

WILDERNESS JOURNEY

Even though God's people grumbled and complained, God provided for them and led them through the wilderness.

Let's Get Started

Episode Theme: Reflecting God- God Calls His People

1. [Philippians 4:19](#) says that God will meet all your needs. How has God met your needs this week? Can you think of two examples?
2. Have you ever wondered about God's plan for your life? In this story, God's people had to have faith that God would lead them, provide for them, and protect them during a long, hard journey. As you listen to this episode, think about how God provides and cares for you and gives you what you need.

Memory Verse

<p>By day the Lord went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so that they could travel by day or night.</p>

Exodus 13:21

After You Listen

Throughout the Bible, there are many examples of how God provided for the needs of his people. However, his people often weren't happy with what he gave them and wanted something more or entirely different. The story of the Israelites and their journey from slavery in Egypt to the promised land of Canaan shows that God always knows what his people need. God had a plan for his people. He told them he would care for and protect them throughout their journey. But the people didn't always trust him. When the journey became tough, they complained that they were better off in Egypt. They needed to trust that God would provide for their needs fully, but they often forgot to do that.

There may be many times when you worry about not having enough. You might think that God is not paying attention to you. But God promises always to give you what you *need*. The hardest part of this promise for us is that what we need may not be what we want! God's promise to care for our needs doesn't mean we will receive our wish list of wants. Every day, God provides blessings. And every day, we must choose to see them and be close to him. What a fantastic gift this is!

Want to dig deeper and learn more about God's promise to give you what you need? Check out [Psalm 84:11](#), [Romans 8:32](#), [Ephesians 3:20,21](#), and [Matthew 6:25-34](#).

Challenge

God provides for your needs every day! Make a booklet about his care, and share your gratitude with others. Take two pieces of paper and fold them in half. Fold them in half again so each sheet has four rectangles. Cut on the fold lines so that you have eight rectangles. Staple the rectangles together to make a mini book. On the cover, in fancy writing, write the words, "God Provides for Me." On each page, write a different setting where God cares for you. Some places might include: "At School," "At Home," "At Church," "At Play," "In my Neighborhood," "In my Family," and "At Sports/Club." You can also add your own ideas. Underneath,

write or draw pictures of examples from your life. Add some color to make your book beautiful! Share your booklet with an adult and tell them how God promises to provide for them, too.

Take the Episode Quiz

Question 1: What did God give the Israelites to eat?

Answer: Bread from heaven (manna) and quail for meat

Question 2: How often did he do this?

Answer: Every day

Question 3: True or False: Moses smashed the ten commandments.

Answer: True. He was so angry when he saw the Israelites worshiping a molten calf that he smashed and broke the tablets.

Question 4: How did God punish the Israelites when they rebelled against Moses, Aaron and the spies?

Answer: He made them wander in the wilderness for 40 more years.

Question 5: Who entered the promised land?

Answer: The children of the Israelites.
