

PECULIAR TREASURES LESSON

OPEN HEAVENS 1 - Senior

Lesson 1: Manna from Heaven
Text: Exodus 16:1-36 (focus 1-5, 13-20, 24, 35) Philippians 4:19
Central Truth: God has made provision for all our needs.
Memory Verse: Colossians 4:2 "Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving."

GETTING STARTED

1. The teacher will mention a general 'object' and ask if it is a need or want. For example, car. She will then mention a specific type of that object and ask if it is a need or want. For example, a Lamborghini. **OR**
2. The children will talk about things they use daily and their purposes. For example they can talk about bath soap, toothpaste, clothes. **OR**
3. The children will talk about the different types of food they like. One or two can explain how to prepare a type of food.

INTRO

Two people will read and act the skit "Thankful." The children will discuss their understanding of what they had heard.

THE WORD

The Israelites left Egypt for the Promised Land. At first they were very happy that they had been set free from bondage and that they had been able to get some things from the Egyptians before they left. However, they soon murmured against God. A journey that was to take about forty days lasted forty years. Why, because they saw giants in the land, but they didn't see that their God was bigger than those giants. So they didn't enter the Promised Land. God kept them alive, but after some time they murmured again. This time they said that there was no food for them to eat.

Moses was the leader of the Israelites at this time and he spoke to God about what the Israelites were saying. God said that he would provide food for them, but that they would need to follow instructions. The instructions were simple. Collect enough food for one day for your family. Each day you are to go out. Don't store any food in the tents. The exception was that since they were not supposed to work on the Sabbath, on the day before the Sabbath they were to collect what they would eat for two days. The extra food collected on this day did not spoil.

Just as God had promised, food, manna came from heaven and what they collected was enough for their daily needs. Those that felt that they didn't want to go out every day and so took extra, found out that the extra they took got spoilt and made their tents smell. Anyone that did not gather manna in the morning did not eat that day.

The Israelites were fed for forty years. The same way God fed the Israelites, he is able to feed us. When the Israelites murmured against God and Moses stepped in, God forgave them. God is willing to forgive us when we offend him, but it is better for us not to offend God. Also God wants us to be hardworking. The manna fell from 'heaven', but the Israelites needed to go out to collect it.

It is said in the Lord's Prayer – give us this day our daily bread, so we should remember Matthew 6:33. God wants to provide. For some people, (some beggars, some missionaries, some orphans) this prayer is true literally because they are not sure where their next meal will come from. Whatever we need, we should ask for politely. We should also remember that there is a difference from needs and wants. At different stages of your life you needs and wants will change, so be open-minded.

MEMORY VERSE

Colossians 4:2 "Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving."

SONG – SUPERNATURAL INTERVENTION OF GOD

I anticipate, the inevitable, supernatural, intervention of God.

I expect a miracle. (I expect.)

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AT OUR LEVEL

- When you want to get something from your parents or you want them to buy something for you, what is your attitude like?
- When your parents or an older sibling disciplines you (punishes you) how do you feel towards that person?
- What can one use flour (with other ingredients) to prepare?
- Share a testimony of how God provided for you or a member of your family.
- If you leave cooked food, for example, fried rice with chicken, fried plantain, and bean pudding out of the fridge for a week, would you be willing to eat it at the end of the week? Why or why not?
- Was manna falling from heaven a natural thing or a miracle? Why?

CONFESSION

I am blessed. I am under open heavens. God provides for all my needs according to his riches in glory. I seek the kingdom of God and his righteousness. All the things I need are added unto me. I have good food to eat and nice clothes to wear. I go to a good school and I get good results. I speak positively. I do not murmur. I praise God at all times. I am a grateful child of God.

REVISION

1. What is our topic for today?
2. Who led the Israelites to the Promised Land?
3. How many years before the Israelites entered the Promised Land? How many days was it supposed to take?
4. What was the attitude of the Israelites before Moses spoke to God about providing food? Was it a good attitude?
5. The memory verse for today's lesson is _____
6. What was the food sent from heaven called?
7. What was the rule about the gathering of manna?

ACTIVITY

Do the action game. Jesu k'ore da'le. Mo he.

CLOSING

Conclude and pray.

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1. The teacher will show the children pictures of food and they will take turns to mention the food in the picture. The teacher will also show pictures of daily goods for example toothpaste, shoes, and the children will take turns to mention the object in the picture. **OR**
2. The teacher will tell the children to touch things around them or on a table, for example, shoes, bath soap, bottle of water, and the children will say what they use those things for. **OR**
3. The teacher will mention different objects, for example detergent, vegetable oil, water, and the children will mention what those things are used for.

INTRO

Everyone will recite one or more nursery rhymes.

LD MACDONALD HAD A FARM

Old MacDonald had a farm
E-I-E-I-O
And on his farm he had a cow
E-I-E-I-O
With a moo moo here
And a moo moo there
Here moo, there moo
Everywhere moo moo
Old MacDonald had a farm
E-I-E-I-O

Old MacDonald had a farm
E-I-E-I-O

And on his farm he had a pig
E-I-E-I-O
With an oink oink here
And an oink oink there
Here oink, there oink
Everywhere oink oink
Old MacDonald had a farm
E-I-E-I-O

Duck – quack, quack
Chickens – cluck, cluck

HUMPTY DUMPTY (*Humpty Dumpty is an egg*)

Humpty Dumpty sat on the wall
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall
All the king's horses and all the king's men
Couldn't put humpy dumpty together again.

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When asking for something, we should say 'Please.' When we are given things we should say 'Thank you.'

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AT OUR LEVEL

- What work do you do in school?
- If your mother tells you to take chicken from the plate on the table and there are four pieces, how many should you take?
- Is it possible for you to eat four plates of rice today and say that you won't eat for the next two days?

CONFESSION

I am blessed. I am under open heavens. God provides for all my needs. I have good food to eat and nice clothes to wear. I go to a good school and I get good results. I say thank you to God every day.

REVISION

1. What is our topic for today?
2. Who was the leader of the Israelites at this time?
3. The memory verse for today's lesson is _____
4. Does God want us to work hard?
5. When someone gives you food to eat, what should you say to the person?

ACTIVITY

- 1) Do the action game. Jesu k'ore da'le. Mo he.
- 2) Scatter objects (e.g. Lego pieces, pencils, balls) around the floor and get some of the children to pick the number you tell them. For example pick only three objects

CLOSING

Conclude and pray.