

## WEEK 6 | ELEMENTARY (K-3)

**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**
- Give each child one **paper plate** and a **coloring utensil**.
  - Instruct kids to draw a smiley face on one side of their plate and a sad face on the other side.
  - Read the **Bible Story Sheet** aloud, leading the group through the activity.
  - Once finished, collect coloring utensils and sanitize hands again.

- SAY**
- *What did Elijah and the widow need? (Food)*
  - *Who provided food for them? (God)*
  - *You got it! Just like God knew what Elijah and the widow needed and provided it for them, God is our Provider, too!*

### LET'S PRACTICE

- DO**
1. Take out a **dry erase board**, **dry erase marker**, and **paper towel** (or use blank sheets of 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.

- SAY**
- When we know that God is our Provider, we trust that He will give us everything we need! Let me hear you say this after me: (Pause to allow kids to repeat)*
- God Is** (both hands point up)  
**My Provider** (palms up in front of body)

## LET'S PRAY

### PRAY

*Dear God, thank You for providing for us. Please help us remember to ask You for what we need, and help us trust You to be 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** (point to side of head)  
**trust in You,** (hand over heart)  
**for You, O Lord,** (point up)  
**do not abandon** (shake head "no")  
**those who search for You."** (make binoculars over eyes)  
**Psalm 9:10** (make book with hands)

### DO

1. Give kids **coloring utensils** and allow them to color the front and back of a **Coloring Sheet**.
2. As kids color, have them take turns saying the memory verse to you. Help as needed.

# BIBLE STORY SHEET

Wk 6 - K-3 - Bible Story Sheet

***This story is about a prophet named Elijah. (Pronounced: Ee-lie-juh) On the count of three, everyone shout, "Elijah!" One, two three! (Everyone will shout, "Elijah!")***

***Great! God had a special message for Elijah to deliver. One day, God told Elijah to go to the valley near the Jordan River. Everyone, show me the smiling side of your plate because that's how Elijah felt when he was obeying God! (Allow responses)***

***Now, Elijah was hungry, but he didn't know where or how he was going to get food. God told Elijah that he didn't need to worry about his next meal because He had a special plan for that. So Elijah walked toward the Jordan River.***

***Hold up the side of your plate that shows me what your face looks like when you're hungry. (Allow responses)***

***That might have been what Elijah's face looked like. But every time Elijah needed to eat, God sent ravens, which is a type of bird, to feed him.***

***Everyone, hold up the side of your plate that shows what you look like when your belly is full. (Allow responses)***

***Things were going pretty well, but there was one problem. It hadn't rained for a very long time. The river was all dried up, and Elijah needed water.***

***Show me the side of your plate that looks like Elijah probably looked when he was thirsty. (Allow responses)***

***He may have looked sad, but deep in his heart, Elijah knew 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.***

***Show me the side of your plate that looks like Elijah's face when he heard from God. (Allow responses) Well, Elijah's smile was about to grow even bigger!***

***Elijah obeyed God and went to the town where he found the widow picking up 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. Everyone, show me the side of your plate that has a sad face on it. (Allow responses)***

***The widow was sad because 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.***

***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 for them! Elijah had food, and there was enough for the widow and her son.***

***Show me the side of your plate that shows what Elijah, the widow, and her son probably looked like at this point. (Allow responses) I'm sure they were so happy! God provided for them so much that the jar of oil never ran out and the flour container never got empty! We can call God our Provider because He knows exactly what we need, and He gives it to us!***









# LEADER GUIDE

Wk 6 - K-3 - Leader Guide

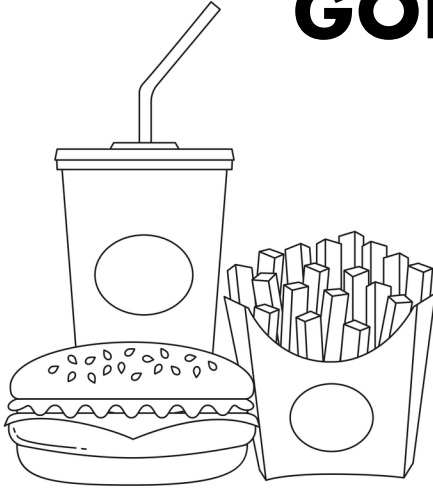
Draw each of the following images. Then have kids guess the image drawn. After they guess what's drawn, ask the corresponding question.

Draw this first:

Then say:

	<p><b>God provides everything we eat!</b></p> <p><b>What is your favorite food?</b> (Allow responses)</p> <p><b>The next time you're eating, be sure to pray and thank God for providing for you!</b></p>
	<p><b>Who has provided a home for you to live in?</b> (God)</p> <p><b>You got it! Everyone share with me your favorite room in your home.</b> (Allow responses)</p> <p><b>The next time you're in that room, make sure to pray and thank God for providing for you!</b></p>
	<p><b>One of the things that we couldn't live without is clothes.</b></p> <p><b>Everyone name one item of clothing you own that God has provided for you to wear.</b> (Allow responses)</p> <p><b>Yes! From the socks on our feet to the hats on our heads, God provides everything we need!</b></p>
	<p><b>God provides safety for His children. When you're scared or worried, what can you do?</b> (Pray to God, read the Bible, worship God)</p> <p><b>Those are all great things that you can do to show God that you trust Him to provide safety for you, His child!</b></p>
	<p><b>When you come to church, God is providing a place for you to sing, have fun, make friends, and grow your friendship with Him.</b></p> <p><b>What is one thing about church that you are thankful God has provided?</b> (Allow responses)</p> <p><b>Those are all really great things! God's Word says that when two or more come together to worship Him, He is with us! I'm thankful God provides the church for us!</b></p>
	<p><b>God has provided many beautiful and exciting animals for us to enjoy!</b></p> <p><b>What is your favorite animal?</b> (Allow responses)</p> <p><b>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!</b></p>
	<p><b>What is one thing that God provides for you every day that you are thankful for?</b> (Allow responses)</p> <p><b>Those are all great things! God loves us, and that is why He is our Provider!</b></p>
	<p><b>True or False: The Bible tells us that God is our Provider.</b> (True)</p> <p><b>Yes! Let me hear you say that after me!</b></p> <p><b>God Is</b> (point up)</p> <p><b>My Provider</b> (palms up in front of body)</p>

# I'M THANKFUL GOD HAS PROVIDED ...



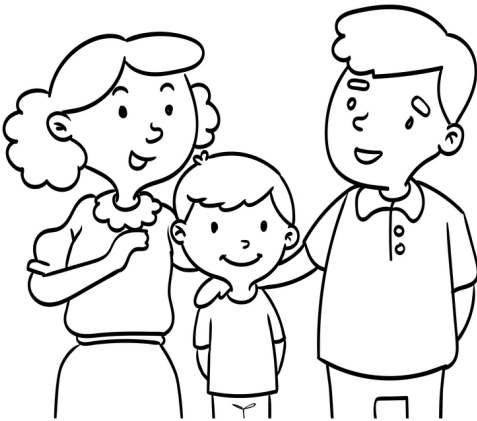
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**HEALTH**



**FAMILY**



**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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