



3rd - 5th

July 29-30, 2017

DATE

Wilderness

LESSON TITLE

Exodus 14-17, Philippians 4:6

WHERE TO FIND IT

God provides for his family.

MAIN POINT

schedule

Connect Time (15 minutes): Five minutes after the service begins, split kids into groups and begin their activity.

Large Group (30 minutes): Begin 20 minutes after the service starts. Model what it looks like to be engaged in large group.

Small Group (15 minutes): Keep kids in small groups until parents arrive. If you all have extra time at the end, you can review the video and songs together.

tips

Pray with your team, and invite God into your time in Kids' Club! It's okay if the kids see you praying before the hour. In fact, it sets a good example for them. So, gather your other volunteers for a few minutes when you arrive and pray—it could be the most important thing you do to prepare!

check-in/out

As kids leave, ask about their bracelet and what they wrote on it!

large group heads up

Today's story is all about how God provided for the Israelites after he rescued and delivered them out of slavery in Egypt. He stayed faithful to his family no matter what!



connect time

GOAL: *Connect Time is all about engaging kids in an activity that allows them to connect with each other right away while simultaneously piquing their curiosity for Large Group and preparing their minds for what they're going to hear.*

PROVISION FROM A TO Z

- Tell kids to get into **groups of 2 or 3** (If any kids are left out, find them a group to join, or have them pair up with a volunteer.)
- Give each group **1 piece of 11x17 paper and markers.**
- One kid should write the alphabet down the side of the paper, from A to Z. Then, as a group, see if you can come up with one thing you're thankful for, *for each letter.* (e.g. A – animals, B – baseball, etc.) Write it down next to each letter. (Give kids about 7-10 minutes on this.)
- In the remaining 5 minutes of Connect Time, ask several kids to come to the front of the room and act out something from their list, while the rest of the room tries to guess what it is!

TALK ABOUT IT

- What's one thing God has provided for you this week?
- What were best/worst parts of your week?

Before you go to Large Group, you can ask kids how their week went. You can also remind kids of the expectations for Large Group behavior: (1) be kind, (2) listen when somebody speaks, and (3) follow the leader's instructions.



instructions

Goal: Kids will (1) understand how God provided for his family while they were in the wilderness, (2) recognize why we can trust God to take care of us, and (3) identify one thing we need to ask God for.

Why? We all need to rely on God for provision, because he's the only one who can truly take care of all our needs.

Tip: To help kids think of one thing they need to ask God for, give them a personal example of one thing YOU need to ask God!

small group

REVIEW THE STORY

Hand each kid a **piece of paper and a **marker**. Have them write down or draw their answers as you ask each question. Then ask if anyone wants to share.*

1. What difficulties did the Israelites face? (They had to travel through the harsh desert, they needed water and food.)
2. What did the Israelites complain about? (They didn't trust that God would give them water, they were tired of having the same food everyday, they worried God wouldn't take care of them.)
3. How did God provide for the Israelites? (He gave them clean water, gave them new food every morning, he kept them healthy, he protected them from harm, he promised them a new home.)
4. What difficulties/worries are you facing? How could you hand that over to God?

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Set out a **brown paper bag in the middle of the group, and write "worries".*

- Hand each kid a ¼ sheet of paper and **pen**:
 - On the slip of paper, write down/draw something they are worried about. It could be something that they want (and don't think they'll get), something they are scared of, etc. Once they're done, fold it and drop it in the "worries" bag. This is a way to symbolize letting go of our worries, and handing them over to God!
- Hand each kid a **pipe cleaner** and a **round tag**
 - On the round tag, have them write one thing they are thankful for, something that God has provided for them (On the flip side of the tag, they can draw a small image/symbol of what they wrote.) Once they're finished, they can put the pipe cleaner through the tag, and then fasten the pipe cleaner around their wrist as a bracelet. They could also use it as a keychain or decoration at home. It's a reminder of how God always provides for his family!

Extra time? Play "Don't Say No." Tear up a piece of paper and give each kid a small piece to hold. Then have them walk around and play, and if they hear someone else say "No" or complain in any way, they get to take that person's piece of paper. See who can collect the most papers! Remind kids that when we say "No" all the time, it's a way of being negative and complaining. This activity helps us be more aware of how much we do it!

special notes

We're watching two movie clips to prepare kids for today's story about God's provision: **Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory** (appx. 2 minutes) and **Trolls** (appx. 1 and half minutes).

presenter tips

Here's today's God's Story video:

God's Story / Wilderness:
<https://vimeo.com/178618229>

script

WELCOME AND WORSHIP

Main Goal: Review Connect Time and actively worship.

Notes:

**Click to play intro music.*

- **Welcome:** Hi everybody! Welcome to Kids' Club. We're so glad to have you here!
- **Ask:** What did you all think of our Connect Time game? Were you able to come up with something you're thankful for, for every letter of the alphabet? Go ahead and tell me some of the things from your lists. (Let several kids respond.) Nice job!
- **Ask:** Do you all ever forget the things you're thankful for? (Let kids respond.) Why do you think that is? (Let kids respond.) I know I forget to be thankful sometimes because it seems like there's a lot to worry or complain about. Give me a thumbs up if you've ever been worried about something. (Let kids respond.) Now give me a thumbs up if you've ever complained in your life. (Let kids respond.) Yep, I'm sure we ALL have!
- **Say:** One thing I've complained about lately is... *(Share a personal example of something you've complained about, and then share a way that you realized you could be grateful instead.)*
- **Say:** Today we're talking about a group of people in the Bible who struggled with exactly the same thing. And even though they worried if they would have what they needed....God ALWAYS provided for them.

COMPLAINING VS GRATEFULNESS

Main Goal: Use a Willy Wonka movie clip to show how we can get everything we want, and still be unhappy!

- **Say:** First, let's watch some video clips from two movies: Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory, and Trolls. In each clip, there's a character who's pretty unhappy and spends all their times complaining! Let's start with Willy Wonka:
- **Video: Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory/Veruca**
- **Say:** Okay, now let's see what happens in Trolls!
- **Video: Trolls / Sound of Silence**
- **Ask:** Raise your hand if you like the Willy Wonka clip better. (Let kids respond.) Now raise your hand if you liked the Trolls clip better? (Let kids respond.)
- **Ask:** Both of those characters probably had reasons to be grateful, right? There were good things around them, but they still complained, and only saw the bad side of things!

GOD RESCUES HIS FAMILY

Main Goal: Review how God rescued the Israelites, and promised them a new home.

- **Say:** In today's story, God's family, the Israelites, were really worried that they wouldn't get what they needed, even God kept showing them over and over again that he would always take of them.
- **Say:** You might remember that God had rescued the Israelites from Egypt, where they were forced to work as slaves. He did miracles, like parting the Red Sea, all to rescue his family from slavery!
- **Say:** After the Israelites were rescued, God promised them something amazing. He told them he would give them a brand new home called Canaan, the Promised Land! This new home was going to be incredible, and would have everything they needed.
- **Ask:** Have you ever been really excited to go somewhere new and exciting? Where was it? (Let kids respond.) Well so were the Israelites, and they couldn't wait to get there!

THE ISRAELITES STRUGGLE

Main Goal: Watch a God's Story video and understand the challenges the Israelites faced in the wilderness.

- **Say:** Unfortunately, the Israelites' trip wasn't easy. We're going to watch a video and see some of the tough times they went through. As you watch, pay attention to the hard parts of their trip, but also how God takes care of them!
- **Video: God's Story / Wilderness**
- **Ask:** So what were some of the toughest challenges the Israelites went through? (Let kids respond.) Yep, to get to their new home, they had to travel through a desert. It would have been hot, dry and dusty all the time, and it would be exhausting to travel and find food.

THE ISRAELITES NEEDED TO RELY ON GOD

Main Goal: Understand the specific ways that the Israelites had to rely on God for provision in the desert.

- **Ask:** Remember how the Israelites used to be slaves, and the ruler of Egypt told them what to do, and how to do it, every single day? They had no freedom at all.
- **Say:** Well now that they were free, they had to learn how to depend on God for what they needed instead. They had to figure out how to trust and obey Him no matter what.
- **Say:** Let's look back at how God gave his family just what they needed, every time they experienced something hard.
 - **(Click to show image of bitter/clean water.)** First, they panicked because they didn't have water. What did God do? (Let kids respond.) He showed them some water. And later, He made water spring out of a rock!
 - **(Click to show image of manna.)** Next, they wished they were slaves again, just so they could have food. What did God do then? (Let kids respond.) He gave them fresh manna everyday.
 - **(Click to show image of desert.)** Remember, during this whole time, they were wandering in the desert. But God promised them an amazing new home!

GOD IS FAITHFUL

Main Goal: Understand God's faithfulness and provision during every hard thing the Israelites faced.

- **Ask:** Now, even God gave them what they needed, were they satisfied with what they had? (Let kids respond.) Nope, they complained and wanted more, kind of like Veruca in that movie clip we watched earlier!
- **Ask:** Even though they doubted God, and worried that he wouldn't take care of them, did God STILL provide for them? (Let kids respond.) Yes!
- **Say:** God took care of the Israelites no matter what. Even when they messed up and didn't obey Him, he still took care of them, day after day. Every morning, He showed compassion and gave them another chance.
- **Ask:** Now if you think God will provide for US too, when we go through hard things, give me a peace sign (Demonstrate the peace sign and let kids respond.) Absolutely! He wants us to grow during our toughest times, just like the Israelites did. And He wants us to learn to trust Him. To believe with our whole hearts that he'll provide what we need when we go through those tough things!

RECOGNIZING GOD'S BLESSINGS

Main Goal: Recognize God's provision in our own lives, even when we face hard times.

- **Say:** We all face trouble, right? None of us will have a perfect life with all the things we want, because we live in an imperfect world, and we need a rescuer. There will be times that we're worried, or scared, or stressed out.
- **Say:** It's during THOSE times that God really wants us to come to him, and ask for what we need. He wants us to trust him to provide for us, instead of just relying on people or things of this world.
- **Say:** Let's look a verse that tell us exactly what to do when we feel the urge to worry, or complain about what we don't have. Can I have a volunteer read it out loud?
- **Slide: Philippians 4:6: Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.**
- **Ask:** What do you think this verse is telling us to do, when we're tempted to worry or complain? (Let kids respond.)
Yep, it says to go to God and ask him for what we need!

RESPONSE TIME AND WORSHIP

Main Goal: Let kids actively respond to the Holy Spirit and close the lesson with prayer and worship.

- **Say:** Let's take a minute and think about some of the tough things you've gone through in your own life. Maybe you're in your own "desert" right now, like the Israelites were.
- **(Play the campfire loop for the remainder of this response time)** Imagine you're out in the wilderness, sitting next to this campfire. If you've got room, you can lay down on your back, and listen to the sounds of the crickets and the crackling fire. (Pause for a few seconds.)
- **Say:** Right now, picture something you're worried about, or just something that you've complained about recently. (Pause for a few seconds.) Now, imagine handing that to God, right now. Let him take those worries, and instead, tell him *thank you*. (Pause.)
- **(Stop the campfire loop and close in prayer)** God, we all go through difficult times, but you will always provide for us, and we can trust you no matter what. Thank you for taking care of us. Amen!
- **Say:** Now it's time to celebrate God, and focus only on him. This first song is a brand new one, and it's all about how God made a way for us to be rescued. *(Depending on the dynamic of your room, you could have kids sit and watch this one, or stand and be active.)*
- **Music Video: God Made A Way**
- **Music Video: Trust in the Lord**



connect questions

How did God provide for his family?
What has God given you?

lesson supplies

Connect Time			
Item	Usage	Details	Provided by
Paper (11x17)	1 piece of paper per pair of kids	11x17	site
Markers	1 set per small group, reused	Staples.com	site

Small Group			
Item	Usage	Details	Provided by
Markers	1 set per small group, reused		site
Pens	1 per kid, reused		site
Brown paper bag	1 per small group	Sam's Club, Brown paper bags, Item #12528	KC Central
Pipe cleaner	1 per kid	Oriental Trading, Striped Chenille Stems, Item #IN-13684175	KC Central
Round tag	1 per kid	Staples, Avery Metal Rim Tags, Item #146746	KC Central
¼ sheets of paper	1 per kid	White paper, cut into ¼ sheets	site
Paper (8.5x11)	1 per kid	Staples.com	site

Large Group			
Item	Usage	Details	Provided by
Adventure Bible	1 per room		site

A/V needs

3rd-5th



1. Song slide: for when kids enter the room (All that You Need instrumental; mp3 only; can be downloaded on website)
2. Video: Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory / Veruca (0:23-2:37; <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2zcVnNwAHys>)
3. Video: Trolls / Sound of Silence (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tBRYFEb4xrY>)
4. Video: God's Story / Wilderness (<https://vimeo.com/178618229>)
5. Image: Bitter/clean water
6. Image: Manna
7. Image: Desert
8. Slide: Philippians 4:6: Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.
9. Loop: Campfire (0:00-1:00 on repeat; <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E77jmtut1Zc>)
10. Music Video: God Made A Way (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rHN67qnlUiE>)
11. Music Video: Trust in the Lord (<https://vimeo.com/153815987>)