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Making Jesus Christ known, one story at a time.



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We suggest that you print pages 2 - 6 and distribute them to your students.



Topic: God is our provider.



Read the Bible References:

The Bible references can be read by different children if possible. Or the teacher can read them.



Goal of Lesson:

- To explain to students that God is our provider.



Lesson Takeaway:

God will always provide for the needs of His creatures.



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Bible References:

1 Kings 17:8 – 16;
Matthew 6:25 – 34.



What does it mean to be a provider?

A provider is a person who gives another person what they need.

A provider supports another person, so they have the food they need to grow and stay alive, as well as the other things they need to stay healthy and mentally well.

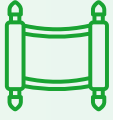
For example, if your parents are working, they are your providers. Your parents work so that they can feed you, buy what you need every day, send you to school so you can learn, and support you as you grow through life.

When we talk about God as the Provider, we say God gives us all that we need to live in this world and to walk with Him in godliness.

God is the Creator and He provides for the needs of all His creatures.

In 2 Peter 1:3, the bible makes us to understand that “... *His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue ...*” (2 Peter 1:3).





How did God show His provision in the Old Testament?

Right from the time when God created the world, He has provided for the needs of the people He created. Let's look at some examples in the Old Testament.

1. Adam.

Adam was the first man that God created. When God created Adam, He put him in the garden of Eden and asked him to take care of the garden. He also told him to eat from the garden (except from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil). So, God provided food for Adam. Later, God saw that Adam was lonely and then God made Eve, the first woman, to be his wife and companion (Genesis 2: 15 – 23).

2. Abraham and Isaac.

In Genesis 22: 1 – 14, God tested Abraham to see how much he loved and trusted in God. God asked him to sacrifice Isaac, his son. Abraham loved God so much. He was about to kill Isaac, but God stopped him. It was only a test; God does not accept human sacrifices. Suddenly, God brought a ram to Abraham, and he sacrificed the ram instead of Isaac.

3. The people of Israel.

After God brought out the people of Israel from the slavery of Egypt, they journeyed through the wilderness for 40 years. Throughout their journey, God provided for them – His presence to lead and guide them, manna from heaven, water from the rock, quail from the sky, light during the night, protection from the enemy nations, healing when they were sick, etc. (Exodus 16:11 – 15; 17: 5 – 16; 13:21).

4. Elijah

In the days when Elijah lived, there was a drought and famine for about three years and six months. God provided water and meat for Elijah to eat through ravens and a widow (1 Kings 17:6-16; Luke 4:25,26).





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How did God show His provision in the New Testament?

In the New Testament, Jesus came to show us How God cares and provides for everyone. Through His miracles, we understand that God, indeed provides for all that we need. Let's look at some examples.

- In Matthew 14:13 – 21, thousands of people had come to listen to Jesus. It was getting late, and they had not eaten since morning. With only five loaves of bread and two fish, Jesus prayed and fed more than 5,000 people there on that day.
- God's provision is not just about food, water, and clothes. We all need salvation from our sins. We need to be close to God and know Him personally. Jesus made a way for us to be close to God and to be forgiven and saved from our sins. Jesus died on the cross and gave His life for us so that through Him, we can have everlasting life (John 3:16 – 18).
- The New Testament is filled with the miracles of Jesus where he healed the sick, gave sight to the blind, made the lame to walk again, and cast out demons from those who were possessed with demons (Matthew 17:14 – 21; Mark 10:46 – 52; Luke 9:37 – 42).



How has God been showing His provision to us today?

- God has continued to care for us in making sure that we have food, water, air and many other resources we need to live a happy and healthy life. He does all these through nature – think about a garden, a farm, rivers with fish, etc. (Psalm 104:14 – 15).



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How has God been showing His provision to us today? (contd.)

- God also provides for our needs through the people around us – our parents, neighbours, friends, members of the church, etc. Through sharing what we have with one another, everyone can have what they need. The next time you have something to share, think about how God might be using you to provide for someone else (Acts 2:44-45).
- Apart from food and drink, sometimes, a person needs to make a decision or needs healing because they are sick. We might not be able to help in these situations. Then, the person prays to God, and they know what to do, or are healed. These blessings come from God. When God answers our prayers and does what we ask Him to do for us, we experience His care and provision (Philippians 4:19).



How should you respond to the provision of God?

God is your provider. He gives you everything that you need. He cares for you each day.

Think about the many ways that God has provided for you and your family. Thank Him for His many wonderful provisions.

Share what you have with those that need them. Remember that God could use you to provide for someone else.

If you need something that you don't have, remember that you can ask God. God has so many things in store in heaven and He is willing to give them to you. If you ask Him, you will receive.





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Memorize:

Philippians 4:19 – And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.



Questions:

1. Mention three examples of how God provides for you and your family.
2. Mention three examples of how you can be a blessing to other people just as God has blessed you.



Remember: God will always provide for the need of His creatures.



Let us pray: Dear God, thank You for Your wonderful provision for me and my family. Thank You for giving us all that we need. Help me to continue to trust You as my provider. I ask this in Jesus' name, amen.



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