

God's Plan – Moses & Manna from Heaven

“God Promises to ALWAYS Take Care of Us”

OPENING:

- Every day we are faced with challenging or difficult situations. Some may be easy to resolve. Others, can feel like you're carrying a giant weight and cannot even move. Your circumstances may seem heavy and overwhelming.
- But as we have been learning through the lives of Isaac, Joseph, Jacob and now Moses - God is always faithful and will carry us through.

Today we are going to learn 3 important things about God:

- **GOD DISCIPLINES HIS CHILDREN**
 - **DAILY DEPENDENCE ON GOD**
 - **GOD'S PROMISES ARE RELIABLE**
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- The Israelites had been enslaved in Egypt for hundreds of years. However, God heard their cries for help and after a series of plagues that God brought upon Egypt to demonstrate His power and authority, the Israelites were finally set free.
 - They began their journey toward the Promised Land, a land flowing with milk and honey that God had promised to their ancestors.
 - God led them through the wilderness by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night, providing them with guidance and protection.

However, their journey took a tragic turn when they reached the border of the Promised Land. Moses sent twelve spies, one from each tribe of Israel, to explore the land and report on its inhabitants and resources. When the spies returned, ten of them brought back a discouraging report, filled with fear and doubt about the Israelites' ability to conquer the land due to the size and strength of its inhabitants.

This negative report caused the Israelites to rebel and even consider returning to Egypt. Due to their lack of faith in God's ability to give them the Promised Land, God declared they would wander in the wilderness for forty years. A time for the Israelites to learn to trust and rely on God.

Read: “The Complaining Begins” from The Action Bible

During these 40 years, the Israelites faced numerous challenges, including hunger, thirst, and attacks from enemy nations.

Despite their repeated disobedience and grumbling, God remained **faithful** to His people.

He provided them with manna from heaven to eat and water from rocks to drink, and He protected them from their enemies.

The 40 years in the wilderness served as a time of growth, preparation, and transformation for the Israelites, shaping them into the people God intended them to be as they finally entered the Promised Land under the leadership of Joshua.

Remember:

- During the forty years in the wilderness, the Israelites faced many challenges, including hunger, thirst, and temptation.
- They also struggled with their own faith and disobedience to God's commands.
- Despite all these challenges, God remained with them, providing for their needs and teaching them to trust and follow Him.

Wow! When they were near the Red Sea, The Egyptians, fueled by their rage and thirst for revenge, had mobilized an army and followed on the heels of God's chosen people. As the Israelites and their pursuers reached the shores, there seemed like there was nowhere to go.

But God parted the sea, creating a pathway for His people!

When the last of them had crossed, the waters rushed into place, crashing against the shores with great force and engulfing the Egyptian army and their chariots!

KEY POINTS

Discuss and Review Key Points:

GOD IS FAITHFUL TO HIS PROMISE

Like a loving father, God disciplines His children out of love for them.

The writer of Hebrews compares God's discipline to the Israelites is like that of our earthly father.

Sometimes our dad or mom or even grandparent has to discipline us for doing wrong. They don't like doing it. It's not like parents sit up at night thinking of punishments for their kids. But, it is their job to raise you to be good, kind, productive grown-ups. So, remember, next time you hear "this hurts me more than it does you" – they probably really mean it!

God disciplines us for our own good too, so that we may share in His holiness.

The Israelites' experiences in the wilderness illustrate how God used discipline to shape them into more obedient and faithful people.

In the same way, God disciplines us as His children to help us grow more like Jesus.

In our lives, this discipline may come in various forms. For instance, we might face a humbling situation dealing with our pride, or a lack of spiritual connection can serve as God's discipline, reminding us of our need to prioritize our relationship with God.

DAILY DEPENDENCE ON GOD

One of the most important lessons God taught the Israelites during their time in the wilderness was **daily dependence on Him**.

He provided manna, a miraculous bread-like substance, to sustain them throughout their forty-year journey. The manna would appear on the ground each morning, and the Israelites were told to gather only enough for that day, except for the day before the Sabbath, when they were allowed to collect a double portion.

The manna would not keep overnight; it would rot and become infested with maggots if not consumed on the same day it was gathered.

This forced the Israelites to trust that God would meet their daily needs.

In doing so, they learned to continually rely on God's faithfulness and provision.

The same goes for us - as followers of Jesus, we are called to seek God daily and rely on His provision in our lives.

Jesus emphasized daily dependence on God when He taught His disciples to pray, "Give us this day our daily bread". This request relates not only to our physical needs but also to our spiritual nourishment.

Just as the Israelites needed manna to sustain their physical bodies, we need spiritual nourishment to grow in our faith and relationship with God.

- **How can we do that?** Open discussion to kids to share ways to build up their faith and relationship with God.

GOD'S PROMISES ARE RELIABLE

God remained faithful to His promises despite the Israelites' disobedience and challenges.

When the Israelites refused to trust God and enter the Promised Land, God didn't nullify His promise to Abraham. Instead, He spent forty years preparing the people for the promise, demonstrating His unwavering commitment to His covenant.

This shows God's promises are reliable, and we can trust Him in every season of our lives.

We may experience delays and challenges in our lives, but these are often opportunities for growth and preparation.

God uses these situations to teach us valuable lessons, develop our character, and help us become more like Jesus.

CONCLUSION

The Israelites faced many challenges during their forty-year journey through the wilderness. Despite hardships, God remained with them, teaching them important lessons about trust, reliance, and salvation. By embracing these lessons, we can learn from their experiences and deepen our relationship with God.

The people did not trust God.
So, for forty years they wandered in the wilderness.
God took care of them.
He gave them manna and quail to eat.
God gave them water to drink.
He made sure their clothes didn't wear out.
He guided and protected them every day.
But the people kept complaining.
God taught them to be thankful.

Prayer:

Dear God,
We want to always trust and obey you. Help us to remember what You have done for us in the past and to trust you in times of trouble.

Memory Verse:

But you must honor the Lord. You must always serve him with all your heart. Remember the wonderful things he did for you! 1 Samuel 12:24

Watch Video Stories:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w1k533L-tW0>

Moses in the Wilderness – Saddlebackkids.com

<https://app.pureflix.com/videos/407181862717/veggietales-moe-and-the-big-exit>

– Moe & The Big Exit

Crafts: Basket of Manna

Make clay basket out of Crayola Air Dry Modeling Clay.

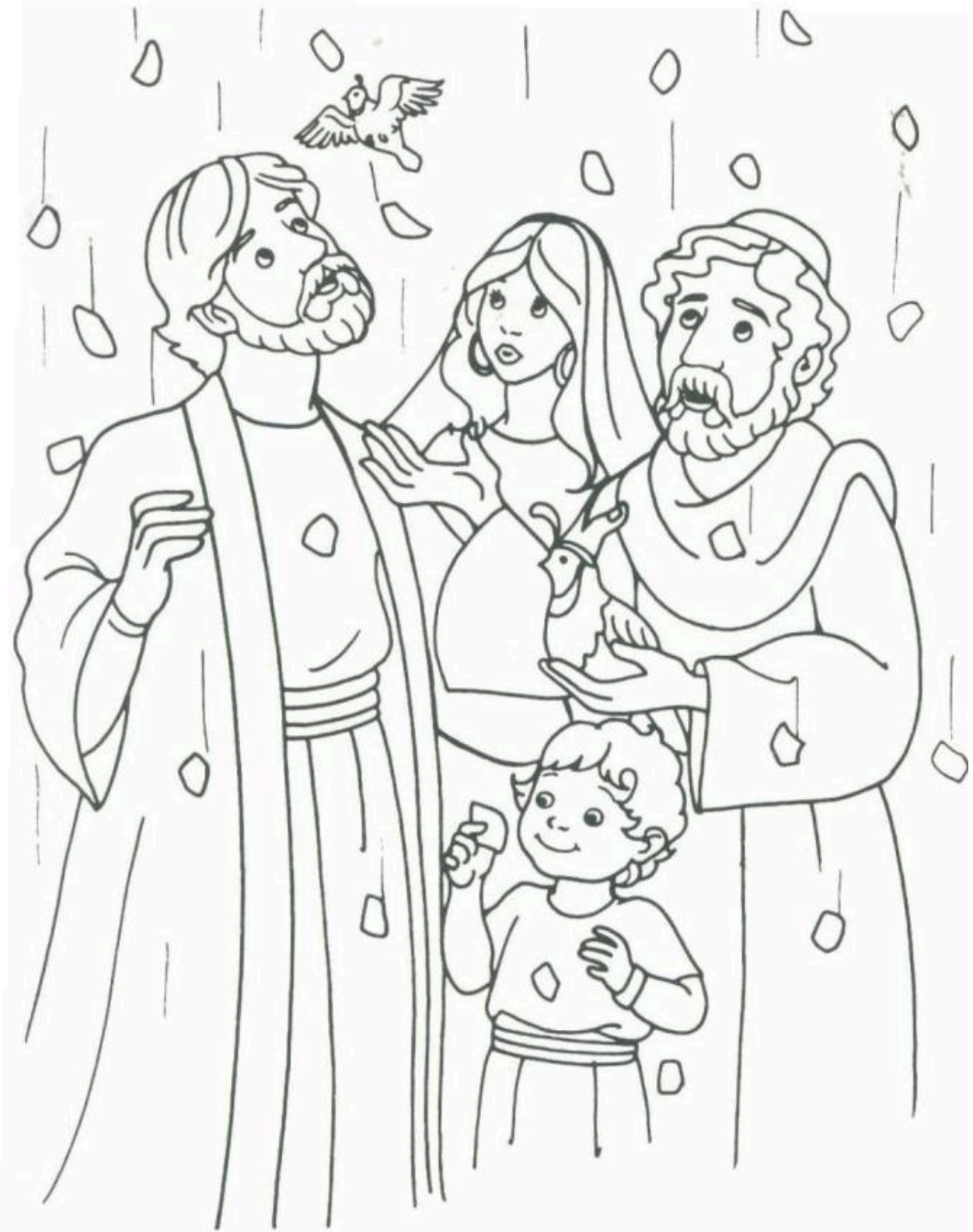
Fill with God's promises that represent Manna today for us.



Feel free to take a picture of their art work or share how your activity went! Post it on our Facebook page or share it on GroupMe. Have a Blessed Day & Week! Until we can meet again

~ *Teacher Chrissy*

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WORD SEARCH

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