



Kindergarten-2nd

October 18-19, 2014

DATE

The Wilderness

LESSON TITLE

Exodus 16, 25-40; Isaiah 40:31

WHERE TO FIND IT

God teaches his family to trust him

MAIN POINT

schedule

Connect Time (20 minutes): Five minutes after the service begins, split kids into groups and begin their activity.

Large Group (25 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

We're talking about trusting God today. Think about examples of ways you've trusted that you can share with the kids.

check-in/out

As kids leave, encourage them to share what they put in the small group jar.

large group heads up

Today is focused on how God provided for his family...and how they had to trust him.

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.*

SCAVENGER HUNT

**Break the kids into small groups. One person can lead all the groups or leaders can divide their small groups into 2 smaller teams.*

- **Here's how to play:**
 - 1. Give kids objects to find as a team (just choose any random object you see in your room).
 - 2. They must scavenge the room and be the first team to return to their designated leader with an object.
 - **The twist:** Some should be objects easily found within the room. Others should be objects that are NOT in the room. Adult leaders should be prepared to give one team the object they need. That team will easily win the round, so next time, give the necessary object to another team.
- **Use these objects:**
 - Piece of paper (in room)
 - Shoe (in room)
 - **Crayon** (adult leader must provide)
 - Game piece (in room)
 - **Glo bracelet** (adult leader must provide)
 - Marker (in room)
 - Bracelet (probably in room)
 - Bible (in room)
 - **Large red paper heart** (adult leader must provide)
- **In small groups, ask kids to share the best and worst parts of their week.**

If you have extra time, remind them of your expectations for their behavior: (1) be kind, (2) listen when somebody speaks, and (3) follow the leader's instructions.



instructions

Goal: Kids will (1) identify how they want to trust God and (2) understand that God can do anything to provide.

Why? Similar to last week, we want the miraculous events from the Bible to be applied to today! After all, we serve the same God.

Tip: Take plenty of time to respond and review. If you don't get to the maze activity, that's OK.

small group

REVIEW AND DIG DEEPER

Each kid should have a fourth of a sheet of paper at their seat. Start by drawing or writing the thing you want God to provide for you. Then put it in the **jar** in the middle.

1. What did the Israelites need?
2. How did they think they would get food? (they didn't know and were worried about it)
3. How did God provide for the Israelites?
4. Why did they have to trust God?
5. (Hold up the jar) How do we know we can trust God to do the things you drew/wrote in this jar?
6. Does anybody want to share what you put in this jar?

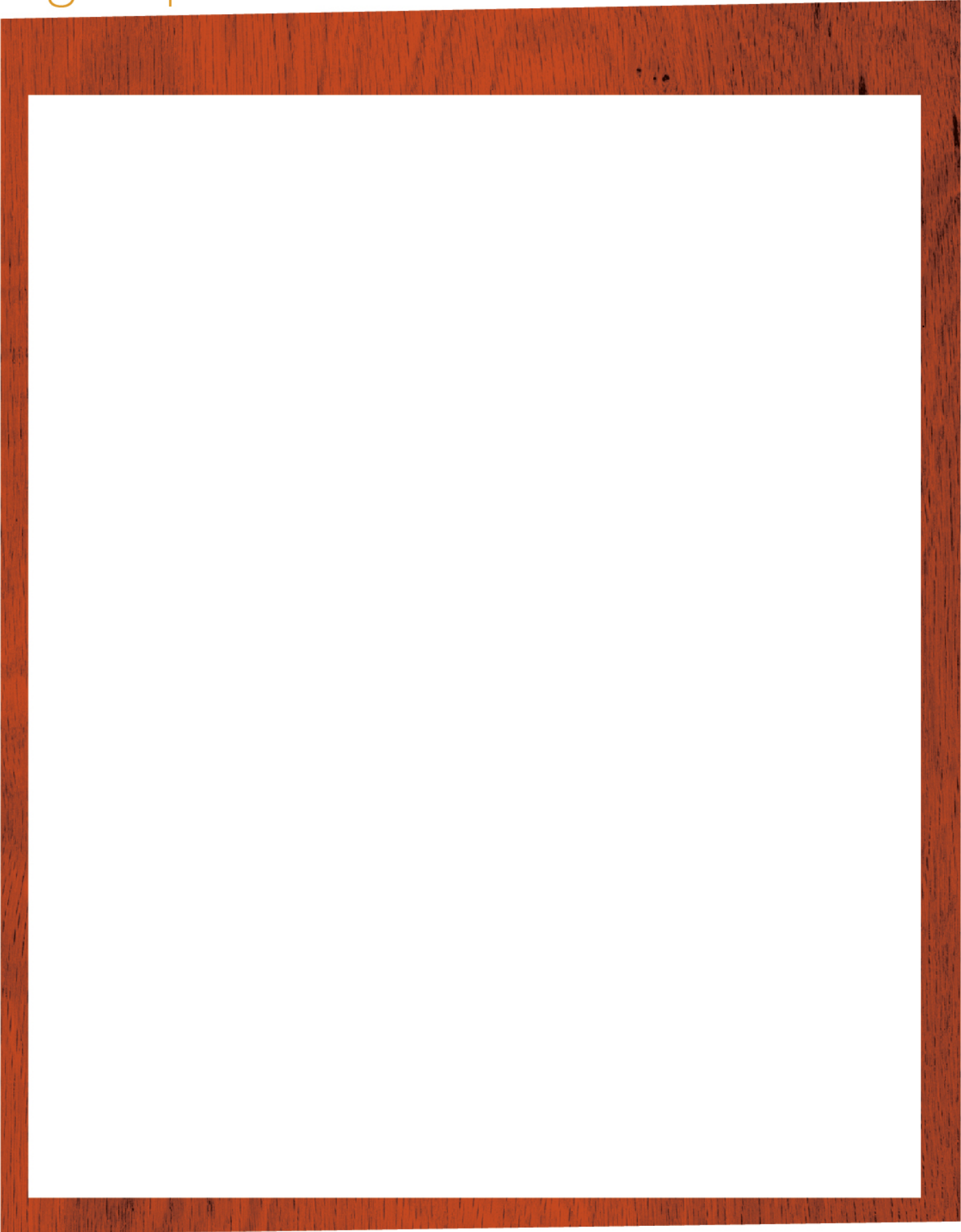
***Pray, asking God for specific provision, based on what kids said.**

TRUST GAME

- Put the kids in pairs.
- Give one kid a **maze** and **marker**. Tell that kid to close their eyes: no peeking!
- The other kid has to tell them where to draw; he/she can even help guide their hand.
- The one with the marker has to trust their friend to get through the maze.
- Switch roles.
- Debrief:
 - Is it harder to trust or to see?
 - Why do you think God wants us to trust?
 - How can you trust him this week?

Give kids a coloring page to work on while their parents arrive.

Extra time? Have another scavenger hunt!



special notes

The script may look shorter than usual; that's OK. We want everyone to have plenty of time for small groups.

presenter tips

Really get into the story. Dramatize the sleeping and waking to make it fun and memorable for kids.

script

*Click to play intro slide

Hi everybody! Welcome to Kids' Club. I'm so happy to see you here. You guys did an awesome job in that scavenger hunt. That looked pretty fun. Give me a thumbs up if most of those objects were easy to find (let kids respond). Yeah, most of them weren't too bad, were they? But a few of those looked hard! Raise your hand if you were able to get the **crayon, glo bracelet, or paper heart**. (Let kids respond. Call on one kid): How were you able to get it? (Let kid respond.) That's right, your leader gave you exactly what you needed...right when you needed it.

GOD PROVIDED A PATH FOR HIS FAMILY

We've been talking about how God's family was in trouble. They were stuck in Egypt as slaves. The ruler, Pharaoh, wouldn't let them go. God sent Moses to lead his people to safety. But during their escape, they faced a really big obstacle, the Red Sea. Let's see if one of our friends, Shrimpita, can remind us how God took care of his family.

Video: Ask Shrimpita / Moses and the Red Sea

Wow, so how did God take care of his family? (Let a kid respond.) That's right, he created a path right through the center of the Red Sea. What a miracle! But was the path there when God's family got to the Red Sea? (Let kids say: no!) No! When the Israelites got there, they had NO IDEA how they would get across. God wanted them to *trust* him to take care of them.

GOD PROVIDED FOOD FOR HIS FAMILY

Well after God provided a path through the Red Sea, God's family found themselves in the desert, in the wilderness. Now they were hungry and thirsty. But God had just made a dry path in the middle of the sea! So do you think the Israelites expected him to give them food? Give me a thumbs up if you think "yes" and a thumbs down if you think "no". (Let kids vote.) You



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know what? (Put your thumb down.) NO! They didn't expect God to provide food. Because they didn't know how he could do it in the middle of a desert.

But you know what? God can do ANYTHING ...and he wanted his family to trust him. So he said, "I'm going to rain down food on you." Hmmmm, that reminds me a little bit of a scene from *Cloudy With A Chance of meatballs*...

Video: Raining Food (about 30 seconds)

Raise your hand if you think raining food would be amazing! (Let kids raise their hands.) Yeah, me too. And that's just a movie, but it's a little like what actually happened. Let me tell you about it.

(Click to show the night slide.) So every night, the Israelites went to sleep. Can you guys pretend to be asleep? (Let kids pretend to sleep.) And while God's family was asleep, sometime in the night, food would rain down.

(Click to show the morning slide; stretch and yawn.) So in the morning, they woke up, went outside...and saw food on the ground! (Take your **jar** and pretend to gather food). They would go out and gather food in their jars and have enough for their whole family to eat for the entire day. They didn't even know what this food was—it was special food from God—so they called it manna, which means: "what is it?" Can you guys say "manna" (Let kids say it.)

(Click to show the night slide) And just like before, the Israelites would go to sleep again... (pretend to be asleep).

(Click to show the morning slide; stretch and yawn.) And in the morning, there would be NEW food outside on the ground. They would have to go out again and gather it. Because if they had saved any food from the day before, it would be rotten! Covered in bugs. Eww, yuck!

That's because God wanted them to wake up every morning and trust him to take care of them.

There was only one day per week they were allowed to save food—the 6th day. That's kind of like our Saturday. On the 6th day, they could gather 2 times as much food and eat it on the 6th and 7th day. That way, on the 7th day they didn't have to spend any time filling jars, they could just rest and worship God. The 7th day was called their Sabbath.

GOD PROVIDES FOR US

You know what? God sent food like that every single day...for forty years, for the whole time the Israelites were stuck in the desert. That's like your WHOLE life... *times* 4 or 5! And God promises to provide for us too. It might not always look like he's going to, just like it didn't look like there would be any food in the wilderness. But God wants us to trust him. Remember what God says to us in Isaiah 40:31:



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SLIDE: Isaiah 40:31 But those who trust in the LORD will receive new strength. They will fly as high as eagles. They will run and not get tired. They will walk and not grow weak.

When we trust in God, he does the impossible, like helping us to run and not get tired. Or walk without getting weak. When the Israelites trusted in God to get them away from Pharaoh, God made a dry path through the Red Sea. When they trusted God to give them food, he rained food down from Heaven. In fact, sometimes he puts us in situations where we can't take care of ourselves and we have to trust him.

RESPONSE AND WORSHIP

So I want you to think about something you want God to provide for you. Maybe it's a new friend or maybe it's food, just like the Israelites. It can be anything. Just think of it in your head. (Let kids think.) Now we're going to listen to a song about how God comes to help us. As you listen, just ask God to come and give you what you need. Tell him you trust him.

Song: You Come in A Hurry (hand motions on screen)

God wants us to show that we trust him by following him. He invites us to come follow him. Let's sing about it!

Song: Come With Me (hand motions on screen)

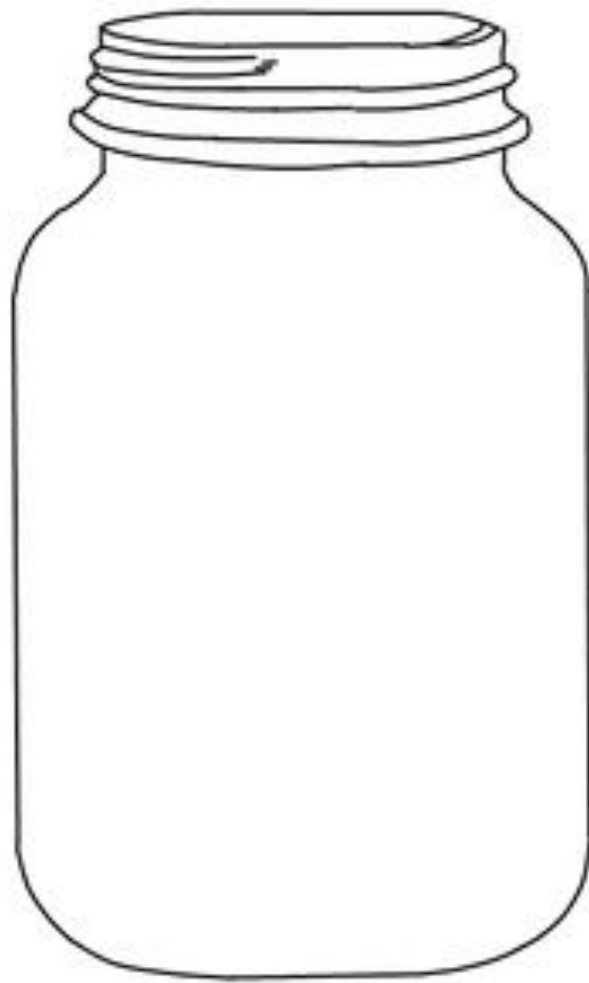
PRAY

Ask somebody to come and thank God that we can trust him.



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PREP needs



connect time supplies

Per group

- 1 crayon
- 1 red paper heart

Glo bracelet (OT: IN-13673455)

small group supplies

Per kid

- Coloring pages
- ¼ sheet of blank computer paper
- maze printout

Per group

- Bible
- Markers
- 1 jar

large group supplies

- 1 jar

a/v needs

1. Song slide: for when kids enter the room (All that You Need instrumental; mp3 only; can be downloaded on website)
2. Video: Ask Shrimpita: Escape through the Red Sea (<http://vimeo.com/71271799>)
3. Video: Cloudy With A Chance of Meatballs clip: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bbJEgSj7Wkk> (please use only 0:52-1:27)
4. Night Slide: Night Sky image with this sound effect embedded <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=epy9O7IemFs>
5. Morning Slide: morning sky image with 0:3-0:10 of this video embedded: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uFhUzAwDEz4>
6. Night Slide (same as above)
7. Morning Slide (same as above)
8. SLIDE: Isaiah 40:31 But those who trust in the LORD will receive new strength. They will fly as high as eagles. They will run and not get tired. They will walk and not grow weak
9. Video: You Come in A Hurry (with hand motions) <http://vimeo.com/49927835>
10. Video: Come With Me (with hand motions) <http://vimeo.com/49923933>

connect questions

- Tell me about the Israelites.
- How does God want us to trust him?

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