



Provider - Lesson 3

2s and 3s

Memory Verse: Exodus 14:13a “But Moses told the people, ‘Don’t be afraid. Just stand still and watch the Lord rescue you today.’”

Key Point: God provides for his people!

Bible Verse: Exodus 4:18–31

SCHEDULE:

Center Time

around 10 minutes

Help the individuals transition by actively engaging them from the beginning. Try setting up centers to color, play with blocks and Play-Doh, or do puzzles.

Memory Verse

Use the Memory Verse page and images to go over the memory verse by placing them in the correct order on the board (personal or pocket chart).

Coloring Sheet

Big Group Time

Lesson

- Read through the lesson below. For a shortened version, just read the bolded words.
- Within the lesson, there are numbers that correspond to the story point pictures. For example, (1) corresponds to the first story point and picture, and so on.
- Allow individuals to place pictures on the board (personal or pocket chart) in sequential order.
- Key Point

- Use the review questions to check for understanding.

Repeat Key Point & Memory Verse

Use the activities below for repetition of the story points, key points, and memory verse.

- Act out the Story.
- Bean Bag Toss: restate part of the story, memory verse, or key point when tossing.

Activity

5-Finger Gospel (Optional)

LESSON:

When Moses goes to **Pharaoh**, he finds that Pharaoh **does not want to let the Israelites go** (1). Finally, **after** God sends **many plagues** on the Egyptians, **Pharaoh tells them they can go** (2). When the Israelites leave Egypt, God lets his people know he is with them and will protect them. God leads them by a pillar of cloud in the daytime and a pillar of fire at nighttime. After a while, **Pharaoh decides to go after the Israelites and bring them back to Egypt** (3).

When the Israelites see Pharaoh’s army coming with horses and chariots, they become very afraid! Moses encourages the Israelites to trust God’s plan for them and to know he will fight for his people. Moses tells the people, “Do not be afraid. Just stand still and watch the Lord rescue you today.”

Then **Moses leads the people toward the Red Sea** (4). **God tells Moses to stretch out his rod over**

the Red Sea (5). God causes the Red Sea to divide so the Israelites can cross over the sea on dry ground (6). After that, God goes behind his people and causes a cloud of darkness to come over the Egyptian army, but gives light to the Israelites. When the Israelites cross, **God lets Pharaoh's army follow them into the sea** (7). Then **God causes the Egyptian army to have trouble** with their chariots **and** they **get** very **confused** (8). Again, **God tells Moses to stretch out his rod over the sea** (9), and **God causes the Red Sea to flow over the Egyptian army** (10), horses, and chariots.

So God saves his people from the Egyptians. God provided a way for his people to escape Egypt. He knew what they needed and he saved them. God also provides for us, so we can trust him and not be afraid.

Key Point: God provides for his people!

Review Questions

1. **What does God use during the day and at night to show his people he is leading them?** (A cloud during the day and a cloud of fire by night.)
2. **What does God tell Moses to do to get across the Red Sea?** (Raise his staff and hold out his hand over the sea to part the water.)
3. **Who saves the Israelites from Pharaoh's army?** (God.)
4. **What happens to Pharaoh's army?** (God causes the Red Sea to flow over them.)
5. **How does knowing that God provides help us?** (We can trust him at all times and not be afraid.)

ACTIVITIES:

Part the Red Sea

Supplies:

- ¼ piece of brown construction paper (1 per child)
- ½ sheet blue construction paper (1 per child)
- Moses cutout (1 per child)
- Craft stick (1 per child)
- Fish stickers (3 per child)
- Glue sticks

Have the children glue the brown paper to the middle part of the blue paper so they can still fold the blue paper (water) down and over the "land." Give the children fish stickers to place on the sea. Have them glue Moses onto a craft stick. Now they can have Moses divide the Red Sea. Remind them that God gave Moses the power to part the Red Sea, which would be impossible for man to do on their own. God provided a way across.

***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. ***

Pillar Walk

Supplies:

- Cloud cutout on a ruler or paint stirrer (1 per bin)
- Flashlight (1 per bin)
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Have the children go on a walk around the room following the "pillar of cloud." When you make it around the room (if the room permits), turn off the lights and say it is night and God will go before us as a pillar of fire (the flashlight) so we can make it safely around the room. When you are finished sit in a circle and read from the bible Exodus 13:21–22. Talk to them about how God was their guide and he wants to be our guide, too. Spend a few minutes sharing and praying with the children about how God can be our guide every day.