

Growing Together

Bible Story

God provides for our needs
(Matthew 6:25-27).

Jesus Cares 5:
Jesus cares about people
who are hungry.

Bible Verse

“Blessed are those who are generous,
because they feed the poor”
(Proverbs 22:9).

In Touch

Today your child learned about God’s provision. The class learned that they can trust God to provide food, water, and clothes for them, so they needn’t worry about those things. They also learned that they can share God’s blessings with people who don’t have as much as they do. Use these activities this week to teach your child that God gives him or her all your child needs and that sharing with others is a way to show God’s love.

Food Sculpting

Have your child help you clean a variety of raw fruits and vegetables as you slice a variety of cheeses. Include favorites such as carrot slices, apple wedges, celery sticks, grapes, pineapple tidbits, and cheddar cheese chunks. Add a few unusual foods such as sliced kiwi, farm cheese, and yellow squash. Join your child in creating fun food sculptures, using toothpicks to attach foods together. As you work, talk about the types of foods God provides. Help your child see that God provides us with a wonderful variety of foods because he cares for us and wants us to be healthy. Enjoy eating the sculptures together.

other player a turn. Continue until you’ve paired up the needs and wants. Remind your child that God provides for all our needs. Make the game more exciting by creating more cards.

Make a Meal

Plan a simple meal of soup and bread. Drink water instead of milk or soda. As you eat, talk about the difference between what rich people eat and what poor people eat. Consider eating a simple meal once a week and donating the money you save to a hunger-relief organization.

Needs and Wants Game

Help your child realize the difference between what he or she needs and wants by playing a Needs and Wants match-up game. Gather a pile of old magazines, scissors, glue, and 12 recipe cards. As you talk about needs (food, clothing, shelter) and wants (toys, cars, and candy), cut out magazine pictures, and glue them to the recipe cards. Find six pictures of needs and six pictures of wants. Then shuffle the cards, and place them facedown in rows on a table. Take turns turning over two cards at a time. If both cards are needs or both are wants, keep the pair, and turn over two more cards. If one card is a need and one is a want, turn the cards over, and give the

Need Detectives

Collect a small notepad, pencil, lunch sack, and magnifying glass. Then go for a hike through woods or a park with your child. Encourage your child to write down or draw ways God provides for creatures in nature. Look for such things as animal and insect homes. Without damaging the animals’ habitats, collect items that show God’s provision, such as feathers, cocoons, fur, nuts, and berries. Talk about how God provides for people, the birds in the air, and creatures everywhere. Compare animals’ homes, “clothing,” and foods to what God provides for people. Repeat the hike at different times of the year to see how God provides in the different seasons.