



Let's go outside! Look around you. What do you see?
Can you name the things arounds you now that you have never even thought of asking God for, but God still provided it anyway?

(Allow the kids to mention as many as they can. Lead them also to understand that God also provides us with intangible things that are essential like air.)

Yes, there are things that we did not ask God to provide for us but He still did because He knows everything that we need. He knows what we need and want from the smallest thing to the major desires that we have. That is why we do not have to worry about our needs because we have a God who is a great provider.

The Israelites spent 40 years in the desert. Are you ready to be amazed by how God provided for their needs during all this time? Let's read the story.



Did you know that the Lord fed the Israelites for forty years in the wilderness? How cool is that! They didn't have to work or till the land, yet God provided for them every day. Let's read Exodus 16:1-36 :

11 And the Lord said to Moses,

12 "I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'"

13 In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp.

14 And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground.

15 When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

31 Now the house of Israel called its name manna. It was like coriander seed, white, and the taste of it was like wafers made with honey.

35 The people of Israel ate manna for forty years, till they came to a habitable land. They ate the manna till they came to the border of the land of Canaan.

This is a good reminder for us not to look at what's lacking in our lives, but to focus instead on our Provider who never fails to sustain us. As we say "thank you" to our parents for our daily allowance, or to the lady in the cafeteria who cooks really good food, or even to our classmate who shares his or her snack, let us remember that ultimately, it is God who remembered our needs and provided us these resources.



Parent to Kid
3-6 years old

- Can you just go to a store and take whatever you want for free?
- What will you need so you can buy stuff from stores?

7-12 years old

- Where do you think money comes from?
- Who provides for your food, shelter and clothing?

Kid to Parents

- How do you earn money?
- How is God involved in helping us earn money?

Have you heard of the saying.. "Money does not grow on trees"? It's true. People need to work to earn money. But where would money come from?..Jobs? From people who give us jobs?

Sometimes, we argue about who among us is better - who is better in school? Who is better at sports? Who makes more money? Who cooks better? But regardless of how you answer these questions, know that all our skills, our wealth, everything that we have - all comes from God! He is our ultimate source.

Only God gives people the ability to work so we can earn money from our jobs. It even says in the Bible that God gives us the ability to produce wealth. So really, it is God who is the provider of our skills, jobs, wealth (that's a big word for money or all the valuable things people own).

That's why we regard God as our one, true "Source".



Dear God, thank You for loving us and providing so many blessings for us. Teach us to remember that You are the source of all our blessings and remind us whenever we worry that we can trust You. In Jesus' name, amen!



Think about this:
Where did the chicken come from? The egg?
Where did the egg come from? From a chicken?
So, which came first - the chicken or the egg?

Can you think of other similar questions?

We may find it a bit funny to ask questions like these. It's a never-ending cycle. In fact, it is a mystery. But regardless of which one came first, it just points us back to the truth, that God is truly the source of everything!