

The Lord Sends Quail

Numbers 11:4-14, 31-34

MEMORY VERSE

PROVERBS 23:21

“For the drunkard and the glutton will come to poverty, and drowsiness will clothe a man with rags.”

WHAT YOU WILL NEED:

As many “Clothes Line” activity sheets as the number of children in your class, tape, stapler, a 12” piece of yarn and a sheet of heavy paper for each child.

As many “Princess Prima Donna Party” activity sheets as the number of children in your class, a doll or puppet and cupcakes (optional).

Several happy face stickers.

ATTENTION GRABBER!

Clothes Line

One area we could all be reminded to be happy with God's provision is our clothes. Let kids color and cut out clothes appropriate to their sex and put on the clothes line. Tape or staple a 12" piece of yarn on a sheet of heavy 10"x12" paper.

The clothes line should sag gently in the middle. Fold the tabs of the clothes over the line and tape to back of clothes. The line should stay free floating; only attaching to the paper at the ends.

Explain to the children that we should be happy with everything that God provides for us.

LESSON TIME!

God is so good to us! Part of how He is good to us is how He takes such wonderful care of us. The Lord always provides for the needs of His children. He is our provision and He is with us wherever we go. Our God is a good and loving Father that always knows what is best for us.

The children of Israel were in God's hand as they traveled in the wilderness. He was always faithful to them as He blessed them and provided for their needs. God gave them sweet manna from heaven to eat and pure water to drink out of His love for them.

But even though God was always providing for His people they began to complain about what God gave to them. They started to think that maybe it was better back in Egypt. Only one problem, they forgot that in Egypt that they were slaves. We need to be thankful for what God has provided for us because He knows what is best for us and gives us everything that we need. **We should be happy with what the Lord provides for us.**

NUMBERS 11:4-6

Now the mixed multitude who were among them yielded to intense craving; so the children of Israel also wept again and said: "Who will give us meat to eat?"

"We remember the fish which we ate freely in Egypt, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic;

"but now our whole being is dried up; there is nothing at all except this manna before our eyes!"

The children of Israel weren't happy with what they had. They were kind of like us sometimes when we begin to complain about

everything that we don't have instead of being thankful for the things that we do have. They looked back at their old lives and remembered the delicious food in Egypt. They forgot what it was really like in Egypt. They were in bondage to the Pharaoh and wanted nothing more than to be freed. They forgot about the bondage God had delivered them from and they instead complained against Him.

Whenever we complain, we are complaining against God because He is the One that provides for us. It is important for us to be thankful and remember all that God has done for us. God has delivered us from the slavery of the world and the bondage of sin. **We should be happy with what the Lord provides for us.**

NUMBERS 11:7-9

Now the manna was like coriander seed, and its color like the color of bdellium.

The people went about and gathered it, ground it on millstones or beat it in the mortar, cooked it in pans, and made cakes of it; and its taste was like the taste of pastry prepared with oil.

And when the dew fell on the camp in the night, the manna fell on it.

Manna was an amazing gift of God. God even made the manna a sweet taste for the people to enjoy. The Bible even says that manna was angel's food (Psalm 78:25). God loves us and provides for us in amazing ways! Like manna, the things that God provides for us will be good for us. Let's remember that everything we have is a gift from God. "Every good and perfect gift is from above." James 1:17.

Princess Prima Donna's Party

Princess Prima Donna is having a birthday and everyone in the class has been invited to her birthday party! Let kids write or draw a picture of a gift, anything they want, inside the fold-over presents to give to the princess.

You may want to invite a guest to dress up as Princess Prima Donna and even have birthday cake or cupcakes. Otherwise use a puppet or doll to represent the princess. Of course she is a most ungrateful girl and throws away or tosses aside all the gifts, saying that she has seven of these and ten of those and didn't want that thing anyway.

This should remind us all that everything we have is a gift from God, and when we are unthankful and ungrateful, it is displeasing to God.

NUMBERS 11:10-14

Now Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, everyone at the door of his tent; and the anger of the LORD was greatly aroused; Moses also was displeased.

So Moses said to the LORD, "Why have You afflicted Your servant? And why have I not found favor in Your sight, that You have laid the burden of all these people on me?"

"Did I conceive all these people? Did I beget them, that You should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a guardian carries a nursing child, to the land which You swore to their fathers'?"

"Where am I to get meat to give to all these people? For they weep all over me, saying, 'Give us meat, that we may eat.'

"I am not able to bear all these people alone, because the burden is too heavy for me.

These people were being disobedient to God as they pouted over a lack of meat. Moses did not know what to do and was very troubled. However, Moses knew whom to turn to when he was in an impossible situation. Moses took this great burden to the Lord because he knew that God was totally in control of every situation. We can't do anything on our own. It is so important for us to cast all our cares whether small or great on the Lord. God loves us so much and wants to work all things out for good in our lives. We need to call on Him and let Him rule our lives just as Moses did.

NUMBERS 11:31,32

Now a wind went out from the LORD, and it brought quail from the sea and left them fluttering near the camp, about a day's journey on this side and about a day's journey on the other side, all around the camp, and about two cubits above the surface of the ground.

And the people stayed up all that day, all that night, and all the next day, and gathered the quail (he who gathered least gathered ten homers); and they spread them out for themselves all around the camp.

God sent quail to these complaining people. He sent them a miraculous work. The children of Israel were so obsessed with their sin that they greedily gathered a tremendous amount of meat. Yet these people would never have the capacity to enjoy it because they had broken fellowship with God. **We should be happy with what the Lord provides for us.**

Without fellowship with God, life is futile and worthless. God gives us the capacity to enjoy life as we walk with Him and in the fullness of who He is. God is good and always wants what is best for us. We need to follow His way and not complain against Him because He always blesses His children with the better way of life.

NUMBERS 11:33,34

But while the meat was still between their teeth, before it was chewed, the wrath of the LORD was aroused against the people, and the LORD struck the people with a very great plague.

So he called the name of that place Kibroth Hattaavah, because there they buried the people who had yielded to craving.

These disobedient people were punished by God. These people had cried out against God and had complained against His provision for them. God hates sin and must punish sin because He is so righteous. These people suffered the consequences of their wickedness.

God loves us so much and is always faithful to do what is best for us. He knew quail was not best for the children of Israel and He knows what is not best for us. We need to listen to God and follow His word in order to be protected from evil. We need to be thankful for what God has given us because He loves us and always provides for His children. **We should be happy with what the Lord provides for us.**

Thank You God!!!

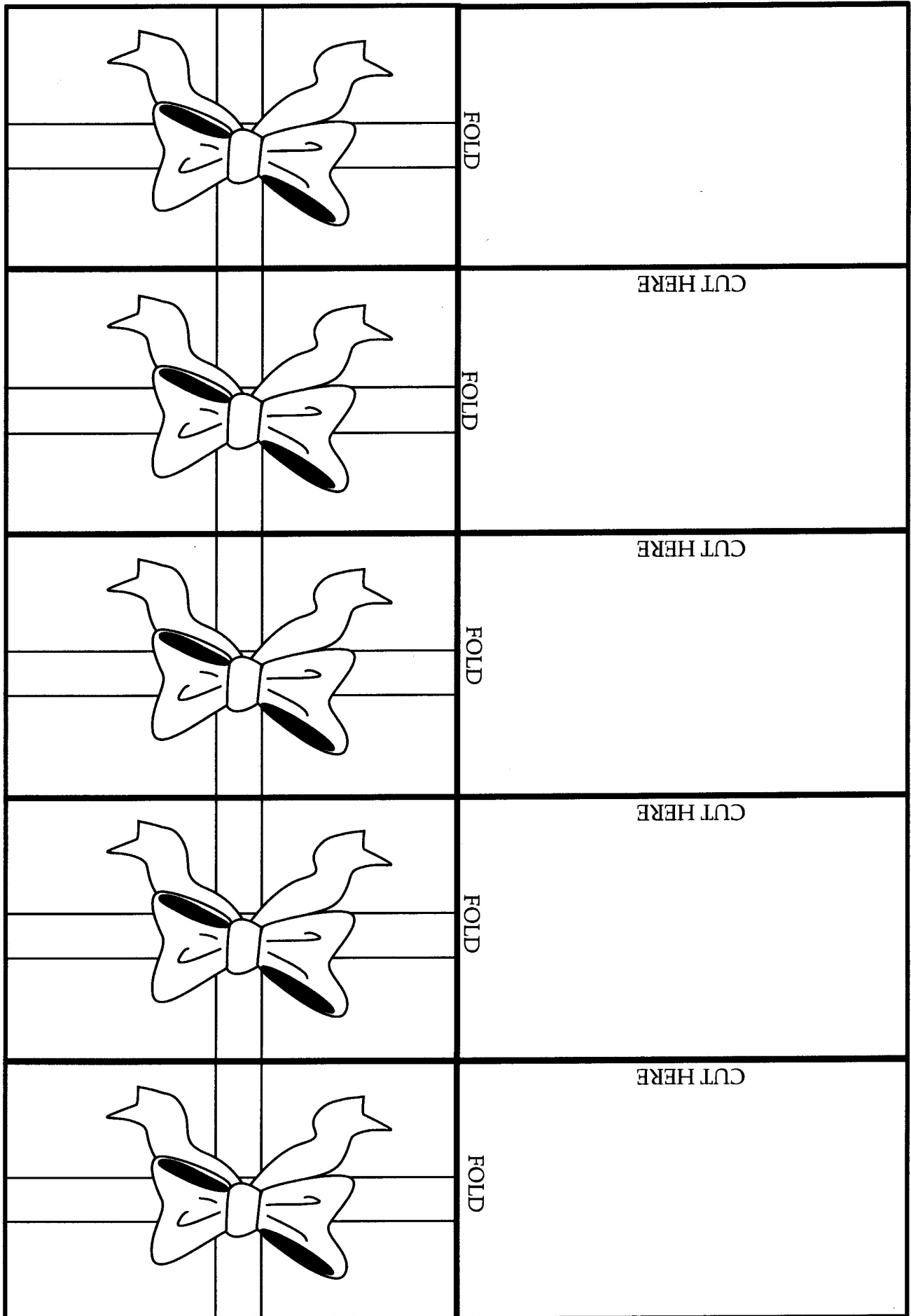
During circle time give each child several happy face stickers and ask each one to share in turn some things for which they are thankful.

Direct them to put stickers on some of these things (clothes, shoes, hair, hands, teacher, parents, friends, etc.) If they take any stickers home, tell them to be sure to ask their parents before they apply any stickers.

PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer of thanksgiving for all that the Lord has provided for them. If there are any children who have not yet responded to the gospel, give them opportunity to do so.

Template - Princess Prima Donna Party



Template - Clothes Line

