



Provider – Lesson 2

4K and 5K

Divine Attribute: God is Provider

Heart Response: Trust him

Memory Verse: Exodus 14:13a NLT

But Moses told the people, “Don’t be afraid. Just stand still and watch the Lord rescue you today.”

Points of Emphasis:

1. God has a plan for his people.
2. God provides for his people.
3. God knows exactly what we need.
4. God wants us to trust him and not be afraid.

PERSONAL PREPARATION

Over the next four weeks we are going to be teaching about Moses and how God protected, called, used, and empowered Moses to accomplish a very important task—bringing his people, the Israelites, out of slavery in Egypt and into the land God wanted them to live. If you read through Exodus, you will see that Moses was just a man like us, but he was called to a task that in his own power, he would never have been able to accomplish. Moses was not perfect. He murdered a man, was a fugitive for over forty years, married someone outside his faith, was afraid to do what God asked him to do, he had a problem with speaking, and was not initially accepted by the people he was sent to help. It is only through God’s power that Moses was successful in his assignment. Even though he did finally bring the Israelites into the Promised Land, it was not without many setbacks. Each of us, if we have trusted Jesus Christ as our Savior, has been called to accomplish something that in our own power, we would not be able to do. Most of us will at some point react in similar ways to Moses. We will be afraid, rebellious, insecure, and prideful. Through the life of Moses, God is teaching us that only by trusting him, depending on him and stepping out in faith will we be able to do anything valuable in his kingdom. He will provide the strength, the

words, and the power to do the work he has for us to do.

CENTER TIME

10-20 minutes as the kids begin to arrive

To help the children transition into class, please use a center format at the beginning of each service. Set up three centers in your classroom to allow children options of activities. Ideas include, but are not limited to:

1. Read books on the floor.
2. Color at the table.
3. Play with blocks on the floor.
4. Play with puzzles at the table.
5. Play with Play-Doh at the table.

OPENING ACTIVITY

10 minutes at the start of service

The following activity is provided to begin engaging the children for the upcoming lesson. As the teacher of your class, you have an important opportunity to come alongside the parents of these children to teach them about God.

God Provides the Way

Supplies:

Roll of painters tape (1 per bin)

Put a piece of tape, about eight feet long, along the floor and have children line up at one end of the tape. **Today we are going to try to do something that may be hard. We are going to try to walk on this piece of tape without falling off. Let’s try it. Don’t let either foot touch the floor without the tape under your foot.** (Let each child have a chance to try it.) **Well, how did you do? Was it hard to stay on the tape the whole way? Now, I want you to try it again, but I am going to help you. I will walk beside you and help you keep your balance and stay on the tape.** (Let each child do it

with your help.) **Was it harder to do it by yourself without help?** (Allow the children to answer.) Yes, it was easier to do it when someone was beside you helping you to balance. Today our story is about someone who is asked to do something hard, but God promises to be right beside them and help them. God provides all that is needed to do what he asks.

BIG GROUP TIME

please check your classroom schedule

Please talk to your class about the purpose of this time—to have fun worshiping God together. Give your class practical ideas of what this means (obey the teachers up on the stage, sing and praise God with a happy heart, keep your hands to yourself, etc.). Teachers, you are crucial in helping create a peaceful, orderly environment to worship God during this time. Thank you for your help!

SMALL GROUP TIME

25-30 minutes

Bible Story

Supplies:

Bible

Lesson picture: burning bush (1 per bin)

Let's review our memory verse "But Moses told the people, 'Don't be afraid. Just stand still and watch the Lord rescue you today.'" Exodus 14:13. Now, let's say that verse together. "But Moses told the people, 'Don't be afraid. Just stand still and watch the Lord rescue you today.'" Exodus 14:13.

Great! Do you remember who our lesson was about last week? (Allow time for children to answer.) Yes, Moses. God protected Moses from Pharaoh. His mother made a basket and placed baby Moses in the basket and put the basket along the Nile River. Pharaoh's daughter found him and raised him as her own son. Today we are going to learn how God calls Moses to be the leader of his people.

Have you ever been afraid to do something you were asked to do? (Allow time for children to

answer. If they do not come up with anything, ask the following:) **Have you ever been afraid to jump into the pool, climb up high on the playground, or pet a dog you just met?** Well, in our story today, God asks Moses to do something that Moses does not want to do. Let's listen to find out what God asks Moses to do.

While Moses is taking care of some sheep near Mount Sinai, God causes a bush to catch on fire, but the bush does not burn up! Do any of you have a fireplace in your home that burns real wood? (Allow time for children to answer.) What happens to the wood in the fireplace when it is set on fire? (Allow time for children to answer.) Yes, the wood burns, and if you want the fire to continue, more wood has to be added to the fire. The bush that Moses sees is not burning up. He thinks this is strange, so he goes closer to check it out.

Then Moses hears a voice coming from the bush (hold up picture of the burning bush) saying, "Moses, Moses!"

Moses says, "Here I am." God is speaking to Moses out of the bush!

God says, "Do not come near. Take off your sandals, because you are standing on holy ground."

God tells Moses he wants Moses to bring God's people out of Egypt. Moses is very afraid and makes many excuses as to why he can't do what God is asking him to do. Moses says he is afraid the people won't listen to him, that he isn't a good speaker and that his brother, Aaron, would be a better choice. God says, "I will be with you."

Then God gives Moses many signs and miracles to do, to let the people know he is giving them God's message. God tells Moses that Aaron can go with him and speak for him.

Finally, Moses agrees and says "Yes," to what God wants him to do. God chooses Moses and he takes care of Moses. God gives Moses everything he needs to do what God is asking

him to do. Moses isn't sure he can do the job at first, but finally he agrees to do what God asks. Moses agrees because he believes God's promise to be with him.

God provides everything Moses needs to be able to do what God wants. God will provide what we need to do what he asks us to do. We can trust God and not be afraid to do whatever he asks of us.

Prayer

Prayer time may not be appropriate immediately following story time. If this is the case, we ask that you be intentional about praying spontaneously or formally with the children at other times during class.

Lord, thank you for this Bible lesson about Moses. Help us to trust you to provide all that we need when you ask us to do something.

Burning Bush

Supplies:

Worksheet (1 per child)
 Bag of red/yellow/orange tissue paper for scraps (1 per bin)
 Green and brown crayons
 Glue or glue sticks

Give each child a bush worksheet. Show them the sample picture with the brown trunk and green top and have them use the green and brown crayons to make their bush look like that. Have them spread the glue stick over the green part of their bushes. Then help them stick yellow/orange/red tissue paper scraps (they can tear larger pieces into smaller pieces) to represent fire.

***Have fun and let them do the crafts themselves, as much as possible. This is a hands-on way for them to learn who God is and remember what they learn. It doesn't matter if they place the label or stickers in the wrong spot. What matters is teaching them who God is. ***

SNACK & ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

last 30 minutes

Please wash the children's hands before snack time and say a prayer thanking God for the food. As they are eating their snack, please take time to go over the review questions.

Review Questions

- What does Moses see while he is taking care of the sheep?** (A burning bush.)
- Who speaks to Moses from the bush?** (God.)
- God asks Moses to be the leader of his people. Does Moses want to do that?** (No. Moses is afraid.)
- What does God tell Moses he will do?** (God will be with Moses and help him.)
- Does Moses say, "Yes" to God?** (He does finally say "Yes.")

Burning Bush

Supplies:

Ball (1 per bin)

Children sit in a circle and pass a ball around. The teacher says a child's name and the child can say, "Here I am!" The child with the ball passes the ball to the child called by the teacher. The teacher then asks the child to do something challenging, like hop on one foot three times (closing eyes and touching fingers to nose tip, spinning around and walking in a straight line, balancing crayons end-to-end, etc). After the child completes the task, repeat—pass the ball around and call another child's name.

