



Use Week of: _____

Unit 5 • Session 1

Bread from Heaven

BIBLE PASSAGE: Exodus 15–17

STORY POINT: God is good.

KEY PASSAGE: Matthew 22:37a

CHRIST CONNECTION: God gave us what we need most in Jesus.

Bible Story for Toddlers

God led the Israelites into the wilderness. A wilderness does not have much water or food. The people whined, “What are we going to drink?” God led them to Elim, a place with plenty of water. Later the people were hungry, and they whined again. So God sent them quail to eat. He sent bread from heaven each day. The people called the bread *manna*. They went to another place that did not have water. They asked Moses, “Why did you ever take us out of Egypt?” God told Moses to hit a rock, and water came out! God gave His people water and food in the wilderness.

Babies Gospel Gems

- * God’s people traveled in the wilderness.
- * God gave His people water and food in the wilderness.
- * God sent Jesus because He loves us.

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BABIES Activities

Look in the Bible

Provide hand-size Bibles for babies to handle. Open your Bible to Exodus 15. Show the Bible story picture as you say the Gospel Gems in a soothing voice. Read the key passage card.

SAY: God gave His people water and food in the wilderness. **GOD IS GOOD.**
[Pray for the babies.]

Sing a Bible story song

Sing the chorus of “God Is So Good.” Look up the song online if you are unfamiliar with the tune or lyrics.

“God *is so good. God is so good. God is so good.
He’s so good to me.”

*Substitute *cares for me, sent His Son, and loves me so* in other rounds.

SAY: GOD IS GOOD, and He takes care of His people. God sent Jesus because He loves us. God gave us what we need most in Jesus.

Explore rocks

Place smooth stones in a ziplock bag with a squirt of shower gel. Use duct tape to seal the bag. Invite babies to feel and explore the rocks.

SAY: God’s people traveled in the wilderness. God gave His people food in the wilderness. He gave them water from a rock. **GOD IS GOOD.** God sent Jesus because He loves us.

Touch feathers

Provide artificial feathers in various sizes and colors. Let babies touch the feathers or use a feather to lightly touch a baby’s face or hand. Be aware of children who may be sensitive to tickling, and respond to their cues. Make sure babies do not put the feathers in their mouths.

SAY: Quail have feathers. God gave His people quail to eat. **GOD IS GOOD,** and God gave us what we need most in Jesus.

Check diapers, serve bottles if needed, and release babies to parents according to your church’s security guidelines. Give parents today’s big picture card. Repeat the Gospel Gems and Bible-learning activities for babies who stay a second hour.

TODDLER Activities

Circle time (5 minutes)

Provide small Bibles for toddlers to handle. Say the Bible is God's words. Read the key passage card and guide toddlers to say it. Open your Bible to Exodus 15. Show the Bible story picture as you tell the Bible story. Say the Gospel Gems and Story Point. Pray for the toddlers.

Make a paper plate quail

Fold a paper plate in half for each toddler. Draw a quail's face near the top of the fold. Provide artificial feathers for toddlers to glue to the plate. Talk about the Bible story as toddlers make their quails. Write the Story Point on each quail.

SAY: GOD IS GOOD. God gave His people food, like quail, in the wilderness. God gave us what we need most in Jesus. God sent Jesus because He loves us.

Read books about God's care

Gather Bible storybooks and invite toddlers to look through them. Point to pictures and briefly review the Bible stories where God took care of His people.

SAY: GOD IS GOOD. God's people traveled in the wilderness. A wilderness does not have much water and food. God gave His people water and food in the wilderness.

Gather manna

Invite toddlers to lay down like they are sleeping. While they close their eyes, scatter cotton balls on the ground. Guide the toddlers to "wake up" and gather the manna. Briefly review the Bible story.

SAY: GOD IS GOOD. God gave His people water and food in the wilderness. Later, God sent Jesus because He loves us.

Shake water shakers

Before class, place small stones in clear water bottles with a little bit of water. Seal the lids with duct tape. Invite toddlers to shake the water bottles and look at the rocks. Briefly retell the Bible story.

SAY: GOD IS GOOD. God gave His people water and food in the wilderness. Later, God sent Jesus because He loves us.

BONUS Teaching Hour

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Transition activity: Catch quail

Draw quail faces on small beach balls, beanbags, or foam balls. Invite toddlers to catch the quails as you gently toss them. Invite toddlers to place the quails in a plastic bin. Play again as time allows. Review the Bible story as toddlers play.

SAY: GOD IS GOOD. God's people traveled in the wilderness. God gave His people water and food, like quail, in the wilderness. God gave us what we need most in Jesus. God sent Jesus because He loves us.

Paint on bread with colored milk

Post an allergy alert. Before class, add food color to milk and lightly toast bread slices. Provide clean paintbrushes and painting smocks. Invite toddlers to paint on the bread with milk. Toddlers may also eat the toast if they would like.

SAY: GOD IS GOOD. God gave His people water and food in the wilderness.

Take a nature walk

If weather permits, take toddlers on a stroller ride around the building looking for birds and vegetation. You may also use a walking rope. If it is too wet or cold to go outside, place nature items in sealed clear containers for toddlers to explore, such as feathers, rocks, water, and sand.

SAY: GOD IS GOOD. God's people traveled in the wilderness, a place without very much food or water. God gave His people water and food in the wilderness.

Check diapers, serve a snack if needed, and release toddlers to parents according to your church's security procedures. Give parents today's big picture card to reinforce today's Bible story, Christ Connection, Story Point, or Gospel Gems throughout the week.