

God Will Provide

POAKids Connection Devotion ~ March 24, 2020

Prayer:

Lord, thank you for this time we have together to learn from your Word. We open our ears to hear what is spoken, our minds to understand, and our hearts to receive your Word. We ask this in Jesus' name, Amen.

Ask:

What does the word provide mean?

What kinds of things do you need? What kinds of things do you want?

What is the difference between need and want?

Who are some people in our lives that provide for us?

Connect:

Sometimes we want things we don't necessarily need, right? Our parents or caretakers do their best to provide the things we need and even sometimes the things we want. God provides for them! But there are other times when we need things our parents or other caretakers are not able to give to us. Sometimes we need things like peace, comfort, strength, and healing. Who can provide those things?

That's right! God gives us what we need. He even gives our parents what they need, so they can give us what we need! God provides! In the video before the lesson, you heard your friends saying Psalm 23. That chapter tells us that God is our shepherd. Do you know how a shepherd cares for sheep?

That's right! The shepherd makes sure the sheep have everything they need: food, water, a place to sleep, and so much more! God does that for us! He gives us everything we need! Let's look at a story where a little boy found out firsthand about provision!

Bible Story:

The story we will read today is found in Mark 6:30-44. With older children, have them locate the passage and read it aloud.

One day, Jesus and His disciples were going to find a quiet place together. When they arrived at their destination, they found many people who had gathered to see them. Even though Jesus had planned for time to be alone, He changed His plans. Do you know why? The Bible says that Jesus saw the huge crowd, and He had compassion on

them because they were like a sheep without a shepherd. So, He went to the huge crowd and began teaching and helping the people. How awesome is that? Jesus knows how much we need Him, and He is always looking out for us.

Late in the afternoon, the disciples came up to Jesus and asked Jesus to let the people go so they could find some food to eat. Jesus told the disciples to feed the crowd. The disciples were very concerned about this request- they knew that to feed the large crowd of people it would take their wages for many months. The disciples wanted to send the crowd away. But, Jesus had a different plan. Jesus asked the disciples to see how much bread they had. The disciples found a little boy in the crowd who had 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish. Jesus prayed over the food and then had the disciples start giving it out. A miracle happened! There was enough to feed 5,000 people! And, there were 12 baskets of food left over! God provided more than they needed!

This story should remind us that God cares for us (he is our shepherd) and will provide anything that we need! We have to trust God and obey what He tells us to do, just like the disciples did. When we do that, we find that His ways are best and that **GOD WILL PROVIDE!!**

Reflect:

Can you tell about a time when God provided for you or your family?

Read Philippians 4:19 (*have older children locate the passage and read it aloud*).

What do you think that verse means?

It says God will supply all your needs according to his riches in glory! That means God will give us everything we need! **GOD WILL PROVIDE!!**

Do:

When you have a need or concern,

1. Stop & remember that God will provide.
2. Ask God to help you to have faith and trust him.
3. Say out loud: "God will Provide!"

Closing:

We all may worry sometimes when we don't have the things we need, but it really helps to remember that God loves us, He will take care of us and He will provide the things we need.

Pray: *Have your child(ren) lead in prayer.*

