

PARENT CORNER

weekly

TODAY: NOVEMBER 8-9

Bible Story: Elijah 1 Kings 17

Big Idea: God deserves our thanks

Focus: God deserves our thanks because He gives us what we need.

Memory Verse: "Give thanks to the Lord, because He is good. His faithful love continues forever". Psalm 136:1 (NirV)

Bible Story Summary:

Read and meditate on 1 Kings 17; Philippians 4:19; Matthew 6:31-32; Psalm 24:1

After the reign of King Solomon, son of King David, Israel split into two kingdoms. God sent prophets like Elijah to guide them back to Him. God told Elijah of a coming drought and sent him to a place with a stream outside Israel's borders. At God's command, ravens brought Elijah food. When the stream dried up, God directed him to a widow in Zarephath. She had little food but gave some to Elijah. Miraculously, her flour and oil never ran out. Later, her son fell ill and died. Elijah prayed and God brought the boy back to life. The grateful widow recognized Elijah as a man of God.

He Question: How is God able to provide what we need?

Because He is the Creator and King of the world, God owns everything. He loves us and provides us with every good gift.

We Question: Does God know what we need?

God knows everything and He created us, so He knows exactly what we need. He knows what we are going through. Even if He doesn't give us everything we want, He knows what is best for us.

Me Question: What does God want me to know about Him, and what does this mean for my life?

Kids will be given the opportunity to reflect on the truth they learned about God and respond accordingly.



As your family eats dinner, go around the table and have each person name something they need. Then go around the table and have each person name something they feel like is a need but is really a want. Explain that there can be a lot of things we want that we think are needs. We think we need certain toys, or candy, or electronics. God doesn't promise to give us what we want. He promises to give us what we need. Because God gives us what we need, He deserves our thanks.

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WEEK 2

God TIME

DAY 1

READ "Give thanks to the Lord, because he is good. His faithful love continues forever". Psalm 136:1 (NirV)

Psalm 136:1 is our memory verse for this month. Split up this memory verse into five sections and assign each section an exercise or movement to go with it. For example, "Give thanks to the Lord" could be jumping jacks. Then, as you practice the verse, do those exercises or movements that go with it! Write what you chose to do beside the verse sections below:

"Gives thanks to the Lord," _____
 "because He is good." _____
 "His faithful love" _____
 "continues forever." _____
 "Psalm 136:1" _____

Memorizing this verse will help you to remember that God deserves your thanks

PRACTICE this memory verse as a reminder that God deserves your thanks

DAY 2

READ "My God will meet all your needs. He will meet them in keeping with his wonderful riches. These riches come to you because you belong to Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19 (NirV)

This week you learned about how God provided just what Elijah needed at just the right time. God even provided the right amount of flour and oil each day for the widow to make bread to feed her family as well as give some to Elijah. Reread the story and circle some of the important words from the story.

Elijah

Oil

Widow

Toys

Raven

Going to the movies

Bread

Video Games

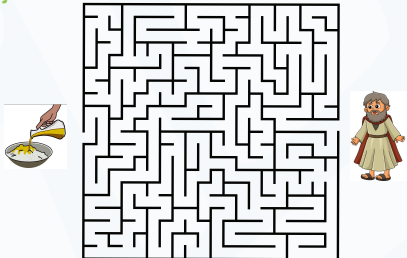
God

KNOW that God deserves your thanks because He gives you what you need

DAY 3

READ 1 Kings 17 (NirV)

In this week's Bible story, you learned about Elijah. God told Elijah of an upcoming drought. Because God knew that Elijah would need food and water, He sent Elijah to a place with a stream. Every day He had a raven deliver food for him to eat. When the stream dried up, God directed him to a widow in Zarephath. She didn't have much, yet God always provided. He made sure that Elijah, the widow, and her son always had enough food (oil and flour) and water. Elijah gave thanks to God for always giving him what he needed. **Complete the maze below to get the oil and flour that God provided every day to Elijah.**



BE THANKFUL because God gives you what you need

HEY PARENTS SIGN HERE!

Have a parent sign your completed GodTime.

Parent signature

Date

Return for 5 Bible Bucks!

parent CUE:

We want to let you know that we have an amazing opportunity for you and your child. We are learning the importance of giving (tithing) in UpTown. For many years the kids in UpTown have been caring for children through Compassion International and Forgotten Children Worldwide. We are currently sponsoring a boy named John that lives in Tanzania and a girl named Akeelo that lives in Uganda.

Our support will provide John and Akeelo with:

- Food to combat malnutrition
- Health care and immunizations
- Education and income generating skills
- The Gospel message and spiritual guidance
- The love and support of the church staff

Every week during Studio24 and Clubhouse, your child will have the chance to give an offering to help sponsor John and Akeelo. We pray that you will partner with us in this. Learning to have a heart of generosity will help your child grow to have a heart like Jesus.

DAY 4

READ "My God will meet all your needs. He will meet them in keeping with His wonderful riches. These riches come to you because you belong to Jesus Christ." *Philippians 4:19 (NirV)*

Have you ever told your parents that you really need something? You have probably said, "Mom or Dad, I need that toy." Or you have probably said, "Mom or Dad I need that candy right now." It's easy for us to think that there are a lot of things we need. In reality, most of what we think we need are really things we want.

This week you learned that God promises to provide you with what you need; things like food, water, and shelter. On the lines below write three specific things you need that you're thankful God has given you.

PRAY and thank God because He gives us what we need

at a GLANCE



Bibles-N-Bucks Shopping

November 15-16	Kindergarten
November 22-23	4th Grade
November 29-30	3rd Grade
December 6-7	2nd Grade
December 13-14	1st Grade

Ways to Earn Bible Bucks

- Bring a friend 1 Buck
- Bring your Bible 1 Buck
- Recite Bible Verse .. 1 Buck
- Do your GodTime ... 5 Bucks
- UpTown Challenge . 20 Bucks



Child's Name: _____