# Lesson 9: God is Our Provider!

**Objectives:** Students will...

- 1) Define the word provide and determine that God provides everything we need
- 2) Discuss verses from the Bible that show God is our provider
- 3) Create a "God is our provider" banner to help remember all the ways God provides

# **Supplies:**

# **Teacher Materials (provided in classroom)**

- Bible(s)
- Markers/Pencil Crayons/Crayons (make sure there is yellow, red, blue, and green for each child for today's lesson)
- Pencils
- Attendance Chart
- Stickers for Attendance
- God Provides House Look Up Sheet one per child
- Banner Paper (11 x 17 computer copy paper or large construction paper) one per child
- Banner Template one per child
- Glue Sticks
- Scissors
- Chalkboard or Easel to write down ideas for all to see

## **Optional**

- God Cares for the Birds-Paper Towel Hummingbird Craft Template one per child
- Paper Towel Roll one per child 5-6 inches long

Snack: Chocolate Treat one per child
 Napkins for snack one per child
 Juice or water and cup one per child

#### Lesson:

#### 1) Introduction to Lesson

#### 10 minutes

As students enter welcome them and help find a chair to sit at. Thank them for coming. Have children put a sticker beside their name for this week on their attendance chart. Once children are seated say;

What have we learned about God so far? (God is Love, God is worthy of praise, God is faithful, God is fair and just) Today we are going to learn that God is also our provider.

#### WHAT IS A PROVIDER?

**Can anyone tell me what a provider is? Raise your hand if you know.** (Encourage children to raise hands and tell you what they think is a provider is. Examples may be – my dad provides money for our family, someone who gives you something, etc.)

Say, "The word provider means someone who provides or supplies something."

God provides for us. Everyday! What are some of the things God provides for us?

# Let's read from the Bible to see what it says about God providing.

## Matthew 6:25-33 says:

25 "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? 26 Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? 27 Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

28 "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. 29 Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. 30 If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? 31 So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. 33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

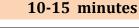
#### WHAT IS THIS VERSE SAYING ABOUT GOD?

Raise your hand if you can list some of the things this verse mentions about God. (Have students go through and mention God provides our food, clothing, drinks, - God will take care of us) According to these verses, should we worry? (No) Why? (God will provide for us and knows what we need.)

Any questions? Now let's learn more about how God provides for us!

# 2) God's House Color Page Activity

Hand out one sheet per child along with crayons. You need to ensure each child has a red, blue, yellow, and green crayon/pencil crayon/ or marker. Read instructions aloud and have each child write their name somewhere on the page. Then read each direction one at a time, as well as the scripture verse. When you have read it, they will color the part of the house mentioned from the verse a specific color. For example color the door red, because "door" is the word mentioned in





the Bible verse that is to be colored red. For answers see below. After children are done coloring all the instruction parts, they can color the rest of the house whatever color they like, if time. Have kids tidy up before moving on to next activity.

#### **Answers:**

Door - Red; Window - Blue; Cornerstone or corner of house - Yellow; Walls - Green

# 3) Optional: God Provides for Birds - Paper Towel Hummingbird Craft 10-20 minutes

Print out the template of the bird on white paper before class, one per child. Hand out one sheet per child along with a toilet paper roll and scissors. Say, "Earlier we read about how

God takes care of the birds and the flowers and by showing us that, he shows that he can easily provide for us too! I am handing out a sheet with a bird on it, color all the pieces different bright



colors because this is a hummingbird. On one of the wings write Matthew 6:25-34. Then when you are done coloring, cut out all the shapes. Raise your hand if you need help.

Then, hand out glue and have the children glue the large rectangular piece around the toilet paper tube.

Glue tail onto the back of the roll.

Glue the head onto the front of the roll.

Make it look like the hummingbird is flying by gluing the wings onto the back of the roll. Fold the feet and glue the tabs to the inside of the tube.

While kids work on their birds read Matthew 6:25-34 again to them to show that "God cares for everyone and everything! We have no need to worry but to be grateful and thankful for all God does provide for us!" When done have kids clean up before moving on to the next activity. Taken from http://www.dltk-kids.com/animals/mhummingbird.htm

## 4) God is Our Provider Banner Craft

**15-20** minutes

Hand out one piece of construction paper or large copy paper to each child for their banner. Tell kids to write their name on the back of the paper. Then hand out markers, crayons or pencil crayons along with a piece of template paper for each child. The template paper has the words "God is our Provider" along with other pictures to show God provides for all our needs.

"Each week that we study a characteristic about God we will make a banner. This will help us remember that God is many things and all of them amazing! This week we will add to our banner and make a God is Our Provider page! I am handing out some pictures and words you can color and cut out, that show how God provides for us. You can go through your activity sheets for words or ideas of things that remind you of how God provides. You can also draw pictures of things that remind you. Remember to fill up the whole banner with things and ways that God provides! Hand out scissors and glue for students who want to use the template pictures and word phrase.

# Go ahead and start and if you need help or have any questions feel free to ask!

Make sure students have access to their bibles and activity pages for ideas and if necessary help them with cutting, gluing, verse look ups, or other things. Ensure kids clean up before leaving. If banners are dry kids can take them home or you can collect them and then hand them out to each child at the end with all banners the child will make stapled together to make one huge rolled up banner!

# 5) Optional - Snack: God provides our Food

5 minutes

Hand out 1 Chocolate treat along with a glass of water or juice. Have a napkin for children to clean their hands. As the children eat, ask them, "Who provides us with our food? (Children should might say mom, dad, God, Jesus.) As we learned today God is our provider. God makes sure everyone has what they need. He takes care of us. Psalm 65:9 says:

#### **Psalm 65:9**

You care for the land and water it; you enrich it abundantly.

The streams of God are filled with water to provide the people with grain, for so you have ordained it.

What are some of the things God provides for us? (Land, water, food, etc.) Remind children to clean up after themselves with the napkin making sure their cups and garbage are put in the garbage and have them clean up any crumbs from the table before going on to the next activity.

# 6) Close in prayer

Thank God that He is our provider and will always provide for us at all times. Thank God that He gave us the church family, our families, food, clothing, homes, pets and most importantly His Son Jesus! Thank you God!

Thank you for serving Christ in this way!