

Tippy's Mouse House

Birds and Bread from Heaven

BIG IDEA: God gives me everything I need.

BIBLE BASIS: Exodus 16

KEY VERSE: "My God will meet all your needs." Philippians 4:19 (NirV)

SCHEDULE

6:15-6:45 – Drop Off

6:45 – 7:15 – Worship & Program Practice

7:15-7:45 – Lesson Review & Learning Activities

7:45 – 8:10 – Coloring, Topher Time, Pick Up

NEW ACTIVITY:

THAT'S A BUBBLE WRAP (Application Activity)

Supplies: Roll of bubble wrap (6–7 feet per group)

Say: In today's true Bible story, we learned that **God gives me everything I need**. We're going to play a game that helps us remember that.

Directions: Lay a stretch of bubble wrap on the floor. Have the children line up at one end of the bubble wrap. One at a time, ask the children to name something that God gives them. After answering, allow them to tiptoe like Tippy the Mouse down the length of the bubble wrap. For each step they take, they must say one word from the Big Idea in a mouse voice: **God gives me everything I need**. Continue until every child has had at least one turn. When finished, have the children sit down and ask the following question:

Question: Why do you think God gives you so many special things?

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SUNDAY'S ACTIVITIES:

TIPPY AND FRIENDS (Bible Memorization Activity)

Supplies: Dice (1 per group)

Today's Bible verse:

"My God (*point up with both hands*)
will meet (*clasp hands*)
all (*make a big circle with hands*)
your needs (*extend open palms like you're receiving something*).
Because you belong (*point forward*)
To Jesus Christ. (*point up*)"
Philippians 4:19 (*put palms together like you're holding a book*).

Directions: Practice the Bible verse together until the children can remember it. When ready, tell the children they're going to say the Bible verse while pretending to be Tippy the Mouse or one of her friends. Allow the children to take turns rolling the dice, then recite the Bible verse while performing the corresponding animal action below.

Animal Actions:

1. Tiptoe like Tippy the Mouse.
2. Balance on one leg like Fanny Flamingo.
3. Hop up and down like Boo Boo the Kangaroo.
4. Bear crawl like Betty Bear.
5. Flap your wings like Quincy the Quail.
6. Choose your own animal movement.

ROLL WITH IT (Application Activity)

Supplies: Picture dice (1 per group)

Say: Today we learned that **God gives us everything we need**. We're going to play a game that helps us think about different things that God gives us.

Directions: Sit with the children in a circle. Hand the picture dice to the child next to you, have them roll it, and then ask the question below that corresponds with the picture. After answering the question, ask the child, "Does God give you [insert their answer]?" The answer is always "Yes!" If the child rolls the picture of Tippy the Mouse, have them tiptoe around the circle until they return to their spot. Continue playing until every child has had at least one turn.

- **Food:** What is your favorite food?
- **Friend:** Who is your best friend?
- **Drink:** What's your favorite thing to drink?
- **House:** What is your favorite room in your house?
- **Family:** Who in your family takes care of you?
- **Tippy the Mouse:** Tiptoe like Tippy around the circle.
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TIPTOE LIKE TIPPY (Bible Story Review Activity)

Supplies: Bible story pictures (1 set per group)

Directions: Tell the children they get to pretend to be Tippy the Mouse and tiptoe around the room in search of the Bible story pictures. Have them close and cover their eyes while you hide the Bible story pictures around the room. (They are the same pictures from the Large Group storytelling time.) When finished, have the children open their eyes and tiptoe around the room in search of the pictures. Give clues if needed. After finding the pictures, the children can tiptoe back to you in the “Mouse House.” Finally, have the children place the pictures in the order of the story, then ask them to use each picture to recount what happened in the story.

GOD GIVES ME FOOD (Response to God Activity)

Supplies: GO! Home Guide (printed on back of coloring sheet, 1 per child), crayons.

Directions: Give each child a GO! Home Guide and some crayons or markers. The sheet will have a space for children to draw. Tell the children to draw a picture of their favorite food to eat. When finished, have the children show their picture and tell about it.

Say: Today we learned that **God gives me everything I need**. He gives us food to eat. Let's say a prayer to God and thank Him for giving us the food in our pictures.

Prayer: Begin by asking if any of the children would like to pray. Allow any children who want to pray the opportunity to do so. When they're finished, close the prayer by thanking God for each of the food items that were drawn by the children and for giving us everything we need.

Question: If you were one of the Israelites, what would you like eating more: the quail (meat) or the manna (bread)? Why?

Question: What is your favorite thing that God has given you?