

2nd-4th GRADES

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READ this week's story: [The Story Bible page 115](#)

As you watch and listen to the story this week, listen for the answer to this question: **How did God provide food for his people in the desert?** Then also think about **“how God provides food for us”**.

God promised to bring his people to the “promised land” of Canaan and we already saw last week how he protected them from the Egyptian army at the Red Sea. Now his people had been traveling for about a month, and all the food they brought from Egypt was running out and they were hungry. Because they were in the desert and moving from place to place, they could not grow their own food. Also, there were no stores for them to buy food from. They started to complain and grumble, but because God loved his people and he promised to lead them safely to Canaan, God provided them food in spite of their complaining,

What kind of food did God provide to his people? God provided quail in the evening and manna in the morning? When the people first saw the thin, white flakes, they said “Manna?” which means “what is it”? They did not know what it was. The white flakes were the bread that God had sent from heaven for them to eat.

From that time until the Israelites entered the “promised land”, God would provide them this special food to eat. **The Israelites were thankful for food God had provided them!**

God doesn't provide us manna and quail like he did the Israelites, but he does provide for all our physical and spiritual needs. How does God provide us food?

- God gives our parents the ability to work so they can buy us food at the stores.
- God sends the sunshine and rain so that farmers can grow food.
- God gives people health and ability to work on farms and in gardens.

Just like the Israelites were thankful for the food God provided them, we should also be thankful to God for the food he provides us as well. Have you ever complained about the food your parent made for supper? God doesn't want us to complain about the food he provides to us through our families. We should be thankful to God and to our parents/family for providing us our food. Our memory treasure this week is a good reminder of that we should be thankful to God for the blessings he gives us:

Psalm 118:1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

This week there is a worksheet on the back side of this page. We are also doing a craft that reminds us to give thanks to God! We would love for you to share pictures of your art projects with us by sending the pictures to office@gsholmen.org.

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Art Project Supplies:

Red paper plate with hole punched at "top" and orange yarn tied through the hole
½ sheet of yellow paper with the Psalm 118:1 memory treasure printed on it
Baggie with colorful leaves in it

You will need:

A glue stick, craft glue (or tape if you do not have glue or a glue stick)

Directions:

- 1) Cut out the circle shape with the Psalm 118:1 memory treasure on it.
- 2) Glue the memory verse on the center of the red paper plate. Please note that the hole with the orange yarn through it is the top of the project so put the memory treasure so the words are "right side up" on the plate.
- 3) Use the glue or glue stick to adhere the leaves in layers around the edge of the paper plate. Glue will work best for this project, but a glue stick will also work, you just have to use a lot of the glue stick glue on the leaves. Layer the leaves so the overlap each other. (If you don't have glue, you can use scotch tape to adhere the leaves – your parent can show you how to make the tape double sided so it sticks to both the leaves and the paper plate).
- 4) Allow the glue to dry and then hang up your "Give Thanks" project using the orange yarn.

Your project will look something like this:



Worksheet Answer Key:

Part One: 1. True, 2. False, 3. False, 4. True, 5. True, 6. False, 7. True, 8. True

Part Two: Drawings will vary but should show daily needs.

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