

# “Camp Wilderness” - LESSON 1

## “God Will Provide”

### Main Focus:

God will provide for every need we have!



### Power Verse:

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– Philippians 4:19 (NIV)



### Whatchagaddaknow:

“God Will Provide Everything I Need!”

## LEADER'S INFO

We live in a world where kids are constantly worry about having what they need. They hear about how expensive things are and how difficult life is. They wonder, “Will God take care of me?”

That's why it's so important that we teach them a foundational truth early on: God is our Provider.

In this lesson, the children will learn from Exodus 16, where God provided manna and quail to the Israelites in the wilderness. They will learn that God knows what we need before we even ask and can use miracles to take care of us.

This lesson will remind every child that they serve a God who is not distant or stingy, but one who delights in providing for His children.



### “The Spark” Intro Video

“What Am I Supposed To Do?”



### “Whatchagaddaknow” Video

Boudreaux teaches “Whatchagaddaknow”



### Character Skit

“Ranger Rick”



### Offering Time



### Game Time!

“Desert Dash”



### Bible Story

“Manna From Heaven”



### Power Verse Video

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### Call To Action

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### Rewind!

Review Game



### Small Group Experience

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**Lesson 1 Materials Needed:**

**“The Spark” Intro Video**

- “Lesson 1 - The Spark” Intro Video

**“Whatchagaddaknow” Video**

- “Whatchagaddaknow - Lesson 1 - Teaching” Video  
- “Whatchagaddaknow - Lesson 1 - Trigger” Video

**Character Skit**

- “Ranger Rick” Theme Graphic/Music

**Offering Time**

- “Offering Time” Bumper Video

**Game Time!**

- “Game Time!” Bumper Video  
- “Desert Dash” Graphic  
- Cotton Balls  
- Plastic Spoons  
- Four Bowls

**Bible Story**

- “Lesson 1 - Bible Story” Graphics

**Power Verse Video**

- “Lesson 1 - Power Verse” Video

**Call To Action**

- “Lesson 1 - Call To Action” Graphics  
- Lunchbox Filled With Random Items  
- Envelope Labeled: “Top Secret: God’s Plan”  
- Pizza Box  
- Large Desktop Calendar

**Rewind!**

- “REWIND!” Bumper Video  
- “REWIND!” Lesson 1 Graphics

**Small Group Experience**

- Missing Word Cards  
- A Way To Keep Score  
- Mini Marshmallows  
- Small Cups  
- A Way To Keep Time  
- Dry-Erase Board  
- Dry-Erase Marker

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## **Introduction to “The Spark” Intro Video**

**Leader:** Hey, kids! Welcome to an exciting new series called “Camp Wilderness!” We’re learning lessons from the Israelites as they wandered in the wilderness.

Have you ever been hungry? Like, REALLY hungry? Your stomach’s growling and you feel like you could eat five pizzas all by yourself? *(Allow response)* Imagine being so hungry, but there’s no food at home. Even worse, imagine being that hungry while you are out stuck in the middle of nowhere with no snacks, no grocery store... and no DoorDash!

To help you understand a little bit more of what I mean, I want you to check out this video...

**(play “The Spark - Intro Video Lesson 1”)**

**Leader:** Being hungry can really affect people in all kinds of ways. When you don’t know where your next meal is going to come from, it can be pretty scary. That’s exactly how the Israelites felt in today’s Bible Story. They had just escaped from Egypt, walked through the Red Sea, and now they were wandering through the desert. And guess what? They were hungry. Not just “grumpy hungry”...they were “we-might-die-out-here” hungry!

But God didn’t forget about them. In fact, He had a plan the whole time. Today, you’re going to find out how God provided in the most unexpected way. It’s going to be amazing!

But, before we get into that, we need to find out “Whatchagaddaknow.”

**(play “Whatchagaddaknow” Teaching Video)**



## **CHARACTER SKIT**

**Character: “Ranger Rick”** *(Dressed as a typical forest ranger, Ranger Rick is very confident in his ability to come in and save the day - even if it isn’t needed. He is very upbeat and animated, with lots of energy.)*

**Rick:** *(Enters eating trail mix from his pocket)* Trail mix, anyone?

**Leader:** *(Laughing)* Uh, no thanks. Who are you? And what’s with the pocket snacks?

**Rick:** *(Pulling out a handful of trail mix)* Oh, hello, fellow campers! My name is Ranger Rick. In my pocket is a campsite culinary adventure! I usually find more marshmallows than anything, but I do love me some marshmallows! *(Extends his arm)* Want some?

**Leader:** Oh no, thank you! Well, you know what they say: life is like a bag of trail mix. Full of surprises!

**Rick:** *(Grinning)* Like when I found a peanut in here! That was a bonus! But I could really use a hearty meal instead of marshmallows and the occasional peanut...

**Leader:** *(Nodding)* Trust me, I understand! Today, we’re actually talking about a story when the Israelites felt like you do right now!

**Rick:** Oooh, a story! Is it about the time they discovered marshmallows? Because I have always wondered when that was.

**Leader:** Not exactly! It’s about when they were really hungry and God sent manna from heaven to feed them.

**Rick:** *(Stuffs more trail mix into his mouth)* Wait! Did I hear you say that GOD sent them food? Mama?

**Leader:** Not mama, MANNA!

**Rick:** Oh! Was that some kind of fancy camp snack? Can I find it at Walmart?

**Leader:** *(Chuckling)* Nope! Manna was a miraculous food that appeared each morning to feed the people.

**Rick:** That’s amazing! So, God just poofed it into existence?

**Leader:** Exactly! It was God’s way of showing His people that He knows what they need!

**Rick:** *(Thoughtfully)* So, if God could do that, can’t He just pop some s’mores into my pocket right now? *(Pulling out an empty pocket)* Ok, God! I’m ready!

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## **CHARACTER SKIT**

*(Continued)*

**Leader:** *(Smiling)* Ranger Rick... It's not quite like that. Miracles can happen in surprising ways, but we need to trust that God knows what we need most.

**Rick:** *(Scratching his head)* Like when I need a compass when I get lost? Don't tell anybody, but I do get lost at times. If the other rangers knew that I would never hear the end of it...

**Leader:** Yes! Just like that! Instead of panicking, we can trust God to guide us.

**Rick:** And instead of filling my pocket full of marshmallows because I'm scared I'll be hungry, I should trust that God will provide for me?

**Leader:** Exactly! God provides us with what we truly need, whether it's food, guidance, or strength to help others.

**Rick:** *(Confidently)* I will become the most trusting ranger ever! Mama or no mama!

**Leader:** *(Patting Ranger Rick on the back)* It's MANNA!

**Rick:** Oh, yes! Manna! Got it.

**Leader:** That's the spirit, Rick!

**Rick:** *(Grinning)* Next stop: Trusting God and finding out what He provides! I am Ranger Rick, Guardian of the Wilderness! See ya later!

*(EXITS WHILE THEME MUSIC PLAYS)*



## **GAME TIME**

### **“Desert Dash”**

#### **Items Needed For Game:**

Cotton balls; plastic spoons; four bowls

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#### **Preparation:**

Choose an equal number of boys and girls to play this game. Set up two bowls at one end of the play area and have the teams line up at the opposite end of their team’s bowl. Place a bowl of cotton balls next to each team.

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#### **How To Play:**

When you say, “Go!”, the first person on each team must place a cotton ball (*representing manna*) on their spoon and race to the other end of the play area to deposit the cotton ball into their team’s bowl. Once they have deposited the cotton ball, they must race back and tag the next player in line. If their cotton ball falls, they must return to start and try again. Play continues this way for one minute. At the end of the time, count how many cotton balls are in each team’s ending bowl. The team that collected the most cotton balls is the winner!



# Bible Story

## “Manna From Heaven”

### Materials Needed:

The graphic slides for Lesson 1; begin with the slide that says “Bible Story”; follow the instructions below, changing the slides to follow along with the story (*as shown*)

### Preparation:

Familiarize yourself with the story in *Exodus 16*; have your open Bible in your hands as you tell the story.

### The Story:

Today’s Bible Story comes from the book of Exodus chapter 16. You might remember how God rescued the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. He performed amazing miracles, parted the Red Sea, and led His people out into freedom. Now, they were walking through the wilderness on their way to the land God had promised them.



But there was one big problem. They were hungry. Not just “my tummy’s growling” hungry. They were in the middle of the wilderness with no food in sight. And instead of trusting God, the people began to whine and complain. (*show pic*) “We’re starving out here!” they cried. “Back in Egypt, at least we had lots of meat and bread to eat. Now we’re just going to die in the desert!”



Even though the Israelites were complaining, God was patient. He heard their cries and spoke to Moses. (*show pic*) “I will rain down bread from heaven for you,” God said. “Each day the people are to go out and gather only what they need for that day.”



The very next morning, something strange happened. As the sun rose, the ground was covered in thin flakes like frost. (*show pic*) The people looked at it and said, “What is it?” Moses told them, “It’s the bread the Lord has given you to eat.” So the Israelites gathered it - just enough for each day. (*show pic*) They learned to trust that God would give them exactly what they needed. If they tried to store it or save some for the next day, it would rot and get full of maggots. Yuck! God was teaching His people to depend on Him every single day.



And that wasn’t all! (*show pic*) That evening, God sent small birds, called quail, to fly into the camp. The people caught the birds and had meat for dinner! (*show pic*) That night, the people sat around their campfires, eating the meal that God provided. They weren’t hungry anymore. They were full, satisfied, and reminded that God always takes care of His people.



Even when the Israelites didn’t really deserve it after complaining so much, God still provided. He loved them, and He wanted them to trust Him every day. And guess what? God will provide for YOU! He knows what you need. When you’re worried, scared, or unsure where your help will come from, you can remember the Israelites and trust that God will take care of you, too.



## Call To Action “God Will Provide”

### Materials Needed:

The “Lesson 1 - Call To Action” graphics; lunchbox filled with random items (ex: a sock, rock, empty juice box, etc.); envelope labeled “Top Secret: God’s Plan”; pizza box; large desktop calendar

### Preparation:

Begin with the slide titled, “Lesson 1 - Call To Action - Title”



### The Message: (title slide)

How many of you have ever taken a lunchbox to school? (allow response) Don’t you just love it when you open your lunchbox and find all kinds of goodness in there: your favorite sandwich, chips, dessert, and all kinds of greatness? That shows you just how much you are loved by your Mom, right? Now, let’s say you’re super hungry and can’t wait to open your lunchbox at lunchtime... but when you do (pull out the items one by one) — you find a sock, a rock, an empty juice box, and other stuff that you certainly can’t eat. How would you feel? (allow response) Exactly! Because when you’re hungry, you don’t want gross stuff. You want FOOD! You want something that fills you up. Something that shows someone cared enough to pack what you needed.

Today, we’re learning about a God who doesn’t just toss us whatever. He knows exactly what we need, and He always shows up to provide... right on time. Let’s look at three big truths we learn from the story of God providing manna and quail in the wilderness.



### God Knows What I Need (slide)

(hold up the envelope labeled: “TOP SECRET: GOD’S PLAN”) Sometimes, we think God is completely unaware of what we need. What we don’t realize is that God already knows what we need and has already developed a plan to take care of us. You might think, “Well, I don’t know the plan. So, what am I supposed to do?” The Israelites didn’t know God’s plan, either. Sadly, they started to complain and get grumpy thinking God had forgotten them. But, had God forgotten them? (allow response) NOPE!

We sometimes think we have to tell God everything: “God, I need food!” “God, I need help with my test!” “God, I need a friend!” Now don’t get me wrong! It’s GOOD to talk to God! But did you know that God already knows what you need before you ask? If this “Top Secret” envelope held your entire future - all your prayers, problems, and needs - guess what? God’s already read it. He already knows what’s inside. Nothing surprises Him. Jesus even said in *Matthew 6:8*, “Your Father knows what you need before you ask Him.” And...

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## Call To Action (Continued)



### God Can Use Miracles To Help Me *(slide)*

*(hold up the pizza box)* Raise your hand if you’ve ever had pizza delivered to your house. *(allow response)* It’s pretty fun. You make the order on your phone, in thirty minutes or so someone shows up at your door with an amazing box of warm, delicious pizza. Isn’t that amazing? *(allow response)*

Now if that happens, it’s fun...but it isn’t exactly a miracle. We see that kind of thing happen all the time, right? Now imagine if your pizza was delivered by a bird from the sky. *(allow response)* Or even crazier, you wake up in the morning and there are thousands of pizzas all over your living room floor. Wow! Now, THAT would be a miracle!

But that’s exactly what happened in our story. God didn’t just have someone bring the Israelites food - He used miracles. Manna falling like dew in the morning, covering the ground. Quail flying directly into the camp every night so they could have meat. God turned their “Camp Wilderness” into a delivery zone!

If God can feed an entire nation with bread from Heaven and birds at dinner, don’t you think He can take care of YOU? Miracles might look different today, but they still happen. Sometimes God provides in ways you didn’t expect. Don’t limit what God can do just because you’ve never seen it happen before. He’s still a miracle-working God! The last thing we can learn from today’s Bible Story is...



### I Can Trust God Every Day *(slide)*

God told the Israelites to only gather just enough for one day. If they tried to save leftovers, it would rot! Why? Because God wanted them to learn to trust Him every single day. *(hold up the large desktop calendar)* There are 365 days in a year. You might not know what will happen on Tuesday... or next Thursday... or three months from now. But God does. And just like He gave the Israelites fresh manna every morning, God wants us to wake up and trust Him daily.

When you get up and say, “God, I trust you with today. I trust you with my family, my school, my friends.” That’s living like you believe God will provide. He may not drop breakfast out of the sky, but He’ll never let you down. You can trust God to provide for your every need! He’s an awesome God!

### ALTAR RESPONSE *(play soft music)*

Pray for those who have needs in their lives or their families’ lives. Pray for God to provide in a miraculous way. Pray for the children to trust God every day to provide and take care of them. No worries. No fear. Only trust.



## **REWIND!**

### **Materials Needed:**

“REWIND!” Lesson 1 Graphics; “REWIND!” Bumper Video

### **Preparation:**

Play the “REWIND!” Bumper Video; Begin with the slide titled “REWIND!”; there is a slide for each question

**1. Whatchagaddaknow today?**

**Answer:** “God Will Provide Everything I Need!”

**2. In our Bible Story, what were the Israelites complaining about?**

**Answer:** Not Having Food

**3. What did God send every morning for them to eat?**

**Answer:** Manna

**4. What happened to the manna if the people tried to save it for later?**

**Answer:** It Rotted

**5. What did God provide for them at night?**

**Answer:** Quail

**6. According to our lesson today, “God \_\_\_\_\_ What I Need.”**

**Answer:** Knows

**7. According to our lesson today, “God Can Use \_\_\_\_\_ To Help Me.”**

**Answer:** Miracles

**8. According to our lesson today, “I Can \_\_\_\_\_ God Every Day.”**

**Answer:** Trust

**9. True or False: Miracles still happen.**

**Answer:** True

**10. Where was our Power Verse found?**

**Answer:** Philippians 4:19