

Jesus Provides Food for the Five Thousand

Performance Objectives:

1. Children will realize their need for God to provide in specific situations.
2. Children will see God provide in specific situations.
3. Children will experience God's ability to provide above and beyond what is necessary.

Materials Needed:

Verse Visuals for Lamentations 3:23b and Matthew 4:19  
Song visual for "He is Able"  
Loaf and fish visuals  
Evaluation sheet

Opening Activities:

Quote theme verse Lamentations 3:23b

Ask children if they have any situations where they need God to provide.

Sequence of Activities: (Instructional Procedures)

- A. Focusing event-Sing "He is Able"
- B. Instruction (content of the lesson)-on separate sheet
- C. Tying the net-on separate sheet
- D. Teaching the memory verse (guided practice)-Matthew 4:19-Explain and go over a couple of times with visuals.
- E. Independent activity (worksheet, review)-Play review game using visuals of loaves and fishes and giving each child a chance to answer questions.

Evaluation

- A. Of the students
  1. Are the students realizing their need for God to provide in specific situations?
  2. Are the students seeing God provide in specific situations?
  3. Are the students experiencing God's ability to provide above and beyond what is necessary?
- B. Of the teaching session
  1. Do the students understand that the characters in the Bible story needed God to provide for them?
  2. Do students realize that Jesus provided for the characters?
  3. Do students recognize that Jesus provided above and beyond what was necessary?
  4. Do students understand the meaning of the memory verse?
  5. Are students able to answer review questions?

## Jesus Provides Food for Elijah and the Widow

## Performance Objectives:

1. Children will realize their need for God to provide in specific situations.
2. Children will see God provide in specific situations.
3. Children will experience God's ability to provide above and beyond what is necessary.

## Materials Needed:

Verse visual for Lamentations 3:23b

Song visual for "He is Able"

Missionary story

A few props and costumes for re-enactment of story

Evaluation sheet

## Opening Activities:

Quote theme verse Lamentations 3:23b

Tell short story of how God provided for a missionary.

## Sequence of Activities: (Instructional Procedures)

- A. Focusing event- Sing "He is Able"
- B. Instruction (content of the lesson)-on separate sheet
- C. Tying the net-on separate sheet
- D. Teaching the memory verse (guided practice)-Matthew 4:19-Use separate card with picture for each word. Have children hold cards up one at a time as others say the verse. Eliminate cards one at a time, until all are gone.
- E. Independent activity (worksheet, review)-Have children help re-enact the story for review

## Evaluation

- A. Of the students
  1. Are the students realizing their need for God to provide in specific situations?
  2. Are the students seeing God provide in specific situations?
  3. Are the students experiencing God's ability to provide above and beyond what is necessary?
- B. Of the teaching session
  1. Do the students understand that the characters in the Bible story needed God to provide for them?
  2. Do students realize that that God provided for the characters?
  3. Do students recognize that God provided above and beyond what was necessary?
  4. Are students able to quote verse even when the cards are taken away?
  5. Are students able to successfully re-enact the Bible story?

## Jesus Provides Wine for Feast

## Performance Objectives:

1. Children will realize their need for God to provide in specific situations.
2. Children will see God provide in specific situations.
3. Children will experience God's ability to provide above and beyond what is necessary.

## Materials Needed:

Verse visual for Lamentations 3:23b

Song visual for "He is Able"

Paper for children to draw on

Crayons, colored pencils, or markers for children to draw with

Several gallon jugs

A large container that can hold thirty gallons (swimming pool, etc.)

Evaluation sheet

## Opening Activities:

Quote theme verse Lamentations 3:23b

Have children tell stories of how God provided for them over the past few weeks.

## Sequence of Activities: (Instructional Procedures)

- A. Focusing event- Sing "He is Able"
- B. Instruction (content of the lesson)-on separate sheet
- C. Tying the net-on separate sheet
- D. Teaching the memory verse (guided practice)- Matthew 4:19-Have children draw visuals for the verse with the words written on them and have them explain the verse.
- E. Independent activity (worksheet, review)-Have the children use gallon jugs to help fill a large container with thirty gallons of water to demonstrate the amount of juice made.

## Evaluation

## A. Of the students

1. Are the students realizing their need for God to provide in specific situations?
2. Are the students seeing God provide in specific situations?
3. Are the students experiencing God's ability to provide above and beyond what is necessary?

## B. Of the teaching session

1. Do the students understand that the characters in the Bible story needed Jesus to provide for them?
2. Do students realize that that Jesus provided for the characters?
3. Do students recognize that Jesus provided above and beyond what was necessary?
4. Were students able to draw visuals for the verse and explain the verse clearly?
5. Do students understand the immensity of the provision of Jesus?

## Jesus Dies to Save All People

## Performance Objectives:

1. Unsaved children will see that they are sinners and should be punished.
2. Unsaved children will understand that Jesus died to pay for their sins.
3. Unsaved children will realize that they need to make a personal decision to trust Christ.
4. Saved children will recognize their need to tell others about Jesus.

## Materials Needed:

Verse visuals for Lamentations 3:23b and John 3:16

Song visual for “ABC salvation song”

Evaluation sheet

## Opening Activities:

Quote theme verse Lamentations 3:23b

Give an abbreviated testimony of your salvation.

## Sequence of Activities: (Instructional Procedures)

- A. Focusing event- Sing “ABC salvation song”
- B. Instruction (content of the lesson)-on separate sheet
- C. Tying the net-on separate sheet
- D. Teaching the memory verse (guided practice)- John 3:16-Use visuals with the verse and clearly explain salvation again.
- E. Independent activity (worksheet, review)-Teach children a simple way to share the gospel with others (hand illustration, etc.)

## Evaluation

## A. Of the students

1. Are the unsaved students able to see that they are sinners and should be punished?
2. Are the unsaved students able to understand that Jesus died to pay for their sins?
3. Are the unsaved students able to realize that they need to make a personal decision to trust Christ?
4. Are the saved students able to recognize their need to tell others about Jesus?

## B. Of the teaching session

1. Do the students understand that all are sinners and deserve to be punished?
2. Do students realize Jesus died to pay for the sins of everyone?
3. Do students recognize that they everyone must make a personal decision to trust

Christ?

4. Do the students see the need of every Christian to tell others of Jesus?
5. Do children clearly understand the verse and salvation?
6. Do students have the ability to share the gospel with another person?

## Jesus Provides Food for the Five Thousand (Luke 9:10-17)

### Introduction

Have you ever eaten supper and your mom did not make enough and the food ran out? You were hungry because you did not have enough to eat, weren't you? If you think you were hungry then, imagine having a huge field full of thousands of people and only five pieces of bread and two little fishes. That certainly would not feed all those people. You would be pretty hungry wouldn't you? Jesus and His disciples had a situation like this on their hands.

### Instruction-Content of the Lesson

The disciples had been out preaching the gospel and healing people. (v1-9)

When the disciples returned to Jesus, Jesus brought them into a deserted area outside of the city. (v10)

When the people saw where Jesus was going, they followed Him. (v11a)

Jesus received the people, preaching to them and healing those who needed to be healed. (v11b)

When it started to get late Jesus' disciples came to Him and suggested that He send the crowd away to get food, because the place where they were was deserted. (v12)

But Jesus replied by telling the disciples to feed the people. (v13a)

The disciples protested that they had only five loaves and two fishes unless they went to buy food. (v13b)

There were around five thousand men there (probably women and children were there too, so that would be even more. (v14a)

#### **1. The disciples needed Jesus to provide for them and for the people.**

Jesus told the disciples to separate the people into groups of fifty, so they did. (v14b-15)

Then Jesus took the five loaves and two fishes and blessed them and broke them. (v16a)

The disciples gave the pieces out and fed all of the people, so that they were full. (v16b-17a)

#### **2. Jesus provided for the disciples and the people.**

In fact, after everyone had eaten, there were twelve baskets full of food left over. (v17b)

#### **3. Jesus provided above and beyond what was needed.**

### Conclusion-Tying the Net

The disciples realized that they did not have enough food on their own and they needed Jesus to provide for them and the people. Jesus faithfully provided for every single one of the people that day. In fact Jesus even provided twelve baskets extra, more than the people even needed.

If you have trusted in Jesus to save you, you must realize that you need God to provide for you. Maybe you need new shoes for school and you do not have enough money for them. Maybe you want to buy a birthday present for someone and you need a few dollars. You need God to meet these needs.

When you realize your need for God to provide, you will see God meet those needs. He has many different ways of providing and some are unexpected. He will provide for you.

Often when God does provide for you, He does even more than we asked Him to. Sometimes he will give you something extra just to show you that He is a God who is able to provide even more than we need.

So if you have trusted Jesus to save you, you should realize that you need God to provide, see God provide for you, and even experience Him providing more than you need.

If you have not trusted Jesus to save you, you should not expect God to provide for you, because you are not His child yet. God wants you to ask Him to save you from your sins, so that He can make you His child and provide for your needs. If you would like to know more about how you can trust Jesus to save you, please talk to me after the lesson is over.

## **God Provides Food for Elijah and the Widow (I Kings 17:1-16)**

### **Introduction**

A long time ago God said there would be no rain for a while. If there was no rain, the streams would dry up, so there would not be enough water, and then the plants would die, so there would be no fruits and vegetables for the people and animals to eat. Eventually the animals would die because they had no food and the people would have no meat to eat. Having no rain was a bad thing for the people. How would God's people who loved Him survive?

### **Instruction-Content of the Lesson**

Elijah was a prophet of God.

One day he went and told the king of Israel, Ahab, that God had said that there would be no dew or rain any more until God said so. (v1)

#### **1. Elijah needed God to provide for him.**

God then told Elijah to flee and hide by a brook called Cherith near the Jordan River. (v2-3)

While there, Elijah was to drink from the brook and God would send ravens to bring him food. (v4)

So Elijah went to the brook as God had told him. (v5)

The ravens brought him bread and meat every morning and evening and he drank from the brook. (v6)

#### **2a. God provided for Elijah.**

But after awhile the brook dried up because there was no rain as God had said. (v7)

Then the Lord told Elijah to go to a place called Zarephath where he would find a widow who would take care of him. (v8-9)

So Elijah went to Zarephath. (v10a)

When he got to the city, he saw the widow that the Lord had talked about out gathering sticks, so he asked her for a drink of water. (v10b)

As she went to get the water, he asked her for a little bit of bread too. (v11)

The widow replied that she had no bread, only a little flour and a little oil, and she was planning to make food for she and her son, and then die, for they had no more food. (v12)

But Elijah told the woman to make a little cake for him first, and bring it to him, and then make food for her and her son. (v13)

Elijah told the woman that the Lord would make sure that the barrel of flour and the jar of oil would not run out until He sent rain to the land. (v14)

#### **2b. Again God provided for Elijah and the widow.**

So the woman went and made cakes for Elijah and then for herself and her son. (v15a)

As the Lord had said, the barrel of flour and the jar of oil did not run out and the widow and her household were fed throughout the famine. (v15b-16)

#### **3. God provided above and beyond what was needed.**

### **Conclusion-Tying the Net**

Wow! Can you imagine having a barrel of flour that never ran out? Or a jar of oil that always had oil in it? Even if it looked low when she used it, the next time she came back there would always be enough. God provided in such a special way for the widow and for Elijah.

God can provide in a special way for you too if you have trusted Jesus to save you. If you have not, maybe you should talk to me about that today after the lesson.

## Jesus Provides Wine for the Feast (John 2:1-11a)

### Introduction

A marvelous feast had been prepared with lots of food and grape juice-the common drink at feasts in that time. Everyone was enjoying themselves, when suddenly the man in charge of the feast realized that the grape juice was all gone and there was no more to refill it. Where would he get more juice for the thirsty guests?

### Instruction-Content of the Lesson

Jesus had done no miracles yet in His ministry.

One day there was a wedding in Cana in Galilee to which Mary, Jesus' mother went. (v1)

Jesus and His disciples were called to the wedding as well. (v2)

The people at the wedding ran out of wine-grape juice, so Mary told Jesus. (v3)

#### 1. The people at the wedding needed Jesus to provide for them.

Jesus replied that it was not time for Him to show who He was yet. (v4)

But Mary told the servants to do whatever Jesus told them to do. (v5)

There were six water pots there that could hold twenty or thirty gallons. (v6)

Jesus told the servants to fill the pots with water, so they filled them all the way to the brim. (v7)

Jesus then told them to take the liquid out with smaller containers and bring them to the feast, so they did. (v8)

The water had turned into wine-grape juice!

#### 2. Jesus provided for the people at the wedding.

When the head of feast tried the juice, not knowing where it had come from, he called the groom. (v9)

Traditionally the best juice was given to the people first, but the juice that Jesus had made was so much better than the juice that had been set at the beginning that the head of the feast asked the groom why he had saved the best juice for last. (v10)

#### 3. Jesus provided above and beyond what was needed.

This was the first of Jesus' miracles. (v11a)

### Conclusion-Tying the Net

When the people ran out juice they were very worried, but they did not need to worry. They had Jesus to provide for them. You need to remember whenever you have needs that Jesus is able to meet those needs and provide for you in a special way.

For those of you who have trusted Jesus to save you, you never need to worry because God will provide for you. For those of you who have not trusted Jesus to save you, you should do that now and He will provide for you too. If you have any question, please come and see me right after the lesson.

## **Jesus Dies to Save All People (Book of Luke and various verses)**

### **Introduction**

When God created the world, everything was perfect. Then the first man, Adam, and his wife, Eve, disobeyed God. They were not perfect any more. They did wrong things called sin. They were sinners. Ever since then everyone who has been born has been a sinner, including you and me. (Rom 3:23) We deserve to be punished for our sin and spend forever in a horrible place of fire called hell because of our sin. (Rom. 6:23)

#### **1. You are a sinner and deserve to be punished for your sins.**

God has to punish sin because it is so terrible, but He does not want to punish us, so instead He made a plan so that we do not have to be punished. In His plan He sent His only Son Jesus to this earth.

### **Instruction-Content of the Lesson**

Jesus was born to Mary. (Luke 1:26-38)

Jesus was born in a stable in Bethlehem. (Luke 2:1-20)

Jesus grew up, obeyed God and his parents, and never did anything wrong. (Luke 2:39-52)

When Jesus became a man He traveled throughout Judaea teaching and healing the people. (throughout Luke)

Even though Jesus was perfect and never sinned, the religious leaders hated Him, so they arrested Him. (Luke 22:47-54)

Jesus was crucified. (Luke 23:33)

While Jesus was on the cross, he said, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." (Luke 23:34)

Jesus paid for all of the sins of everyone in the world when He died on the cross. He took our punishment. This was God's plan. (Rom. 5:8)

#### **2. Jesus died to pay for your sins.**

But Jesus did not stay dead. He rose from the dead and is in Heaven today. (Luke 24:1-8)

Now if you will believe that Jesus died for you and ask Him to forgive you of your sins and tell Him you want Him to wash away your sins and that you believe He died for you, He will wash your sins away and you can know that you will be with Him in Heaven one day. (John 3:16)

#### **3. You need to decide yourself to trust in Jesus.**

### **Conclusion-Tying the Net**

What would have happened if Jesus had not died for our sins? We would all have to go to that horrible place called hell. Now we do not have to go there if we will believe in Jesus. Some of you have already trusted Jesus to save you. You should be telling other people about what Jesus did for you and how they can trust Jesus too.

#### **4. You need to tell others about Jesus.**

But some of you have not yet trusted Jesus. Jesus paid for your sins. All you have to do is tell Him you want Him you believe in what He did for you and you want Him to wash your sins away and He will. If you want to do that today or have any questions, please tell me after the lesson.