



THE WILDERNESS

BIBLE PASSAGE: Exodus 13:1–17:6

FOCUS VERSES: Philippians 4:19, Matthew 6:25–27, James 1:17, Nehemiah 9:21

Summary: God freed the Israelites from Egypt. They traveled toward the land God had promised Abraham long ago. God provided for their needs over and over. He appeared as a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night to guide them. When the Egyptians chased them, He split the Red Sea so they could safely cross. God provided quail and manna from heaven when they were hungry, and they struck a rock to produce water when they were thirsty.



MONTHLY *Memory Verse*

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

(HEBREWS 13:8)



God provides for us.

We will go deeper in God's truth by answering these questions:



HOW IS GOD ABLE TO GIVE US WHAT WE NEED?

God created everything, and everything belongs to Him. He is faithful to provide what we need.



HOW DO WE ASK GOD FOR WHAT WE NEED?

We can talk to God through prayer, seeking His will and asking for what we need.



HOW IS GOD INVITING ME TO RESPOND?

Kids will be given the opportunity to reflect on the truth they learned about God and respond accordingly.



GOD PROVIDES

SUPPLIES:

Name tag label (1 per kid), marker (1 per kid), upbeat worship music, music player

PREP:

None

LEADER TIP: Use foam or sticky note hearts instead!

ADAPTATION FOR DIFFERENT LEARNERS: If your space is limited, kids can high-five the person closest to them when the music stops instead of running.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. *Welcome each kid by name and welcome any new kids to the group.*
2. **Discuss:** What was the best and worst part of your week?
3. **Discuss:** This month we are learning that God is unchanging, which means that God always stays the same. How have you seen this week that God is unchanging?
4. **Say:** Let's play a game!
5. *Pass out name tag labels and markers to everyone. Give kids time to write one way God provided for them this past week.*
6. **Say:** Now stick your label to your shirt. I will play some music. While the music is playing, walk around our space. When the music stops, run and find a partner. Share how God provided for you this week. I will keep starting and stopping the music. Find a new partner to share with each time!
7. *Play the game for as long as you have time for.*
8. **Challenge rounds:**
 - *Find someone who wrote the same thing on their label.*
 - *Find someone who wrote something that pairs with theirs (e.g., food and water).*



ACTIVITY WRAP-UP:

Isn't it great that God provides us what we need? It sounds like God provided each of you with something you needed this week! In our story today, we are learning how God provided the Israelites with all they needed!



Discipleship DISCUSSION

HOW CAN I KNOW THIS IS TRUE?

Go to britecurriculum.com/resources to see examples of maps you could use.

Discuss: Look at this map of the Middle East today. What country names do you recognize? What bodies of water do you see?

Discuss: Now look at this map of the Israelites' route through the wilderness. What modern-day countries did they go through?

Say: It's really cool to see the real places where these Bible stories took place. Though names of places are different and the world has changed a lot since then, when we hear the names of countries like Iraq or Egypt on the news or learn something in school about the Nile River, we know these are places where God provided for the Israelites as they made their way to the Promised Land.

BUT WHAT ABOUT ... HUNGER?

Discuss: Are there places in our world where people don't have enough food to eat? What places like this have you heard of?

Discuss: Have you ever heard someone wonder why God doesn't provide food for all of the hungry kids in the world?

Discuss: What do you think God has to say about that?

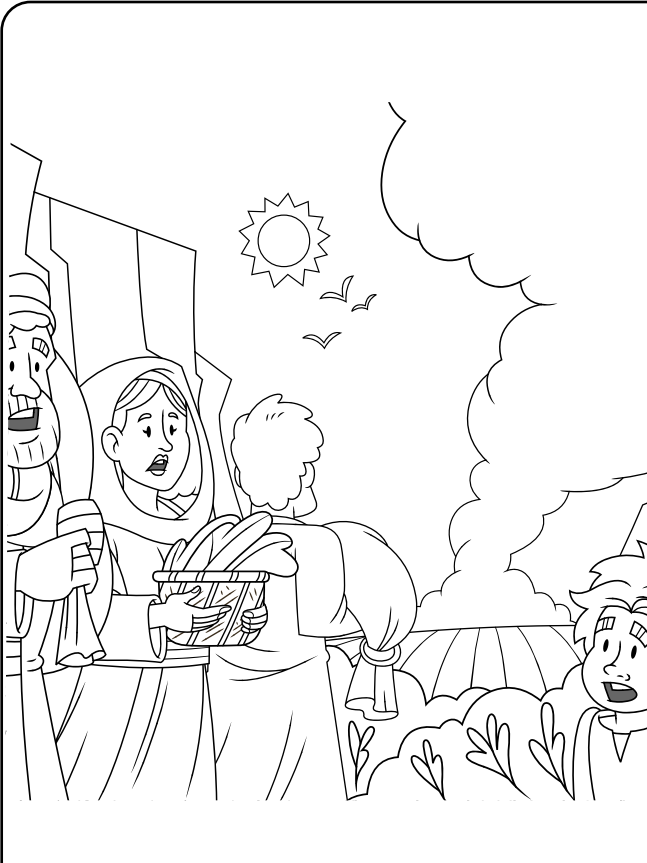
Say: God loves every kid in every place. He is near to every kid, whether they have lots to eat or very little. Our world is broken, causing issues like hunger and poverty. God has provided the world with plenty of food, but because our world is sinful, people don't always help those in need. All over the world, God is using His people to help those who are hungry, and we can look for ways to help too. Life will never be fair for all people in this world, but we look forward to the day when Jesus will make all things new and no one will ever hunger again. Revelation 7:16 talks about that day. This verse says: *They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.*



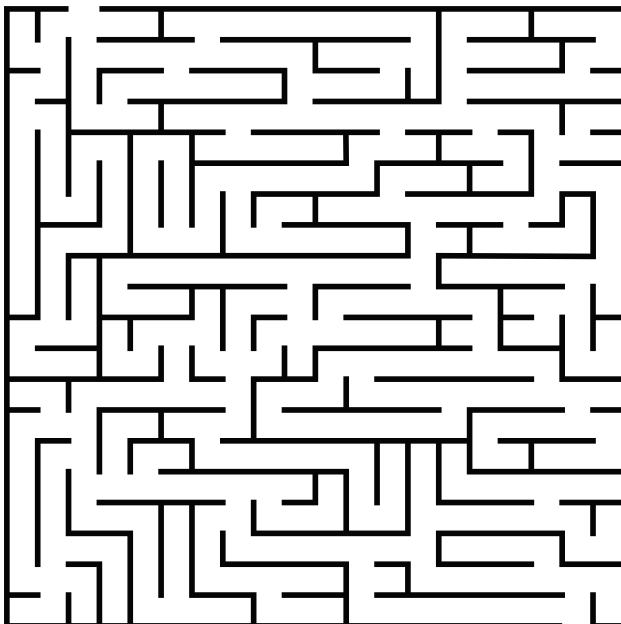
TAKE-HOME ACTIVITIES

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Today's Brite Idea is: God provides for us.



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and forever.*

(HEBREWS 13:8)



BIG QUESTION

Does God ever change? No!



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for us.



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WILDERNESS DISCOVERY

SUPPLIES:

Bin, 3 magnifying glasses, rocks, sand, 4 scoops, 4 mini cups

PREP:

Fill the bin a quarter of the way with sand. Then put the rest of the supplies into the bin, placing the magnifying glasses on top.

ACTIVITY INTRO:

Welcome everyone! My name is _____. *Greet each kid by name and welcome any new kids to the group.*

INSTRUCTIONS:

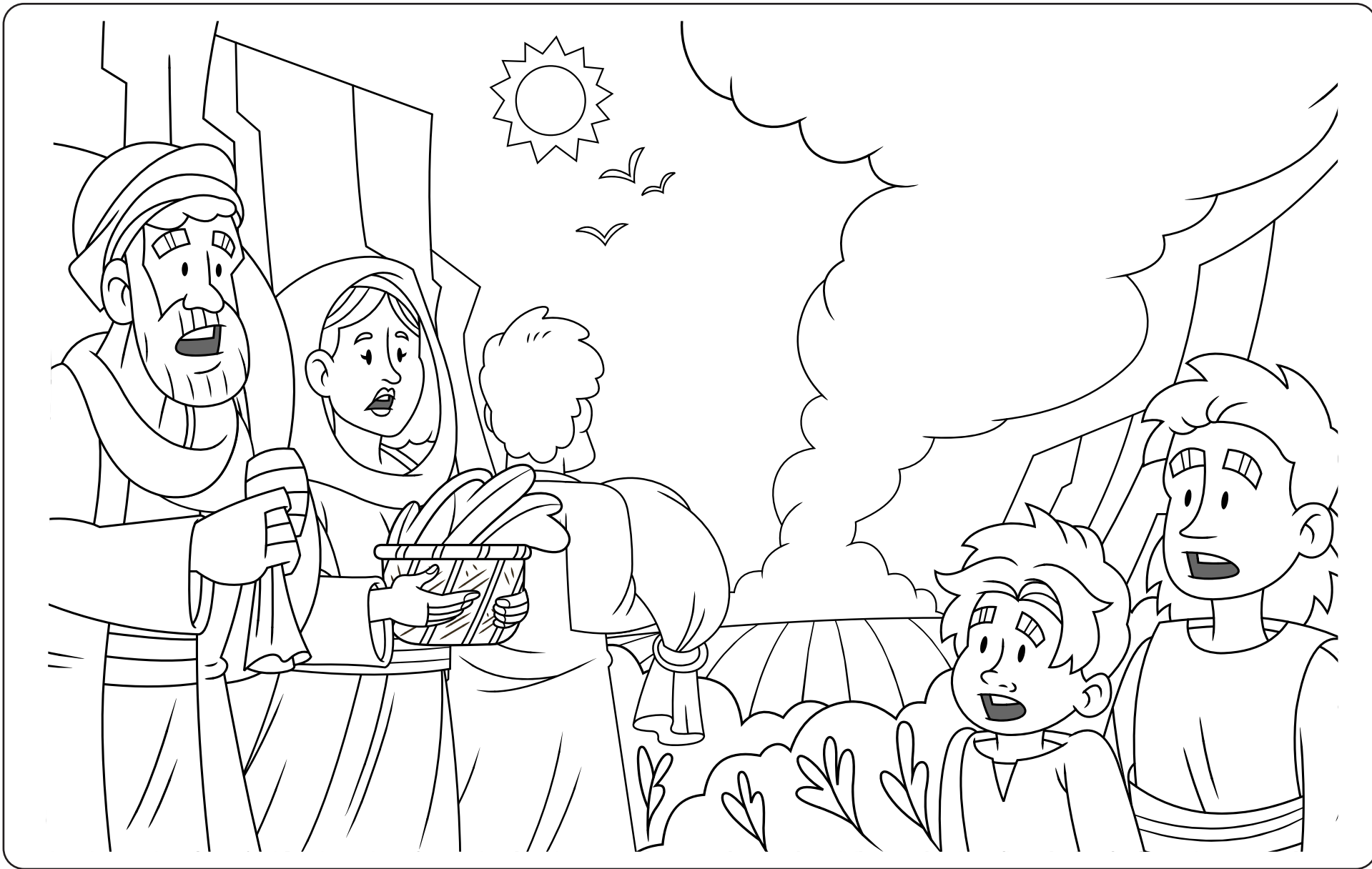
1. **Say:** Today we will learn about how God provided for the Israelites in the wilderness.
2. *Lay out the prepared bin. Invite kids to come and discover what is inside.*
3. *As kids look through the bin, show them how to use the magnifying glasses to examine the different items.*
4. **Ask:** What do you think the wilderness was like?

**ACTIVITY WRAP-UP:**

God provided for His people in the wilderness. Let's learn all about the ways that God was there for His people and made a way for them!

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SCAN ME!
FOR AT-HOME
DISCIPLESHIP DISCUSSION



COLOR THE PICTURE