



Provider – Lesson 4 Order of Service (Skit)

1) Introduction

2) Welcome & Memory Verse

Welcome back to Tree House! I have a question for you. Who can tell me what man we have been learning about in the Bible? (Moses). That's right! We have been learning about Moses' life and how God provides for him. We've also been learning about the ways God provides for us. God is Provider. Can you say that with me? God is Provider. Being a provider means he takes care of our needs. We can trust him to provide for us. It is great to have such a big God that we can trust in. He is big enough to provide for us and to save us. You know what that reminds me of? Our memory verse. You have been doing a great job learning our verse from Exodus. Let's all stand up and do it together.

Our verse is "But Moses told the people, 'Don't be afraid. Just stand still and watch the Lord rescue you today.'" Exodus 14:13a

Now let me show you with the motions.

But Moses told (hold hands around mouth like a megaphone)

the people, (point both hands out toward others)

'Don't (shake head "no")

be afraid. (bring your hands in front of your body, palms facing inward and hands spread and make a facial expressions like you just got scared)

Just stand still (stand tall with hands by your side like a soldier)

and watch (put hands up to your eyes like you're looking through binoculars)

the Lord (make an "L" with your right hand and cross your chest from the left shoulder to the right waist)

rescue you today. (make fists and cross arms at the wrists with palms facing inward; open arms out and keep fists but palms face outward)

Great job! I can tell you have been practicing in your classes and at home. I love that we can celebrate God's word together and continue to learn more about him. Let's sit back down on our carpets and see what Zip is up to today.

3) Skit

Roles:

Zip, Girl Actor, Storyteller

Girl: (Walks up and sits on the steps in a melancholy way.) **Mmmmmphhhhh** (melancholy noise, sigh.)

Zip: (Comes bouncing up from the Tree House.) Hey _____! Oh, what's wrong?

Girl: Zip, I feel kind of bad.

Zip: Bad? Why do you feel bad? Does your stomach hurt?

Girl: No, Zip, it's not my stomach.

Zip: What about your head (puppet touches his own head)? Did you bump your head like this? (Zip then bumps his head on the tree house.)

Girl: No, Zip, I'll tell you. The ice cream truck came today and I REALLY WANTED ice cream (pause) but (pause) my Mom said I did not need ice cream today.

Zip: Mmmm (pause) well did you need ice cream?

Girl: Well, I guess I didn't really need it.

Storyteller: (Walks up while girl is finishing up her last line) Hey Zip! Hey _____. Hey friends! What are you guys up to?

Zip: _____ was telling me about her day, about how the ice cream truck came but she wasn't able to get any ice cream.

Girl: My Mom said I didn't need any.

Storyteller: Oh, I see. I know that may seem kind of sad, but did you need ice cream?

Girl: I don't think so. I just really wanted one of the popsicles that are shaped like a rocket ship!

Storyteller: Those are good _____. Hmm. I think I know a story that may help you better understand what happened today. Boys and girls, do you remember who we have been learning about? (Allow time to answer.) That's right! We have been talking about Moses and about how God provided for the Israelites, his people. Does anybody remember what we learned that God provided last week? (Allow answers.) God provided the Israelites with safety by parting the Red Sea and letting them escape from Pharaoh and his army. After they escaped from Pharaoh, Moses led them into the desert. They began to get very thirsty and began to complain. The only water they could find was bitter and tasted yucky. So Moses prayed and God showed Moses a tree. If he put the tree in the water, the water would become clean and the Israelites could drink it! God was providing for his people and showing them that they could trust him.

Zip: (Intently listening.)

Girl: Wow! God gave them water by using a tree. That is so cool.

Storyteller: It is cool! God continued to provide for the Israelites. After several days passed the Israelites were still in the desert and they were running out of food. They began to complain again that they were hungry. God told Moses that he would send bread or "manna from heaven" for the people to eat! God provided yet again by providing them with bread to eat!

Zip: God just gave them bread from the sky?

Storyteller: He sure did, Zip! God continued to provide for their needs. But there is something really important to remember. God is good and he will give us everything we need, but not always what we want. For example, God provides for us by giving us places to live, our family, food to eat and water to drink, but sometimes we don't always get what we want—like a new toy, a brand new puppy, or candy at the store.

Girl: Mmmm, so I guess I didn't need the popsicle and I just wanted one. But God has given me food, a family, and a place to live!

Storyteller: He certainly has! God is good to provide us with EVERYTHING we need. Let's pray and thank God for being good and for providing for all our needs.

Lord, we thank you for providing everything we need. You gave us life, you give us homes, food, clothes, a place to worship, and you have given us your Son, Jesus. Thank you for providing for us and knowing exactly what we need and what is best for us. We thank you that you are God. Amen.

I am thankful that God knows what I need and is good to provide what I need and wise to not give me something I want if it isn't good for me. Let's stand up and sing praises to God for knowing everything about us.

4) Songs

Great job everybody. Before we sit down, let's do our memory verse one more time. Our verse is: "But Moses told the people, 'Don't be afraid. Just stand still and watch the Lord rescue you today.'" Exodus 14:13a

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Good job, now let's sit down on our carpets.

5) Prayer & Closing

Great job listening and getting to know God through our Bible verse, the life of Moses, and through worship. Before we go back to our classes, let's pray together and remember that God is our Provider and we can trust him!

Dear Lord, we thank you for all that you have taught us about yourself through the life of Moses. Thank you for being a provider for us all. Help us to remember that we can stand firm and trust you to give us all the strength and power we need to trust you. We love you. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.

Thanks so much for coming today! We'll see you next time!

