

God's Plan – Moses & Quail and Complaining "Attitude of Gratitude"

OPENING:

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

Today we are going to talk about being Grateful to God for all He has Blessed us with.

Read: "Sacrifice & Blessing", "Counting Numbers", "Quail Coming out of their Noses", and "Sibling Rivalry" out of the **ACTION BIBLE**.

Wow! Can you believe how often the Israelites complained? It's like nothing was ever enough to make them happy.

This story helps us understand that God knows what we need and He will provide it.

When we are tempted to worry or complain about not having something, we need to remember that God cares for us and will provide what we need.

If we grumble and complain like the Israelites did, it shows that we are not trusting God. Instead of whining when we think we need something, we should pray and trust God to give us the things we need.

- Ask the kids if they have ever complained about something.
- Talk about some of the ways they can focus on gratitude.
- Such as: if they often complain about the color of their shoes, **think about how the shoes protect their feet, keep them warm, etc.**
- Keep this fun by creating some very silly reasons to be grateful such as being grateful that even though broccoli might not be their favorite vegetable to eat, they can be grateful it doesn't make their skin turn green.

REMEMBER: God made the Israelites wander in the wilderness for forty years until all that generation had died. **But even during that time, God continued to take care of them.**

He gave them manna to eat, water to drink, and made sure their clothes did not wear out.

He guided and protected them every day.

God took care of them, but the people still complained.

- He gave them water and manna. Still, it wasn't enough. They wanted more. They wanted meat! So, he sent Quail. Lots and lots of quail and yet they still complained!

God must have been getting so tired of their complaining.

We can get like that sometimes, can't we? Always wanting what we don't have.

But God knows what we DO need. He will take care of ALL our needs in His timing.

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We need to have an "Attitude of Gratitude" for ALL God has given us.

Think about ways to have an Attitude of Gratitude.

- Every time someone in the family starts to complain, everyone else can call out "Attitude of Gratitude" and the complainer has to come up with a reason to be grateful.

After the Craft, I have a Gratitude Journal for each kid. There are 2 different kinds to choose from. Let them pick what they want and if time permits, go over it with them and show them how to fill out the first day. Encourage them to do it every day.

Prayer:

Dear God,

Thank you for our homes, our family, our friends, and our church family. Thank you for your Son, Jesus, who died on the cross for our sins. We pray that when we do come to You we remember not to complain but to be grateful for all you have given us. Thank you that we can talk to you and you hear our prayers. In Jesus' Name – AMEN.

Memory Verse:

*Give thanks in everything,
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*

1 Thessalonians 5:18

Watch Video Stories:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M8-4LrwadkQ&t=69s>The Ten

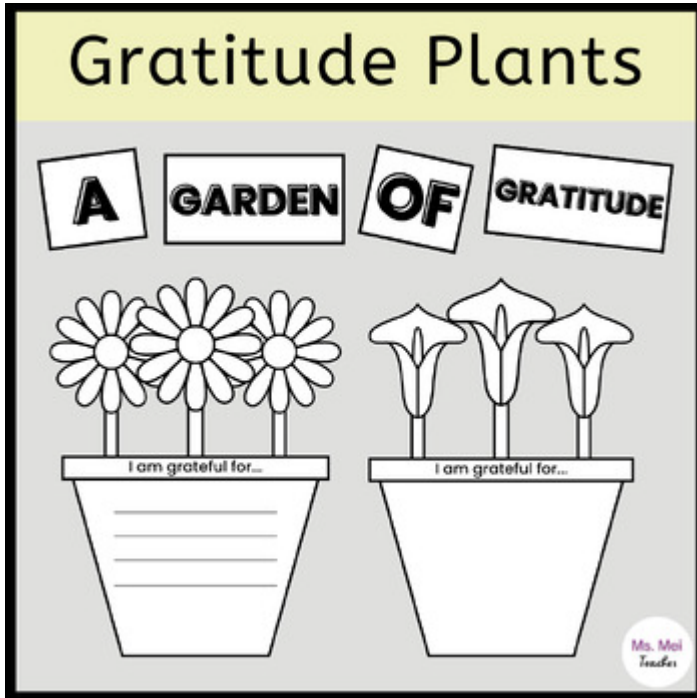
Moses – Water from the Rock by My First Bible

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

– Moe & The Big Exit

Crafts: Gratitude Garden

See attached template to color.

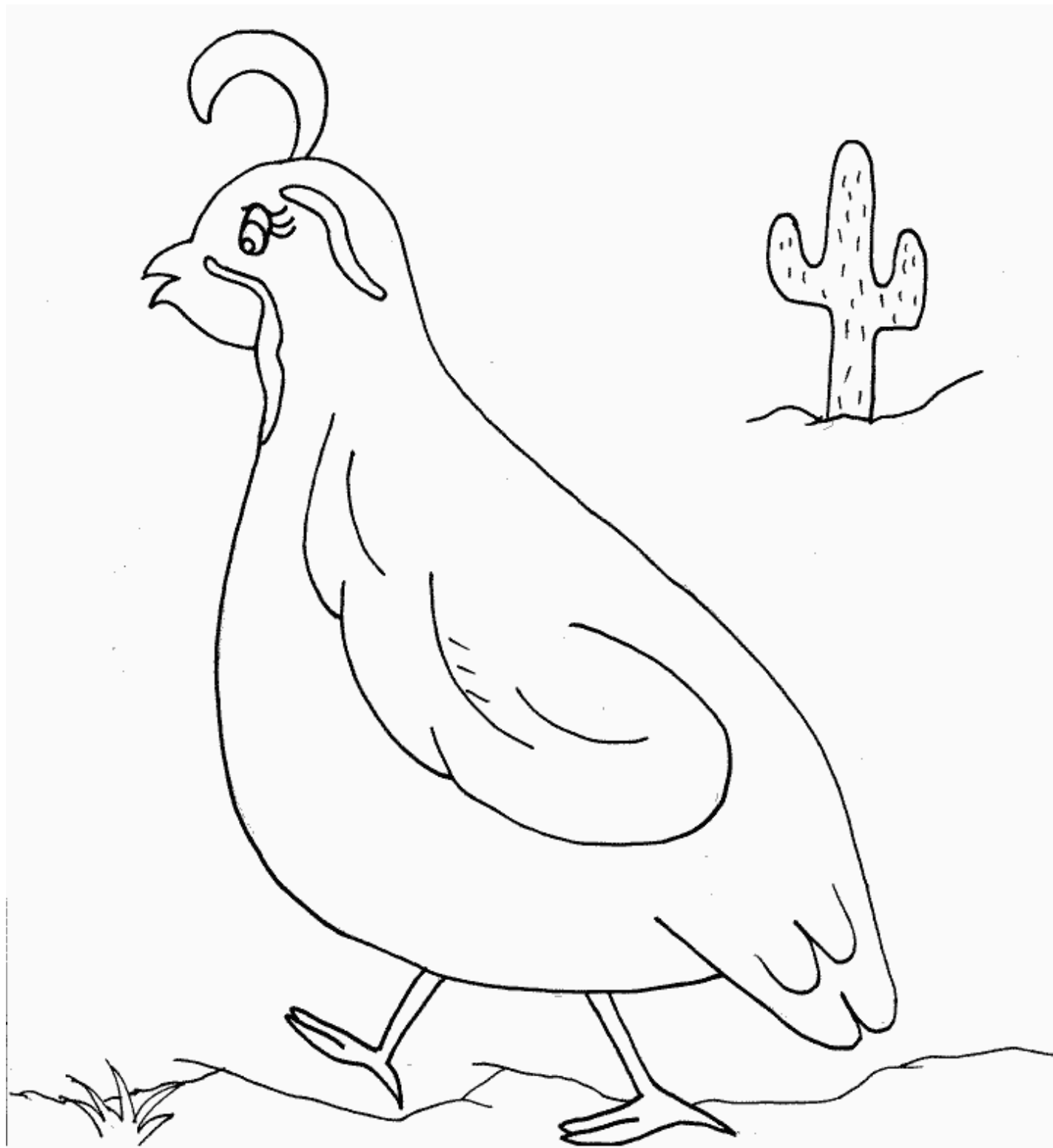


Feel free to take a picture of their art work or share how your activity went! Post it on our Facebook page or share it on GroupMe. Have a Blessed Day & Week! Until we can meet again

~ Teacher Chrissy

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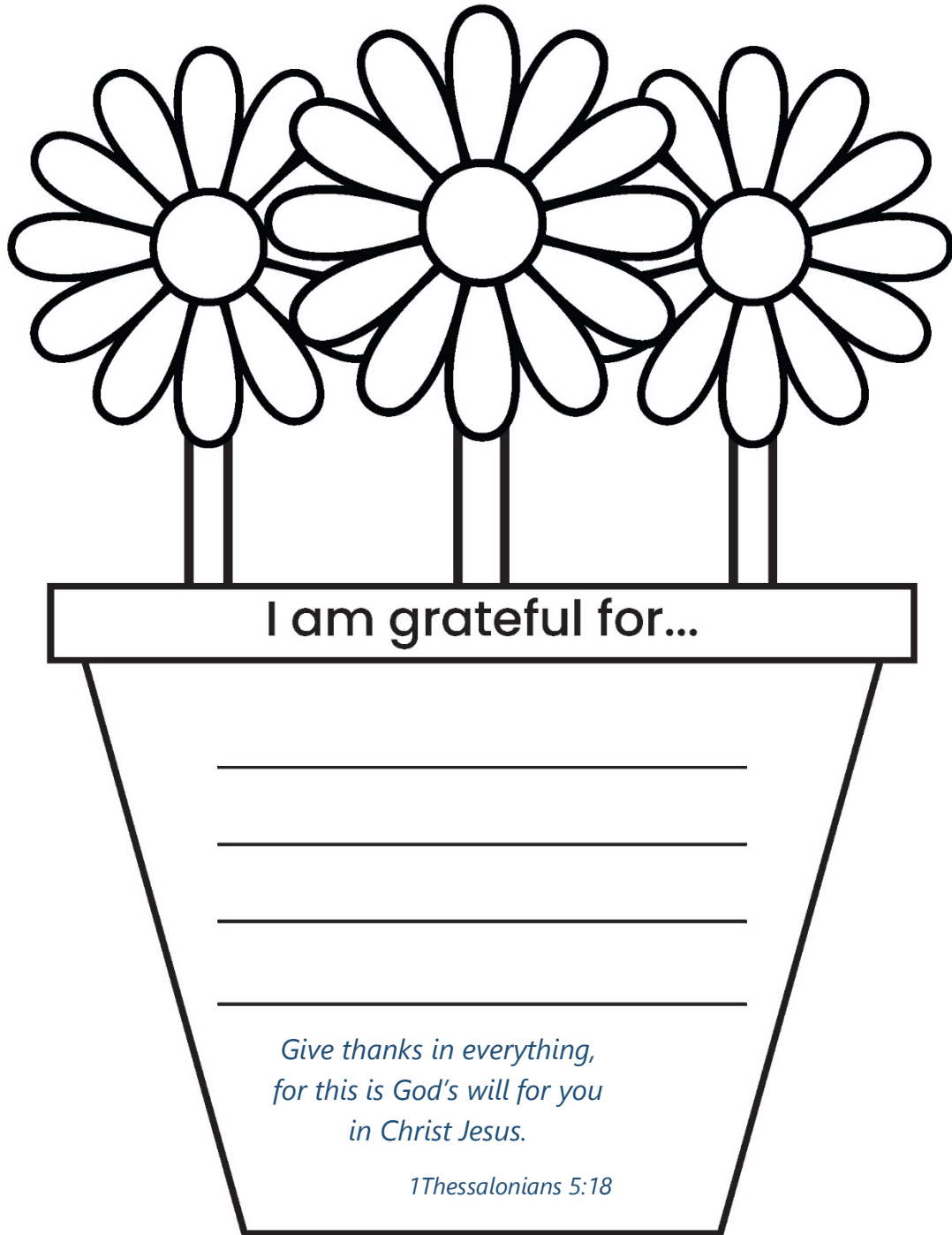
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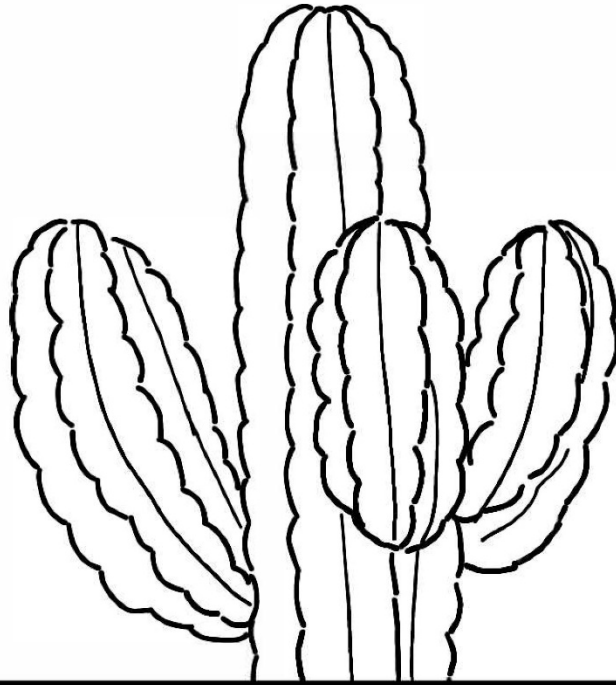
And there went forth a wind from the LORD, and brought quails from the sea, and let them fall by the camp.

Numbers 11:31

Growing in Gratitude



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