Why did the Israelites complain? (They were hungry)
2. What did the Israelites want? (They wanted food and meat)
3. What did God do when the Israelites complained? (Instead of being angry, God sent them good gifts - manna and quail)
4. What gifts/blessings would you like to receive from God? (let the students answer)
Let's count the blessings that you have received from God.

Game: "Let's Gather Manna!"

Materials: A bag of beans and plastic/paper bags according to the number of groups



- Divide the children into groups of 4-5.
- Give a plastic/paper bag to each group.
- Scatter a bag of beans to the floor and have the students gather as many beans into their bags as possible.
- The game does not end until all the beans on the group are picked up.
- Once all the beans are picked up, each group should count the beans they gathered.
- The group that gathered the most beans wins the game.

Memory Verse:

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Craft: "God's Blessing - Manna" Coloring page

Song: Select songs from the list above

Prayer**Teacher's Devotion (Please read before you get ready to teach the students.)**

God is our provider! Everything we have is from God, and he has provided a way for us to have a relationship with Jesus. The eternal gift of salvation is the greatest gift we could ever receive! Our greatest need is to honor and glorify God. But some times we complain when we do not get what we want. We have to remember that God knows exactly what we need. Despite our wants and desires, we are fulfilled when obeying God's will. What have you complained about this week? Lay it down before God and ask him to give you what he knows is best for you.



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