



# 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>

July 28-29, 2018

DATE

Wilderness

LESSON TITLE

Exodus 14-17

WHERE TO FIND IT

God gives us what we need.

MAIN POINT

## schedule

**\*We're switching up the schedule this month!**  
**The hour is broken up into FIVE parts,**  
**alternating between large and small groups:**

**Part 1 (15 minutes)**

- Large Group (5-10 minutes after service starts)

**Part 2 (10-15 minutes)**

- Game

**Part 3 (10 minutes)**

- Small groups

**Part 4 (15 minutes)**

- Large Group

**Part 5 (10 minutes or until the end of service)**

- Small groups

## tips

**How to prepare for timing of the new lesson format:**

- 5 minutes before starting the first Large Group portion of the lesson, turn on the 5-minute countdown video to draw kids attention when it's time to start!
- There are 10-minute keynote timers during part of the lesson that requires a game and transition.

## check-in/out

- As kids arrive, give each kid a different colored dot sticker. This will determine which team they're on. Each small group will need a different color.
- Prepare all activity supplies before the activities start!
- Keep kids in small groups until their parents pick them up, while one volunteer checks kids' name tags at check out.

## large group heads up

**How to prepare for activities in this new lesson format:**

- Assign groups at the beginning of the hour by giving every kid a different colored sticker.
- Kids may return to these small groups throughout the hour, and they need to know **WHERE** that small group should sit.

# Part 1 (Large Group)

## GATHER IN ONE LARGE GROUP

**Main Goal:** Introduce and discuss today's BIG IDEA: **God always takes care of us.**

**Supplies:** None

**Video:**

- Trolls / Sound of Silence

**Time:** 15 minutes

**Tip:** As kids arrive, give each kid a different colored dot sticker. This will determine which team they're on. Each small group will need a different color.

**\*Start small groups 5-10 minutes into the service. Presenter should play the 5 minute countdown video** to draw kids in and help them transition into large group.

## **INTRO: GOD ALWAYS TAKES CARE OF US**

- **Welcome:** Hi everybody, welcome to Kids' Club. I'm so happy to see you guys here! Today we're talking about how **God always takes care of us.** But in the Bible, there were some people who forgot this!
- **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 your WHINIEST look!
- **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. He gave them what they needed. And that leads to our BIG IDEA for today: **God always takes care of us.**
- **Say:** First, let's watch a video clip from the movie, Trolls. There's a character who's pretty unhappy and spends all his times complaining!
- **Video: Trolls / Sound of Silence**
- **Ask:** He probably had reasons to be grateful, right? There were good things around him, but he STILL complained, and only saw the bad side of things!
- **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 care of them.

# Part 1 (Large Group cont.)

## GATHER IN ONE LARGE GROUP

**Main Goal:** Understand how today's story relates to kids' lives.

**Supplies:** None

### **Video:**

- God's Story / Wilderness

**Time:** 15 minutes (Cont.)

## **ISRAELITES IN THE WILDERNESS**

- **Say:** Let's review three important facts to set up today's story:
  - God rescued the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt.
  - After the Israelites were rescued, God promised them a brand new home called Canaan, the Promised Land!
  - This new home was going to be incredible, and would have everything they needed.
- **Say:** Unfortunately, the Israelites' trip to this new home 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 how did God provide for the Israelites, and take care of them? (Let kids respond.) Yep, he gave them food, water, shelter, and a new home!
- **Say:** Even when they messed up and didn't obey God, he STILL took care of them, day after day. Every morning, He showed compassion and gave them what they needed!
- **Ask:** 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!

## **TRANSITION**

- Now let's play a game to help us remember all the ways God provides and takes care of US too!
- Everyone get ready for the game by **freezing in a funny pose, as if you're a statue!** (Once everyone is frozen, let them try to stay in that pose as they break into smaller teams for the next activity.)

**\*Start the 10-minute timer for the next part of the lesson.**

# Part 2 (Game Time)

## **BREAK INTO TEAMS OF 5-6**

**Main Goal:** Play a game to help kids understand...

### **Supplies:**

- Large piece of tear off paper (1/group of 3-4 kids)
- Markers (1 per kid)

**Video:** None

**Time:** 10 minutes

## **THANKFUL (FROM A TO Z)**

- Tell kids to get into **groups of 5-6** (If any kids are left out, find them a group to join, or have them pair up with a volunteer.)
- Give each group **1 large piece of tear off paper and markers.**
- For the **first 3-5 minutes:**
  - 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.** (A – animals, B – baseball, C- cats, etc.)
  - Write it down next to each letter. (You could also let kids draw pictures next to each letter, instead of only writing the words out.)
- For the **next 5-7 minutes:**
  - Let each group of kids 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!
- **Possible adaptations:**
  - If you have a **smaller amount of kids** in your room, let kids partner up or do their own list, and then let them act out multiple things from their list, so the game will last longer.
  - If you have a **larger amount of kids**, break into bigger groups (6-8 kids each, or just break into regular sized small groups) so that everyone gets a chance to act something out.

## **TRANSITION**

- **Say:** Now let's get into small groups! (Direct kids to find their small groups, and if you used colored dot stickers to separate groups, let them know where their color of group is meeting.)
- **Suggestion:** Walk like an egyptian as you go to your small group!

**\*Start the 5-minute timer for the next part of the lesson.**

# Part 3 (Small Groups)

## SPLIT INTO SMALL GROUPS

**Main Goal:** Get to know the kids in your group, and have them answer a personal question about themselves.

**Supplies:**

- None

**Time:** 5-10 minutes

## **CONNECT AND DEBRIEF:**

- **Ice breaker** (go around the group and have each kid share):
  - What's your name?
  - If you were on a deserted island and could only eat ONE thing, what would it be?
  - What's one thing God provided for you this week?
- **Ask:**
  - Are there any things God provides for you that you feel like you could NEVER live without? (Not just food and water!)
  - Do you ever ask God for things? What do you ask for?
  - What stood out to you from the video about the Israelites in the wilderness?
- **Extra time?** Ask kids what the best or worst part of their week was.

## **TRANSITION**

- When 5 minutes are up and the presenter plays the **10 second countdown video**, transition kids to Large Group.
- **Say:** Let's all get into one large group by **sticking our legs together and waddling like a penguin** to the large group area!

# Part 4 (Large Group)

## GATHER IN ONE LARGE GROUP

**Main Goal:** Give kids a chance to respond to what they've heard today, and worship!

**Supplies:** None

**Video:** None

**Time:** 15 minutes

## **GOD WILL KEEP US SAFE**

- **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 where God promises how he will take care of us and keep us safe. Can I have a volunteer read this out loud? (Let a kid read the verse.)
- **Slide: Isaiah 41:10 So do not be afraid. I am with you. Do not be terrified. I am your God. I will make you strong and help you. I will hold you safe in my hands. I always do what is right.**
- **Say:** Everyone take a minute to read that verse to yourself. (Pause.) What's your favorite of this verse? Which part of this promise means the most to you? (Let kids respond. If they're not sure what to say, model and say what YOUR favorite part of the verse is!)

## **RESPONSE TIME**

- **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.
- **(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.)
- **(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!

# Part 4 (Large Group cont.)

## **GATHER IN ONE LARGE GROUP**

**Main Goal:** Give kids a chance to respond to what they've heard today, and worship!

**Supplies:** None

### **Video:**

We Are Family

(<https://bit.ly/2LtC0S2>)

Real Love

(<https://bit.ly/2JxWVpG>)

**Time:** 15 minutes (Cont.)

## **WORSHIP AND PRAYER**

- **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 we're a part of God's family. We're not perfect, and we all go through struggles just like the Israelites did, but **God will always take care of us.** *(Depending on the dynamic of your room, you could have kids sit and watch this one, or stand and be active.)*
- **Music Video: We Are Family**
- **Music Video: Real Love (optional)**

## **TRANSITION**

- **Say:** Now it's time to get into our small groups. **Let's see if you can be the first one to your group by.....**
- (Direct kids where to find their team color.)

**\*Dismiss kids to small groups for the rest of the hour.**

# Part 5 (Small Groups)

## SPLIT INTO SMALL GROUPS FOR THE REST OF THE HOUR.

**Main Goal:** Discuss today's story and how it applies to kids' lives through asking questions and doing a hands-on activity.

### **Supplies:**

- Challenge cards (1/kid)
- Cup (1/small group)
- Bag of 30 cotton balls (1 per small group)

**Time:** 10 (or until parents pick up)

**Tip:** You can ask the review questions at the beginning of Small Group, or DURING the activity.

## **RESPOND TO THE STORY**

- Put a **cup** and a **bag of cotton balls** in the middle of the group.
- **Say:** The Israelites kept forgetting all the great things God had done for them. Sometimes we forget too, so let's spend some time remembering what God has given us.
- **Say:** This is a thankfulness cup. Every time you share one thing you are thankful for that God has given you, you can put one cotton ball in the cup. (Go around the group until the cup is full.)
- 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.)
- 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.)
- What difficulties/worries are you facing? How could you hand that over to God?

## **CHALLENGE CARDS**

- **Say:** When we feel like complaining, or we're worried or afraid that God won't take care of our needs, that's when we need to lean into God MORE, and thank him for what he HAS given us!
- **Say:** We're all going to pick out a **challenge card**. Each card has a challenge that involves things like being thankful, serving others, worshipping God, trying not to complain, etc.
- **Let kids pick out challenge cards:** You can have them do it blindly, where they don't know which challenge they'll get. Or you can lay out the cards and let kids make their own choice.
- As a group, talk about your challenge cards, and help kids come up with ways that they can do their challenge this week!

## **EXTRA TIME?**

- Give kids **maze and word-search activity sheets** to work on until their parents pick them up.

**\*Keep kids in small group until parent pickup.**

# LESSON needs

3rd-5th

July 28-29, 2018



## connect questions

How did God take care of his family?

What has God given you?

## lesson supplies

### Large Group

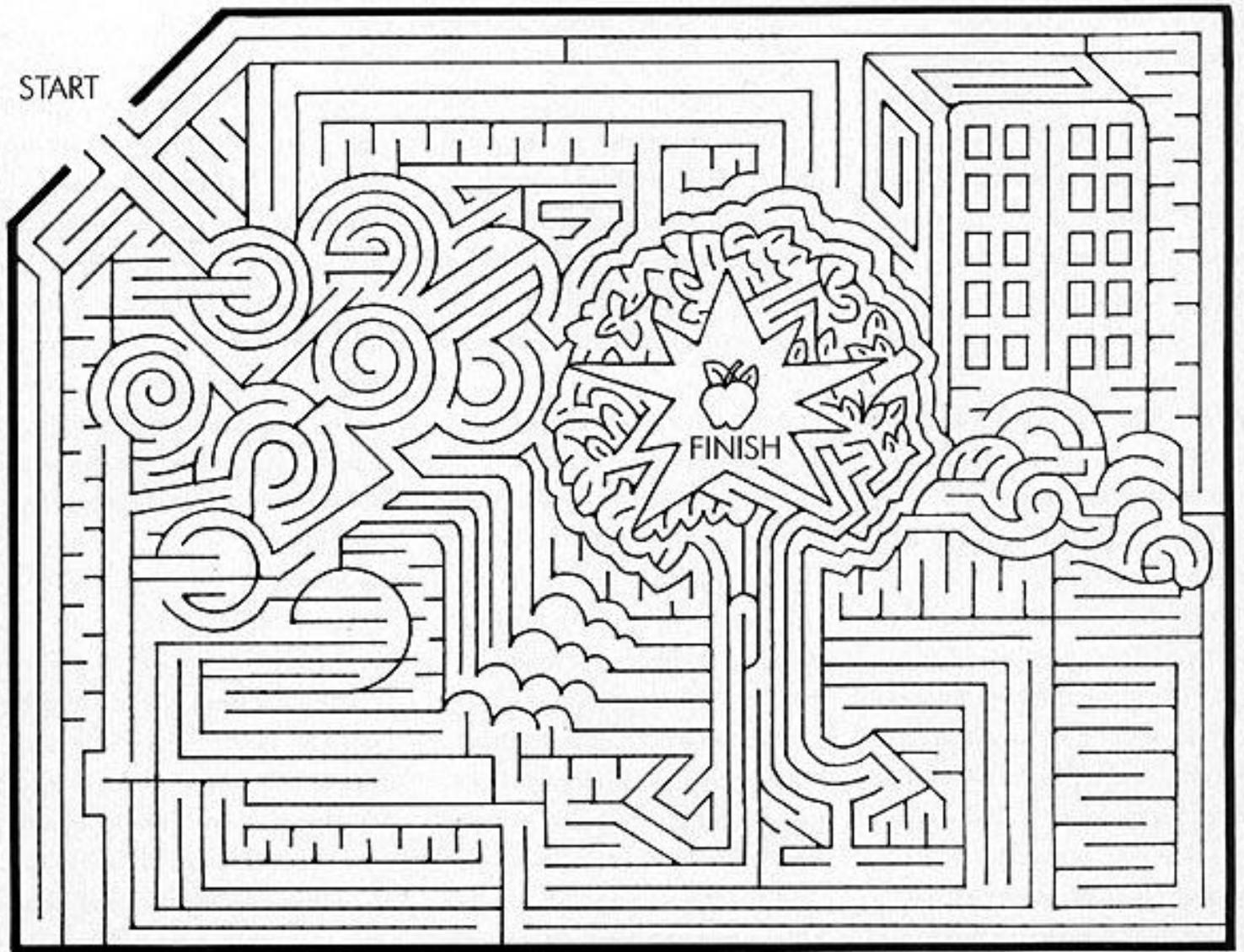
Item	Usage	Details	Provided by
Adventure Bible	1 per large group, reused	<a href="http://Biblesbythe Case.com">Biblesbythe Case.com</a>	site

### Small Group

Item	Usage	Details	Provided by
Colored dot stickers	1 per kid	Provide enough colors for each group at a service to use a separate color. Staples: <a href="#">Avery 5472</a> or <a href="#">Avery 5795</a> or <a href="#">Avery 5473</a>	site
Maze sheet - Wilderness	Quantity determined by site.	8.5x11 paper, black&white, Page 10	site
Word search sheet - Wilderness	Quantity determined by site.	8.5x11 paper, black&white, Page 11	site
Large sheets of tear off paper	1 per group of 6 kids		site
Challenge cards	1 per kid	8.5x11 cardstock, cut into fourths, color, pages 12	site
Markers	1 set per group, reused		site
Plastic cup	1 per group, reused	<a href="#">Sam's Club, Red Cups</a>	KC National
Cotton Balls	1 set of 30 per group, reused	<a href="#">Target</a>	KC National

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DESERT  
WATER  
MANNA  
COMPLAIN  
THANKFUL  
OBEY  
TRUST

# KIDS' CLUB CHALLENGE CARD

God will always take care of us,  
and we should thank him for that!

For one whole day, every time  
you complain (or think about  
complaining) write down one  
thing you're thankful for instead!

At the end of the day (or the  
whole week) see how long your  
list is!

# KIDS' CLUB CHALLENGE CARD

Everything we have is from God,  
and that's a pretty sweet reason  
to be thankful.

Give something (important to you)  
away!

# KIDS' CLUB CHALLENGE CARD

A great way to be thankful is to  
worship God!

Worship God at home! Turn on a  
Kids' Club music video (or play a  
song some other way) and sing  
and dance to God! Get your  
family in on the worship too!

# KIDS' CLUB CHALLENGE CARD

Jesus showed love to everyone  
around him, and so can we!

Do something kind for someone  
else. ( Ideas: write them a nice  
note, do one of their chores, or  
make a gift for them!)

# A/V needs

3rd-5th



1. KC Logo Slide: for when kids enter the room (All that You Need instrumental; mp3 only; can be downloaded on website)
2. Video: 5 minute Countdown Video (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-BninSrxsqM>)
3. Video: Trolls / Sound of Silence (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tBRYFEb4xrY>)
4. Video: God's Story / Wilderness (<https://vimeo.com/178618229>)
5. Video: 10-Minute Timer (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vn31KFenBlo>)
6. Video: 5 minute Countdown Video (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-BninSrxsqM>)
7. Slide: Isaiah 41:10 So do not be afraid. I am with you. Do not be terrified. I am your God. I will make you strong and help you. I will hold you safe in my hands. I always do what is right.
8. Loop: Campfire (0:00-1:00 on repeat; <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E77jmtut1Zc>; make the volume lower, it's a bit loud)
9. Music Video: We Are Family (<https://bit.ly/2LtC0S2>)
10. Music Video: Real Love (<https://bit.ly/2JxWVpG>)