

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.

Drive Time



While you are driving, ask your child to name two things they consider a need. (food, water, home) Then ask them to name two things that they consider a want. (toys, IPAD, special shoes) Talk with them about how it can be hard sometimes to know the difference between a need and a want. Remind them that just like Elijah, God will provide for their needs in His timing and we can thank Him for giving us what we need.

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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)

This month you are learning this verse about giving thanks to the Lord. With the help of a parent, find a way to play some music. It could be a radio, a phone, Alexa, or something else. Have your parent play some music. As the music plays, dance around! Have some fun! Then have them stop the music. When the music stops, freeze and say the memory verse. Turn the music back on and begin to dance and sing. Stop the music again and say your verse. Continue playing until the song is finished.

What was the name of the song you danced to?

How many times did you have to freeze and say the memory verse? _____

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)

God meets ALL of your needs. He doesn't choose which needs He will provide for. This verse says ALL your needs. When someone does something for you, you usually use your manners and say thank you. Just like you would say thank you to that person, God deserves your thanks. He created you and knows exactly what you are going through. He may not provide what you think you need, but He will always provide because He knows what is best. With the help of a parent, draw something you are thankful for.

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

DAY 3

READ 1 Kings 17 (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. With the help of a parent, circle some of the important words from the story.

Elijah	Oil
Widow	Toys
Raven	Going to the movies
Bread	Video Games
God	

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 Matthew 6:31-32 (NirV)

These verses remind you that God will give you what you need. You don't have to worry about it. He is your heavenly Father and He is watching over you. Just like Elijah, God will give you all that you need in His perfect timing. He deserves your thanks because he loves you so much and knows exactly what you need.

Take a moment and pray. Thank Him for loving you so much. Ask him to help you remember to say thank you for giving you all you need.

"Dear God, Thank you for loving me so much. You are such a good Father to me and I know You are watching over me. Help me to remember to thank You and give You the praise for giving me all I need. I don't ever want to forget all that You do for me. I love you! In Your name I pray, Amen."

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

Come to church 1 Buck
 Bring your Bible 1 Buck
 Recite Bible Verse .. 1 Buck
 Do your GodTime ... 5 Bucks



Child's Name: _____