

WEEK 6 | ELEMENTARY (4-5)

Need to Know: God Is My Provider

Bible Story: God Feeds Elijah and the Widow

Bible Reference: 1 Kings 17:2-16



READ THE BIBLE

DO Read the **Bible Story Sheet** aloud to the group.

- SAY**
- *What did Elijah and the widow need? (Food)*
 - *God could have given them what they needed in any way He wanted. Why do you think God chose to provide it by sending the ravens and multiplying the oil and flour? (Allow responses)*
 - *Sometimes God does things in ways that only He can do them to show us how powerful He is and how much He loves us. God chose to provide for Elijah and the widow in a miraculous way, and in the same way, God provides everything we need!*

LET'S PRACTICE

OPTION 1: Pictionary

- DO**
1. Take out **dry erase board, dry erase marker, & paper towel** (or use blank paper if you don't have a board).
 2. Draw a picture from the **Leader Guide**, and let the kids guess what you are drawing.
 3. Once they guess, read the corresponding text on the Leader Guide.
 4. Continue until all pictures have been drawn and discussed.
 5. Have kids repeat:
God Is My Provider

OPTION 2: Discussion Questions

1. *Do you think you would have anything if God didn't provide it for you? Why or why not?*
2. *God knows everything, and the Bible says He knows what we need before we even say a word. So why is it important to pray for things anyway?*
3. *Do you believe God can provide anything that you ask Him for?*
4. *What are some things you're thankful God has provided for you?*
5. Have kids repeat:
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LET'S PRAY

PRAY

Dear God, thank You for providing for us. Please help us remember to ask You for what we need and trust that You are our Provider! We love You! In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

MEMORIZE IT

SAY

Have kids repeat the verse below after you several times with the motions:

***"Those who know Your name
trust in You,
for You, O Lord,
do not abandon
those who search for You."
Psalm 9:10***

DO

1. Give kids **coloring utensils** and allow them to draw/color on the front or back of their **Activity Sheets**.
2. As kids draw/color, have them take turns saying the memory verse to you. Assist kids as needed.

BIBLE STORY SHEET

Wk 6 - 4-5 - Bible Story Sheet

This story is about a prophet named Elijah. (Pronounced: Ee-lie-juh) God had a special message for Elijah to deliver. One day, God told Elijah to go to the valley near the Jordan River. Now, Elijah was feeling hungry and wondered how he was going to eat while he was there. God assured Elijah that he didn't need to worry about his next meal because He had a special plan for that. So Elijah took off toward the Jordan River.

Every time Elijah needed to eat, God sent ravens to feed him. You heard that right, ravens ... like the birds. If God was sending ravens to feed you, what kind of food would you want them to bring? (Allow responses)

Those things all sound delicious! Elijah had the food he needed, but there was one problem. It hadn't rained for a very long time. Who knows what it's called when it doesn't rain for a long period of time? (A drought)

The drought was so bad that the river where Elijah was getting water dried up, and He was so thirsty.

Do you think God had a plan to provide water for Elijah, too? (Yes)

Elijah trusted that God would provide for him. God told Elijah to go to a town where he would meet a widow, and she would take care of him from there. Elijah obeyed God and went to the town where he found the widow gathering sticks. Elijah walked up to her and asked if she would bring him a jar of water. As she walked away to get his drink, Elijah asked her for a piece of bread, too. But the woman had sad news for Elijah. She didn't have any bread. She only had a small bit of flour and a couple drops of oil. In fact, she was gathering sticks to go home and cook one final meal for herself and her son. After that, she was sure they were going to starve to death.

How do you think the widow was feeling at that time? (Sad, discouraged, afraid, hopeless)

I'm sure she was feeling lots of things. But Elijah let her know that God said she wouldn't run out of flour and oil. He told her to go back home and make a loaf of bread for him. So the widow went back home and did what Elijah had said. Sure enough, God provided! Elijah had food to eat, and there was even enough for the widow and her son.

God provided for them so much that the jar of oil never ran out and the flour container never became empty! We can call God "Provider" because He knows exactly what we need, and He gives it to us!

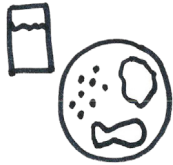







LEADER GUIDE

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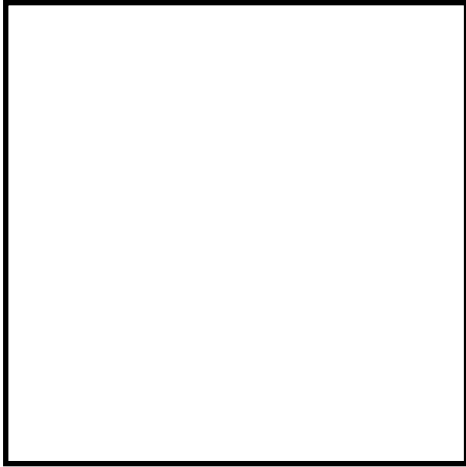
Draw each of the following images. Then have kids guess the image drawn. After they guess what's drawn, ask the corresponding question.

Draw this first:

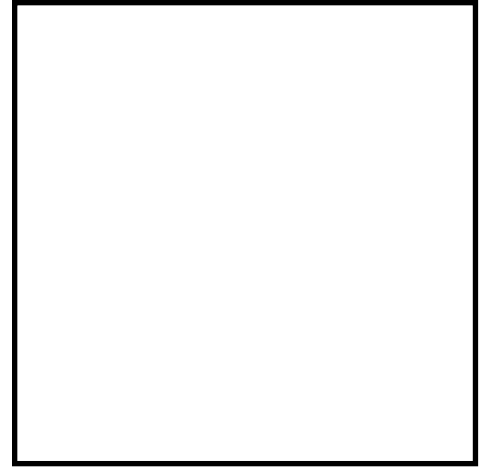
Then say:

	<p><i>In the book of the Bible called Luke, it says, "Look at the birds. They don't plant or harvest. They don't save food in houses or barns. But God takes care of them. And you are worth much more than birds."</i></p> <p><i>Why do you think God cares so much about you?</i> (He made you, gave up His Son for you, He loves you)</p> <p><i>The next time you wonder if you matter to God, just remember all He has provided for you, like food to eat and water to drink.</i></p>
	<p><i>Who has provided a home for you to live in?</i> (God)</p> <p><i>You got it! Everyone share with me your favorite room in your home.</i> (Allow responses)</p> <p><i>The next time you're in that room, make sure to pray and thank God for providing for you!</i></p>
	<p><i>In a book of the Bible called Matthew, Jesus says, "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the wildflowers grow. They don't work or make clothing."</i></p> <p><i>Why do you think Jesus pointed this out?</i> (Allow responses)</p> <p><i>This is a great reminder for us that everything we have comes from God, including the clothes we wear. The next time you get dressed, make sure to say, "Thank You," to God!</i></p>
	<p><i>God provides safety for His children. When you're scared or worried, what can you do?</i> (Pray to God, read the Bible, worship God)</p> <p><i>Those are all great things that you can do to show God that you trust Him to provide safety for you, His child!</i></p>
	<p><i>God's Word says that when two or more come together to worship Him, He is with us!</i></p> <p><i>What is your favorite part about church?</i> (Allow responses)</p> <p><i>Be sure to tell God, "Thank You," for providing a place for you to worship Him with your friends!</i></p>
	<p><i>God has provided many beautiful and exciting animals for us to enjoy!</i></p> <p><i>What is your favorite animal?</i> (Allow responses)</p> <p><i>Thanks for sharing! The next time we're playing with our pet or we're at the zoo, we can take a moment to thank God for providing us with animals!</i></p>
	<p><i>What is one thing that God provides for you every day that you are thankful for?</i> (Allow responses)</p> <p><i>Those are all great things! God loves us, and that is why He is our Provider!</i></p>
	<p><i>The Bible says, "The lions may grow weak and hungry. But those who look to the Lord have every good thing they need."</i></p> <p><i>What do you think that means?</i> (Allow responses)</p> <p><i>This verse from the Bible helps us to understand that when we trust in the Lord, He will provide everything that we need!</i></p>

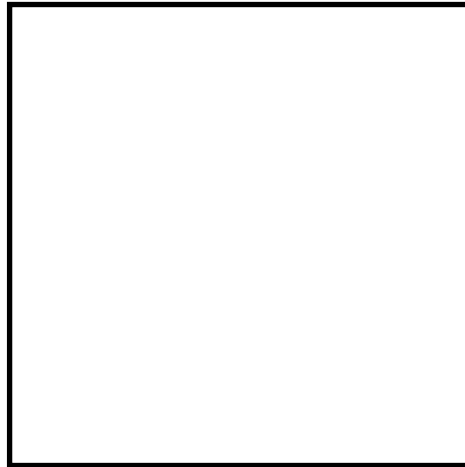
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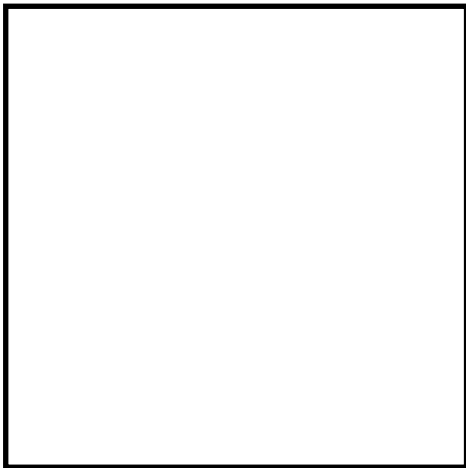
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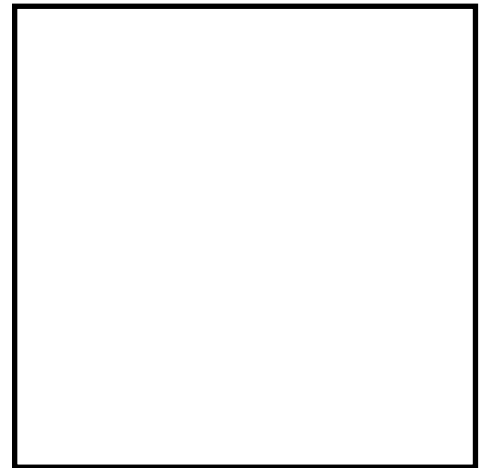
HEALTH



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FRIENDS

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Series Memory Verse: *"Those who know Your name trust in You, for You, O Lord, do not abandon those who search for You." Psalm 9:10 (NLT)*



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