

Names of God

Huddle 19: Jehovah Jireh – The Lord Provides



SETTING THE ATMOSPHERE

As children arrive, collect the “In” slips and see which grade they are in for their huddle teams. Remember to check all slips to make sure children are to be in Up & Out this hour.

Team Time

Each team leader (student leader) should spend time getting a conversation started within the team to find out more about each child. Spend time today discussing the following questions up front...

- Have any of you ever gone camping? Do you like camping?
- When you go camping or on a trip, what are some of the things you pack?
- Do any of you have a favorite camping trip story?

Huddle Teams

- 1st & 2nd grade girls
- 1st & 2nd grade boys
- 3rd & 4th grade girls
- 3rd & 4th grade boys

Opening Prayer

Leader prays for the group.

LESSON HUDDLE

Let's all come over together and get started this morning. Good morning, Up & Out! In Up and Out we look up (pause for the group to respond) **TO GOD** and out (pause) **TO OTHERS**.

In our groups we were talking about packing for a camping trip. When we know we are going on a trip we usually know what we need to take with the help of our family and friends. If we are going to the beach, we need our sunscreen and bathing suit. If we are going to the mountains, we will want to take a jacket, good shoes, and maybe your favorite walking stick or marshmallow roaster.

But there are many times that we don't know what we need. Even when we pack up for a camping trip, our parents may pack lanterns, flashlights, batteries, matches, or other things for the campfire. We may pack a fishing rod, football, and a radio. But what if the camp ground we go to has a basketball court? We would need a basketball or some other playground ball to play. If we didn't know about the basketball court, we wouldn't know to pack the basketball. We can't always know everything we are going to need.

But God always knows what we need. He knows what we need today and what we will need tomorrow. Earlier in this unit we learned that God is El Roi. Does anyone remember what that name of God means? That's right, the "God who sees". He sees everything – everyone for all time. He never forgets what we need and He takes care of us.

In Genesis 22, God told Abraham to take his son Isaac and sacrifice him on a mountain. Does anyone know what happened? (*Allow the kids to recount any aspects of the story they know*) Abraham was about to sacrifice his son Isaac on an altar at the top of a desolate mountain. We know it was desolate because when they reached the base of the mountain, Abraham took with him the wood, fire, and knife that would be needed to complete the sacrifice. He packed what he knew he would need. He also took Isaac who was to be the sacrifice.

When they were near the top, Isaac said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for the burnt offering? And Abraham said, 'God will provide for Himself the lamb for the burnt offering my son.'" Just as Abraham was about to kill his son, the Lord stopped him and showed him a ram caught in a thicket and told him to use that instead. God had placed that ram nearby in advance, knowing He was going to need a substitute for Isaac. After the sacrifice was complete, Abraham named the place "The Lord Will Provide."

Abraham didn't know how God would provide but he knew He would. There are times in our lives when God provides in unexpected ways too. He provides family, friends and love for us in ways we don't always recognize.

God takes care of His children in very special ways. One way is by providing His Son, Jesus for our sins. He gave His very best, He gave His own son – so, we know that He can be trusted to meet our needs and care for us. Let's pray together and thank God for always providing for us.

Huddle up, Pray, & Break

ACTIVITY: The Lord Provides

Supplies:

- Ram Printable
- Cotton Balls
- Glue
- Scissors
- Crayons
- Construction Paper

Instructions:

1. Have the kids color the ram on the printable sheet and cut it out.
2. Glue the ram to a piece of construction paper to create a background.
3. Spread glue on the body of the ram and then place cotton balls on the glue.
4. Allow the glue to dry.

5. Have the kids write Jehovah-Jireh and “The Lord provides” on the background. They can also write things that God has provided for them around the ram as a reminder of what He has done for them.



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