


# Feast Mode: 5-Week Children's Ministry Curriculum

💡 **Big Idea:** God provides—and His people share. Jesus invites us to trust His provision, practice peacemaking generosity, and welcome others to His table.

📖 **Memory Verse:** Proverbs 11:25 — "A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed."

🔍 **Theme Hook:** "Feast Mode: Community Kitchen." Each week, we reveal a "Recipe Card" from Scripture. Kids learn a kitchen-themed virtue and earn a Chef Badge (name tag with awards written on it) (Rescue, Multiply, Peace, Daily Bread, Invitation). Run a month-long pantry drive and a final "Everybody's Welcome" feast table (optional).

✝️ **Gospel Connection:** Jesus is the Bread of Life who gave Himself for us. He meets our deepest need and fills us so we can share, serve, and invite others to His kingdom feast.


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# 5-Week Lesson Overview

Week 1 — Elisha's Food Poison Fix

- Bible Story: The Dangerous Feast (2 Kings 4:38–41)
- Key Discovery: God can turn a disaster into provision.
- Takeaway: I can always: Ask God for help and share safely to bless others.

Week 2 — Leftovers for All

- Bible Story: Elisha's Bread Multiplies (2 Kings 4:42–44)
- Key Discovery: God multiplies small gifts when we share.
- Takeaway: I can always: Bring what I have to God—He can make it enough.

Week 3 — Abigail's Secret Meal Prep

- Bible Story: Abigail Feeds David's Army (1 Samuel 25)
- Key Discovery: Wise, generous action can make peace and save lives.
- Takeaway: I can always: Use kindness and courage to stop a fight and serve others.

Week 4 — Manna Buffet

- Bible Story: Food from the Sky (Exodus 16:1–36)
- Key Discovery: God provides daily bread—we trust Him and don't hoard.
- Takeaway: I can always: Ask for what I need today and share with others.

Week 5 — Heaven's Banquet

- The Great Feast (Luke 14)
- Key Discovery: God wants His table full—invite the left out.
- Takeaway: I can always: Welcome others to Jesus' family with joy and humility.


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# 📜 Proverbs 11:25 NIV

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# Week 1 - Supply List

**Group Game – Uh-Oh Stew Relay**

- Large pot or stockpot (plastic bin works)
- Paper food cutouts (good and silly ingredients like bread, carrots, rocks, socks, leaves) template provided below
- Two baskets or bowls labeled *Uh-Oh* and *Yum*
- Optional: chef hat or apron for teacher

**Object Lesson – Rescue Recipe**

- One burnt piece of toast or cookie
- One fresh toast or cookie
- Small paper bag labeled *God's Help*

**Bible Story – Elisha's Food Poison Fix**

- Bible (NIV translation)

**Craft – Rescue Plate**

- White paper plates (one per child)
- Crayons or markers
- Glue stick
- Printed ingredient sheet (carrots, potatoes, onions, salt, bread, green beans, corn cob — pre-cut) template provided below


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# Introduction Game (5 minutes)
# Uh-Oh Stew Relay

**SUPPLIES NEEDED:**

- Large pot or stockpot (plastic bin works)
- Paper "food" cutouts (mix of good and silly/"bad" ingredients — e.g., bread, carrots, rocks, socks, leaves)
- Two baskets or bowls labeled *Uh-Oh* and *Yum*
- Optional: chef hat or apron for the teacher

**TEACHER:** Welcome, chefs! Today we're helping Elisha fix a stew that went terribly wrong. Some of the cooks picked wild gourds that made people sick—uh-oh! But God helped Elisha make the food safe again. Let's see if you can turn uh-oh into yum just like Elisha did.

1. Divide kids into two or more teams.
2. Place all the mixed "ingredients" in the center of the room near the big pot.
3. On GO, the first player from each team runs to the pot, picks one ingredient, and decides if it belongs in the *Uh-Oh* basket (bad) or *Yum* basket (good).
4. They run back and tag the next player.
5. Keep going until all the ingredients are sorted.
6. Review what's inside each basket together.

**TEACHER:** Great job, chefs! You rescued the stew—and that's what Elisha did too. When the food was bad, he asked God for help, and God made it safe to eat. Remember: when something goes wrong, we can pray and trust God to turn our uh-ohs into yum!


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|  Carrots |  Rock |
|  Potatoes |  Sock |
|  Onions |  Soap bar |
|  Salt |  Bug |
|  Bread |  Leaves |
|  Green beans |  Shoe |
|  Corn cob |  Crayon |


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# Object Lesson (5 minutes)
# Rescue Recipe

**SUPPLIES NEEDED:**

- One burnt piece of toast (or slightly overbaked cookie)
- One fresh toast or cookie (good example)
- Small paper bag or lunch sack labeled *"God's Help"*
- Optional: chef hat or apron for fun

**TEACHER:** Sometimes things in the kitchen don't go as planned. Maybe you've seen burnt toast or cookies that didn't turn out right. Let's look at this one — it's all black and crispy. Yuck! That's an *uh-oh.*

When Elisha and his friends were making stew, something went wrong too. The food became bad and could have made everyone sick. But Elisha didn't panic. He asked God for help. God showed him what to do, and the stew became safe again.

*Hold up the bag labeled "God's Help."*

When we ask God for help, He can take our mess-ups and make something good out of them. Let's open this bag and see what's inside.

*Pull out the fresh toast or cookie.*

Look! This one turned out just right. God can do that with our problems too — He can turn our disasters into blessings when we trust Him.

Let's all say together: **God helps me when things go wrong!**


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# Bible Story (15 minutes)
# Elisha's Food Poison Fix (2 Kings 4:38–41)

**Key Discovery:** God can turn a disaster into provision.

**Takeaway:** I can always ask God for help and share safely to bless others.

**TEACHER:** Have you ever tried to help in the kitchen and something went wrong? Maybe you spilled flour or burned the toast. Elisha's friends had a kitchen problem too—but much worse! Their stew became poisonous! Let's see what God did to help them.

Elisha was a prophet of God. That means he helped people hear and follow God's instructions. During a big famine—when food was hard to find—Elisha and some men were cooking stew to eat together. But something terrible happened in their meal.

> **READ (NIV): 2 Kings 4:38** "Now Elisha returned to Gilgal and there was a famine in that region. While the company of the prophets was sitting before him, he said to his servant, 'Put on the large pot and cook some stew for these prophets.'"

Everyone was hungry, so Elisha told them to cook a big pot of stew. They wanted to share what little food they had—because God's people care for one another.

> **READ (NIV): 2 Kings 4:39–40** "One of them went out into the fields to gather herbs and found a wild vine, and picked as many of its gourds as his garment could hold. When they returned, they cut them up into the pot of stew, though no one knew what they were. The stew was poured out for the men, but as


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they began to eat it, they cried out, 'Man of God, there is death in the pot!' And they could not eat it."

Uh-oh! One man picked the wrong kind of plants—wild gourds that were poisonous. Everyone was in danger! Can you imagine shouting, *"There's death in the pot!"* The stew was ruined, and they didn't know what to do.

> **READ (NIV): 2 Kings 4:41** "Elisha said, 'Get some flour.' He put it into the pot and said, 'Serve it to the people to eat.' And there was nothing harmful in the pot."

Elisha didn't panic. He asked God for help, just like we can. God gave him the idea to put flour into the stew. God's power made the food safe again. Everyone could eat, and God turned a disaster into a blessing!

**SUMMARY:** The stew was ruined, but Elisha prayed and trusted God. God showed him what to do, and the people were saved from sickness. When something goes wrong, we can stop, pray, and trust that God will help us too.

**GOSPEL CONNECTION:** God cares for us just like He cared for Elisha's friends. One day, Jesus came to fix something even worse than bad food—He came to fix our sin. When we ask Jesus for help, He forgives us and gives us new life. Jesus is our greatest rescue!


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# Elisha’s Food Poison Fix (2 Kings 4:38–41)




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# Discussion Questions & Prayer (5-10 minutes)

**TEACHER:** You did great listening today! God helped Elisha fix the stew, and He can help us when things go wrong too. Let's think about what we learned.

**Discussion Questions:**

1. What went wrong in Elisha's stew?
2. What did Elisha do when he saw the problem?
3. How can we ask God for help when something goes wrong in our lives?

**PRAYER:**

Dear God,

Thank You for helping Elisha.

You can help me too.

When things go wrong,

Teach me to pray and trust You.

In Jesus' name, Amen.


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# Word Search Puzzle

ELISHA – FOOD – STEW – PROPHET – FLOUR – HELP

GOD – FAITH – TRUST – PRAY – FIX – SHARE – RESCUE

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L T L R E F U N U Z F

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# Word Search Answers





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# Craft Activity (5-10 minutes)
# Rescue Plate

**SUPPLIES NEEDED:**



- 1 white paper bowl per child
- Crayons or markers
- Glue stick
- Printed emoji ingredient sheet (cut apart before class — 1 full set per child)

**TEACHER:** Today we're making Elisha's *Rescue Pot*! Elisha trusted God to fix the bad stew, and God helped him.

1. Give each child a paper bowl.
2. Let them color the bowl gray or brown to look like a pot.
3. Hand out the pre-cut emoji ingredients (🥕 🥔 🧅 🧂 🍞 🫛 🌽).
4. Kids glue the pieces inside their bowls.

Let's enjoy our pretend soup and say it together: **God helps me when things go wrong!**


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# Week 2 — Leftovers for All

- Bible Story: Elisha's Bread Multiplies (2 Kings 4:42–44)
- Key Discovery: God multiplies small gifts when we share.
- Takeaway: I can always bring what I have to God—He can make it enough.

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# Week 2 - Supply List

**Group Game – Little Loaves Relay**

- 6–10 small bread rolls (real or play bread)
- 2–4 baskets or bowls (one per team and one collection basket)
- Optional: “Leftovers” labels for baskets

**Object Lesson – The Overflowing Cup**

- One small clear cup (half full of water)
- One larger clear cup (empty)
- Towel or tray to catch spills

**Bible Story – Elisha’s Bread Multiplies**

- Bible (NIV translation)

**Craft – Multiply Loaf Magnet**

- Printed template of loaves (one per child) provided below
- Crayons or markers
- Scissors (teacher-supervised)
- Glue stick
- Small self-adhesive magnet strip (one per child)
- Optional: scrap yellow or tan paper for decoration


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# Introduction Game (5 minutes)
# Little Loaves Relay

**SUPPLIES NEEDED:**

- 6–10 small bread rolls (real or play bread)
- 2–4 baskets or bowls (one per team and one "collection basket" at the finish)
- Optional: "Leftovers" labels for the baskets

**TEACHER:** Today we're learning how God used Elisha to feed a crowd with just a few small loaves. It didn't look like enough—but when they shared and trusted God, there was more than enough for everyone! Let's play a game to see how sharing makes plenty for all.

1. Divide kids into two or more teams.
2. Give each team a basket with a few small rolls inside (start with only 2–3).
3. Place one empty "collection basket" at the other end of the room.
4. On GO, one player from each team carries a roll to the collection basket and drops it in, then runs back and tags the next player.
5. Keep going until all the rolls are delivered.
6. Gather everyone to look at the collection basket and count the rolls together.
7. Talk about how a few small rolls, when shared, add up to a big feast!

**TEACHER:** You all worked together and shared your rolls—and look how much we ended up with! That's what God did through Elisha. A man brought just a few loaves, but when Elisha shared them in God's name, everyone had enough and there were leftovers too. When we bring what we have to God, He can make it enough for everyone.


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# Object Lesson (5 minutes)
# The Overflowing Cup

**SUPPLIES NEEDED:**

- One small clear cup (half full of water)
- One larger clear cup (empty)
- Towel or tray to catch spills

**TEACHER:** Sometimes what we have seems small—like this little cup of water. It doesn't look like enough to fill a bigger cup, does it?

*Hold up the small cup.*

This cup stands for what we can give to God—our time, our kindness, our sharing, or our lunch like the boy who gave his food to Jesus.

Now watch what happens when we pour it out to bless others.

*Slowly pour the water into the larger cup until it begins to overflow.*

Wow! It's overflowing! That's what God can do when we bring Him what we have. It may look small, but He can make it enough for everyone.

God multiplied Elisha's bread to feed many people, and He still multiplies our kindness and giving today.

Let's say it together: **When I share, God makes it enough!**


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# Bible Story (15 minutes)
# Elisha's Bread Multiplies (2 Kings 4:42–44)

**Key Discovery:** God multiplies small gifts when we share.

**Takeaway:** I can always bring what I have to God—He can make it enough.

**TEACHER:** Have you ever thought, *"I don't have enough to help"*? Maybe you wanted to share a snack but only had one cookie, or you wanted to help someone but didn't know what to give. Elisha met someone who felt the same way—but God showed that even a small gift can be more than enough when we give it to Him.

Elisha was a prophet—someone who listened to God and cared for His people. A man brought him an offering of food to share, but there were so many hungry people that it didn't seem like enough. Elisha trusted God anyway.

> **READ (NIV): 2 Kings 4:42** "A man came from Baal Shalishah, bringing the man of God twenty loaves of barley bread baked from the first ripe grain, along with some heads of new grain. 'Give it to the people to eat,' Elisha said."

One man brought a small offering—just twenty small loaves. But there were one hundred people to feed! Elisha told his helper to pass out the bread anyway because he believed God would provide.

> **READ (NIV): 2 Kings 4:43** "'How can I set this before a hundred men?' his servant asked. But Elisha answered, 'Give it to the people to eat. For this is what the Lord says: They will eat and have some left over.'"


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The servant thought it was impossible. But Elisha knew God's promise—He said there would be *leftovers*! Sometimes we can't see how God will provide, but we can still trust Him.

> **READ (NIV): 2 Kings 4:44** "Then he set it before them, and they ate and had some left over, according to the word of the Lord."

Everyone ate until they were full—and there was still food left! God kept His promise and multiplied the gift. That's the kind of God we serve—He takes what we bring and makes it more than enough.

**SUMMARY:** Elisha trusted God with a small gift, and God multiplied it. When we share what we have—our food, time, or kindness—God uses it to bless others.

**GOSPEL CONNECTION:** Jesus also showed God's power to multiply. He fed thousands of people with a few loaves and fish. Just like Elisha, Jesus showed that when we bring our small gifts to God, He can make them big enough for everyone. Jesus gave Himself for us—more than enough to fill our hearts forever.


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# Elisha’s Bread Multiplies (2 Kings 4:42–44)




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# Discussion Questions & Prayer (5-10 minutes)

**TEACHER:** God can use even our small things to do big things. Elisha trusted God with a few loaves, and everyone had enough. Let's talk about how we can share what we have too.

**Discussion Questions:**

1. What did Elisha's friend bring to share?
2. How did God make the food enough for everyone?
3. What's one small thing you could share this week to bless someone else?

**PRAYER:** Let's thank God for providing for us and helping us share.

Dear God,

Thank You for giving us what we need.

Help me to share what I have.

Even if it's small,

You can make it enough.

In Jesus' name, Amen.


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# Word Search Puzzle

ELISHA – BREAD – LOAVES – SHARE – GOD – TRUST

ENOUGH – MIRACLE – LEFTOVERS – FAITH – FEED – PEOPLE – MULTIPLY

M O S B D M Q C N O T

M A H A N U C Q V H P

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# Word Search Answers





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# Craft Activity (5-10 minutes)

**SUPPLIES NEEDED:**



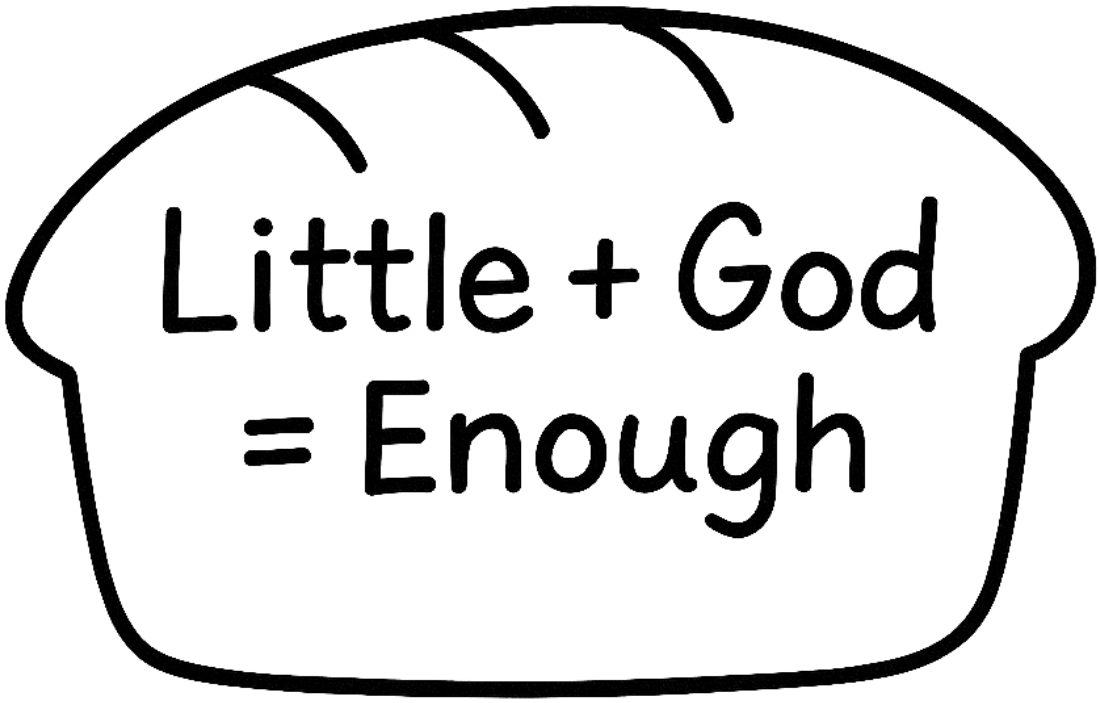

- Loaves template provided below (one per child)
- Crayons or markers
- Scissors (teacher-supervised only)
- Small self-adhesive magnet strip (one per child)
- Optional: scrap yellow or tan paper for “flour dust” decoration

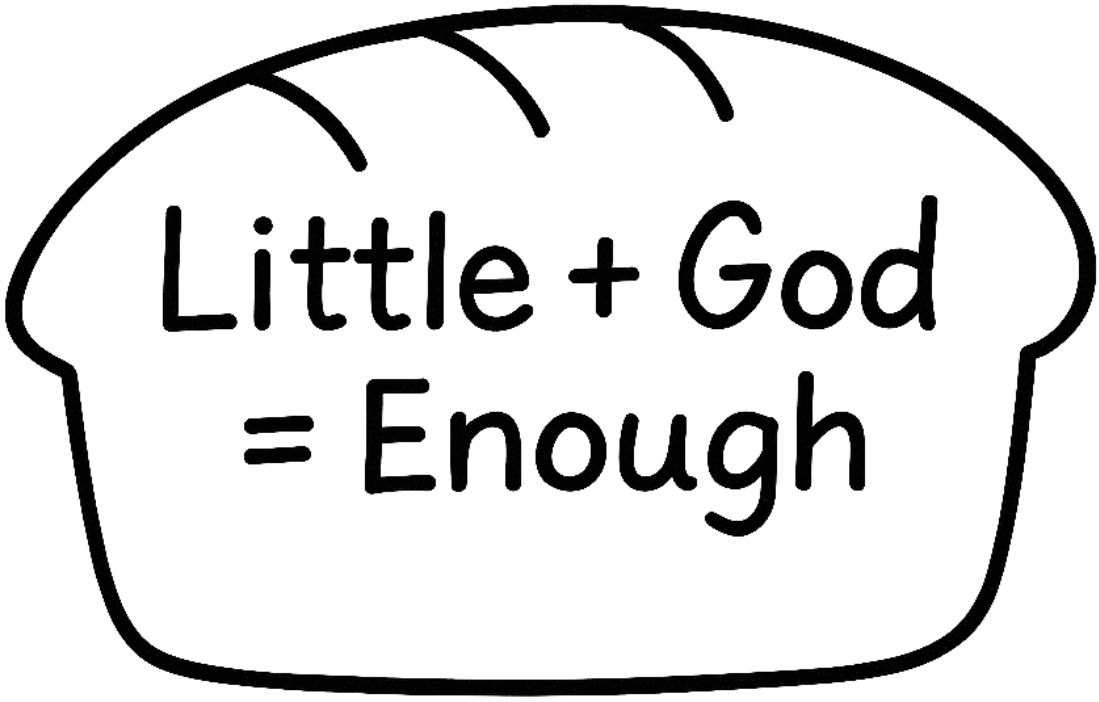
**TEACHER:** Today we’re making a *Multiply Loaf Magnet* to remind us that God can take what we have and make it enough for everyone.

1. Give each child a brown paper loaf shape (pre-cut or traced).
2. Kids color and decorate the loaf with crayons or markers.
3. Across the front, have them write the phrase: **“Little + God = Enough.”**
4. Optional: Add a little “flour dust” by gluing small torn pieces of tan or yellow paper on top.
5. Stick a magnet strip on the back so they can place it on their fridge at home.
6. As they work, remind them that even a few loaves were enough when God blessed them.

**TEACHER:** Every time you see your loaf magnet, remember that when we give what we have to God, He makes it enough to bless others.


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# Week 3 — Abigail's Secret Meal Prep

- Bible Story: Abigail Feeds David's Army (1 Samuel 25)
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# Week 3 - Supply List

**Group Game – Stop the Fight Freeze Tag**

- Open space for running
- One soft ball (optional, for tagging)

**Object Lesson – Oil vs. Vinegar**

- One clear jar or glass half full of vinegar
- One small bottle of cooking oil
- Optional spoon for stirring
- Towel or tray to catch any spills

**Bible Story – Abigail Feeds David's Army**

- Bible (NIV translation)

**Craft – Olive Branch of Peace (Printable branch + leaf sheets)**

- Blank white paper (one sheet per child)
- Printable leaf sheet template (one page of leaf shapes per child) with kindness words printed on each leaf. Optionally printed on green color paper.
- Crayons or markers
- Scissors (teacher-supervised)
- Glue sticks


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# Introduction Game (5 minutes)
# Stop the Fight Freeze Tag

**SUPPLIES NEEDED:**

- Open space for running
- One soft ball (optional, for tagging)
- Optional: simple costume pieces (bandana for "David," scarf for "Abigail," hat for "Nabal")

**TEACHER:** In our story today, David was angry and ready to fight, but Abigail stopped the fight with kindness and courage. Let's play a game that shows how one person can bring peace in the middle of a fight.

**HOW TO PLAY:**

1. Choose one player to be **David** and one to be **Abigail.** All others are **servants.**
2. David tries to "freeze" the servants by tagging them (light tap or touch with the ball).
3. When a servant is tagged, they freeze and cross their arms.
4. Abigail's job is to bring peace—she can "unfreeze" anyone by gently touching them and saying a kind word (like "peace," "thank you," or "you're forgiven").
5. Play for 2–3 minutes, then switch roles so everyone gets a turn to be Abigail.

**TEACHER:** Great job, everyone! You saw how fast a fight can spread—but also how one peaceful person can stop it. Abigail chose kind, wise action instead of anger, and God used her to save lives. When we act kindly, God can use us to bring peace too.


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# Object Lesson (5 minutes)
# Oil vs. Vinegar

**SUPPLIES NEEDED:**

- 1 clear glass or jar filled halfway with vinegar (white or apple cider)
- 1 small bottle of cooking oil
- Optional: spoon for stirring

**TEACHER:** Sometimes people get angry and say mean things. That's what happened with David and Nabal in our story. David was angry, and Nabal was rude. But Abigail didn't add to the anger—she brought peace instead.

*Hold up the jar of vinegar.*

This vinegar is sharp and sour. It reminds us of anger—it stings and doesn't feel good.

*Now pour a little oil into the vinegar.*

This oil is smooth and calm, like kindness. Let's see what happens when we mix them.

*Stir gently, then stop and watch.*

Do you see how the oil floats to the top? It doesn't mix with the vinegar—it stays calm and separate.

When someone is angry, we can choose to be like vinegar (mean and harsh) or like oil (gentle and peaceful). Abigail was like the oil. She didn't join the fight—she brought calm and kindness instead. Let's all say together: **Kindness brings peace!**


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# Bible Story (15 minutes)
# Abigail Feeds David's Army (1 Samuel 25)

**Key Discovery:** Wise, generous action can make peace and save lives.

**Takeaway:** I can always use kindness and courage to stop a fight and serve others.

**TEACHER:** Have you ever seen two people get into an argument—maybe on the playground or at home—and someone stepped in to help them calm down? That's what happened in today's story. A brave woman named Abigail stopped a fight before it began, and she did it with kindness and wisdom.

David and his men were living in the wilderness while hiding from King Saul. They had been kind to a rich man named Nabal, protecting his flocks. But when David asked for food, Nabal insulted him. David became angry and planned to fight—but God sent Abigail, Nabal's wife, to bring peace instead.

> **READ (NIV): 1 Samuel 25:18** "Abigail acted quickly. She took two hundred loaves of bread, two skins of wine, five dressed sheep, five seahs of roasted grain, a hundred cakes of raisins and two hundred cakes of pressed figs, and loaded them on donkeys."

Abigail didn't wait for someone else to fix the problem. She gathered food and gifts right away. She wanted to show kindness instead of anger.

> **READ (NIV): 1 Samuel 25:23–24** "When Abigail saw David, she quickly got off her donkey and bowed down before David with her face to the ground. She fell at his feet and said, 'Pardon your servant, my lord, and let me speak to you; hear what your servant has to say.'"


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Abigail showed respect and courage. She could have been scared—David was angry and powerful—but she chose peace. She spoke gently and wisely.

> **READ (NIV): 1 Samuel 25:32–33** "David said to Abigail, 'Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, who has sent you today to meet me. May you be blessed for your good judgment and for keeping me from bloodshed this day.'"

David listened to Abigail and stopped his plan to fight. God used her kindness and courage to save lives and bring peace.

**SUMMARY:** Abigail made peace by acting with wisdom and love. God calls us to do the same—when people argue or get angry, we can help calm things down with gentle, kind actions.

**GOSPEL CONNECTION:** Jesus is the greatest peacemaker. He came to bring peace between us and God. Just like Abigail stepped in to stop a fight, Jesus stepped in to save us from sin. When we follow Him, we can bring peace to others too.


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# Abigail Feeds David's Army (1 Samuel 25)




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# Discussion Questions & Prayer (5-10 minutes)

**TEACHER:** Abigail didn't wait for someone else to fix the problem—she acted with courage and kindness. God used her to stop a fight and bring peace.

**Discussion Questions:**

1. What did Abigail do when David was angry?
2. How did her kindness change what was going to happen?
3. What's one way you can bring peace or kindness when people argue?

**PRAYER:** Let's thank God for helping us bring peace just like Abigail.

Dear God,

Thank You for Abigail's courage.

Help me to choose peace instead of anger.

Use my kindness to help others.

In Jesus' name, Amen.


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# Word Search Puzzle

ABIGAIL – DAVID – NABAL – PEACE – KINDNESS – COURAGE

SERVE – GOD – HELP – SHARE – FOOD – WISE – LOVE

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# Word Search Answers





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# Craft Activity (5-10 minutes)
# Olive Branch of Peace

**Supplies Needed:**




- White paper
- Printable leaf sheet (one page of leaf shapes per child) with one kindness word printed on each leaf.
- Crayons or markers
- Scissors (teacher-supervised)
- Glue sticks

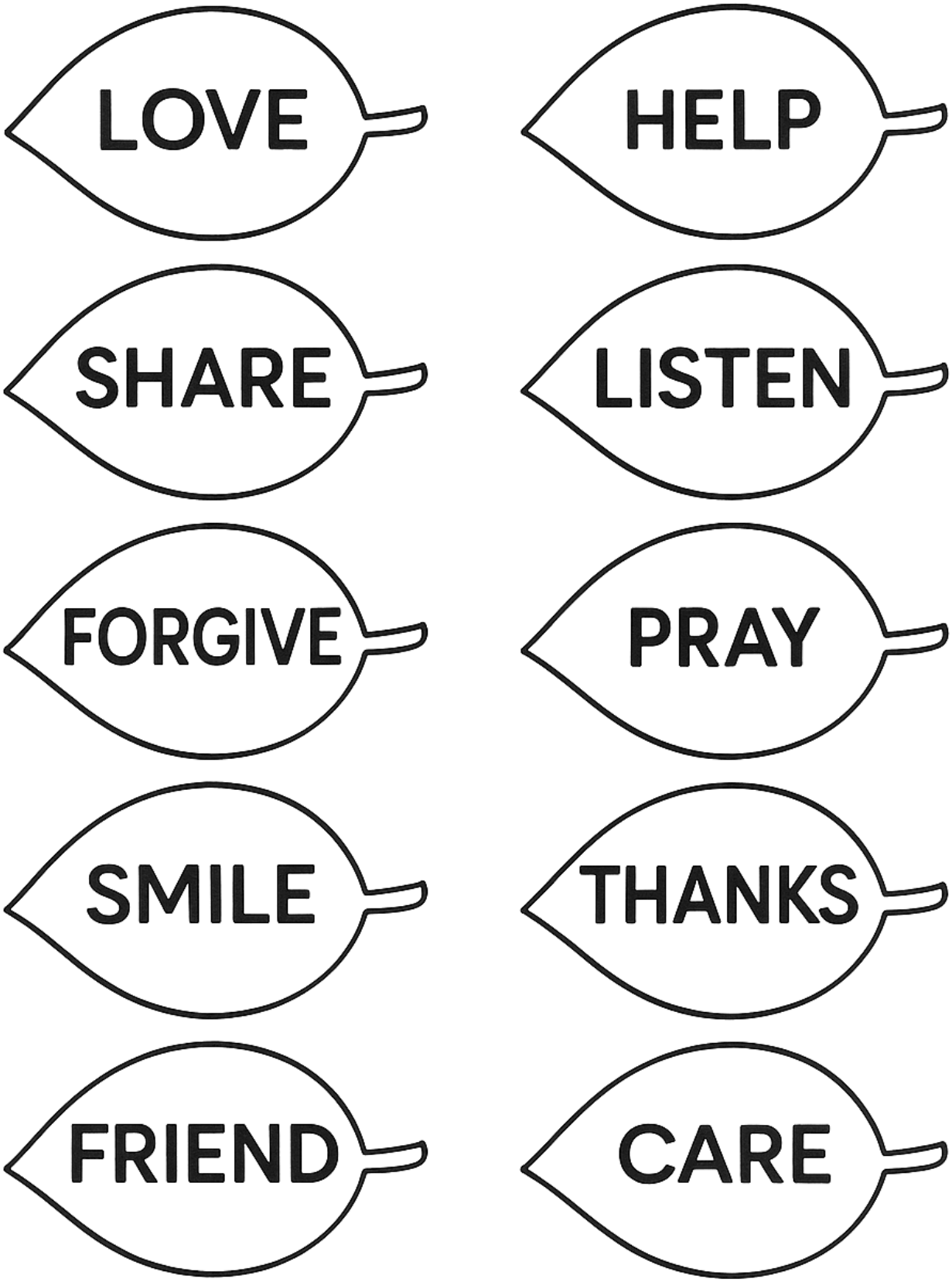
**TEACHER:** Today we'll make an Olive Branch of Peace to remind us that kindness and courage can stop fights and bring people together.

**Steps:**

1. Give each child the blank white page and a leaf sheet.
2. Invite kids to color the branch brown with crayons or markers.
3. Children cut out the printed leaves (teacher helps as needed).
4. Kids glue the leaves onto the branch page wherever they like.
5. When finished, each child picks one leaf-word to say aloud and tells the group one quick way they could use that word to bring peace this week.
6. Display the finished pages on a classroom wall or send them home.

**TEACHER:** Abigail used kindness and wise words to stop a fight. Each leaf on your branch is a simple way you can bring peace too.


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# Week 4 — Manna Buffet

- Bible Story: Food from the Sky (Exodus 16:1–36)
- Key Discovery: God provides daily bread—we trust Him and don't hoard.
- Takeaway: I can always ask for what I need today and share with others.

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# Week 4 - Supply List

**Group Game – Daily Manna Dash**

- Small white paper circles or cotton balls (“manna flakes”)
- Small paper plates or cups (one per child)
- One basket or bin labeled *Manna Pile*
- Timer or stopwatch

**Object Lesson – Daily Jars (Today and Tomorrow)**

- Two small jars or cups labeled *Today* and *Tomorrow*
- Small treats or objects (like cereal pieces, crackers, or paper hearts)

**Bible Story – God Provides Manna**

- Bible (NIV translation)

**Craft – Manna Jar Reminder**

- One small clear plastic jar or cup with a lid (per child)
- Blank mailing labels (1 per child)
- Crayons or washable markers
- White paper circles or cotton balls (for “manna”)
- Optional: small cookies or wrapped candies for inside the jar
- Optional: Thanksgiving-themed stickers (leaves, hearts, pumpkins)
- Optional: ribbon or yarn for decoration


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# Introduction Game (5 minutes)
# Daily Manna Dash

**SUPPLIES NEEDED:**

- Dozens of small white paper circles or cotton balls (the "manna flakes")
- Small paper plates or cups (one per player)
- Basket or bin labeled *Manna Pile*
- Timer or stopwatch

**TEACHER:** When God's people traveled in the wilderness, He gave them special food called *manna* every morning. But they had to trust Him and only collect what they needed for that day. If they tried to take too much, it went bad! Let's play a game to see what that was like.

1. Spread the paper "manna" pieces around the room or playing area.
2. Give each child one plate or cup.
3. When you say *GO,* kids collect manna flakes and bring them back to their plate.
4. After 30 seconds, yell *STOP!* Everyone counts how many flakes they have.
5. Tell them the daily limit is **10 manna flakes.** Anyone who gathered more must "return" the extras to the Manna Pile.
6. Play a second short round, encouraging them to collect only what they need.

**TEACHER:** You learned fast! God wanted His people to trust that He would provide for them every day—not to worry or grab more than they needed. We can trust God to take care of us too, one day at a time.


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# Object Lesson (5 minutes)
# Give Us Our Daily Bread

**SUPPLIES NEEDED:**

- Two small jars or cups labeled **Today** and **Tomorrow**
- Small treats or objects (like cereal pieces, crackers, or paper hearts)

**TEACHER:** When the Israelites were in the desert, they needed food. God promised to give them special bread from heaven called *manna.* But He told them to collect only what they needed for *today.*

*Hold up the "Today" jar and drop in a few treats.*

God filled their *Today* jar every morning. It was always enough for that day!

Now, some people didn't trust God. They wanted to make sure they had enough for tomorrow too.

*Hold up the "Tomorrow" jar and pretend to fill it.*

They tried to save extra manna—but the next day, it spoiled! It went bad because God wanted them to trust Him again each new day.

*Show both jars.*

God still takes care of us one day at a time. We can trust Him to give us what we need *today*, and He'll take care of *tomorrow* when it comes.

Let's all say together: **"I can trust God today!"**


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# Bible Story (15 minutes)
# God Provides Manna (Exodus 16:1–36)

**Key Discovery:** God provides daily bread—we trust Him and don't hoard.

**Takeaway:** I can ask for what I need today and share with others.

**TEACHER:** Have you ever been really hungry and wondered what's for dinner? God's people, the Israelites, were traveling in the desert after leaving Egypt. They had no stores, no gardens, and no kitchens—so they started to worry. But God had a plan to feed them every day!

The Israelites were tired and afraid. Instead of trusting God, they began to complain. But even when they complained, God showed His kindness. He promised to give them *manna*, special bread that would appear every morning.

> **READ (NIV): Exodus 16:4** "The Lord said to Moses, 'I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day.'"

God wanted His people to trust Him every single day. Each morning they woke up to find the ground covered with small white flakes—just like snow or seeds. That was the manna!

> **READ (NIV): Exodus 16:19–20** "Then Moses said to them, 'No one is to keep any of it until morning.' However, some of them paid no attention to Moses; they kept part of it until morning, but it was full of maggots and began to smell."

Some people didn't listen. They tried to save extra manna, but it went bad overnight. God wanted them to trust Him to give new food again the next day.


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**READ (NIV): Exodus 16:31** "The people of Israel called the bread manna. It was white like coriander seed and tasted like wafers made with honey."

Every morning, the manna was waiting for them—fresh and sweet, just like honey. God's people learned that He really would provide for them every day.

**SUMMARY:** God gave the Israelites manna each day so they could learn to trust Him daily. We don't need to worry about tomorrow—God promises to take care of us again and again.

**GOSPEL CONNECTION:** Jesus talked about daily bread too. In the Lord's Prayer, He said, *"Give us today our daily bread."* Jesus is our greatest gift from God. Just like manna gave life for a day, Jesus gives life forever. We can trust Him every day for everything we need.


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# God Provides Manna (Exodus 16:1–36)




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# Discussion Questions & Prayer (5-10 minutes)

**TEACHER:** God gave His people manna every morning so they could learn to trust Him every day. He gives us what we need too—food, friends, love, and forgiveness.

**Discussion Questions:**

1. What did God give the Israelites to eat each day?
2. What happened when they tried to save extra manna?
3. What are some ways you can trust God today?

**PRAYER:** Let's thank God for giving us what we need each day.

Dear God,

Thank You for taking care of me every day.

Help me to trust You for what I need.

Teach me not to worry about tomorrow.

In Jesus' name, Amen.


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# Word Search Puzzle

MANNA – MOSES – DESERT – ISRAEL – GOD – TRUST

DAILY – BREAD – HEAVEN – TODAY – FOOD – ENOUGH – SHARE – THANKS

N H E A V E N N L D H

P N Z Z K M W R H G O

B H Z K F E A H U D I

I R X T F N M O S E S

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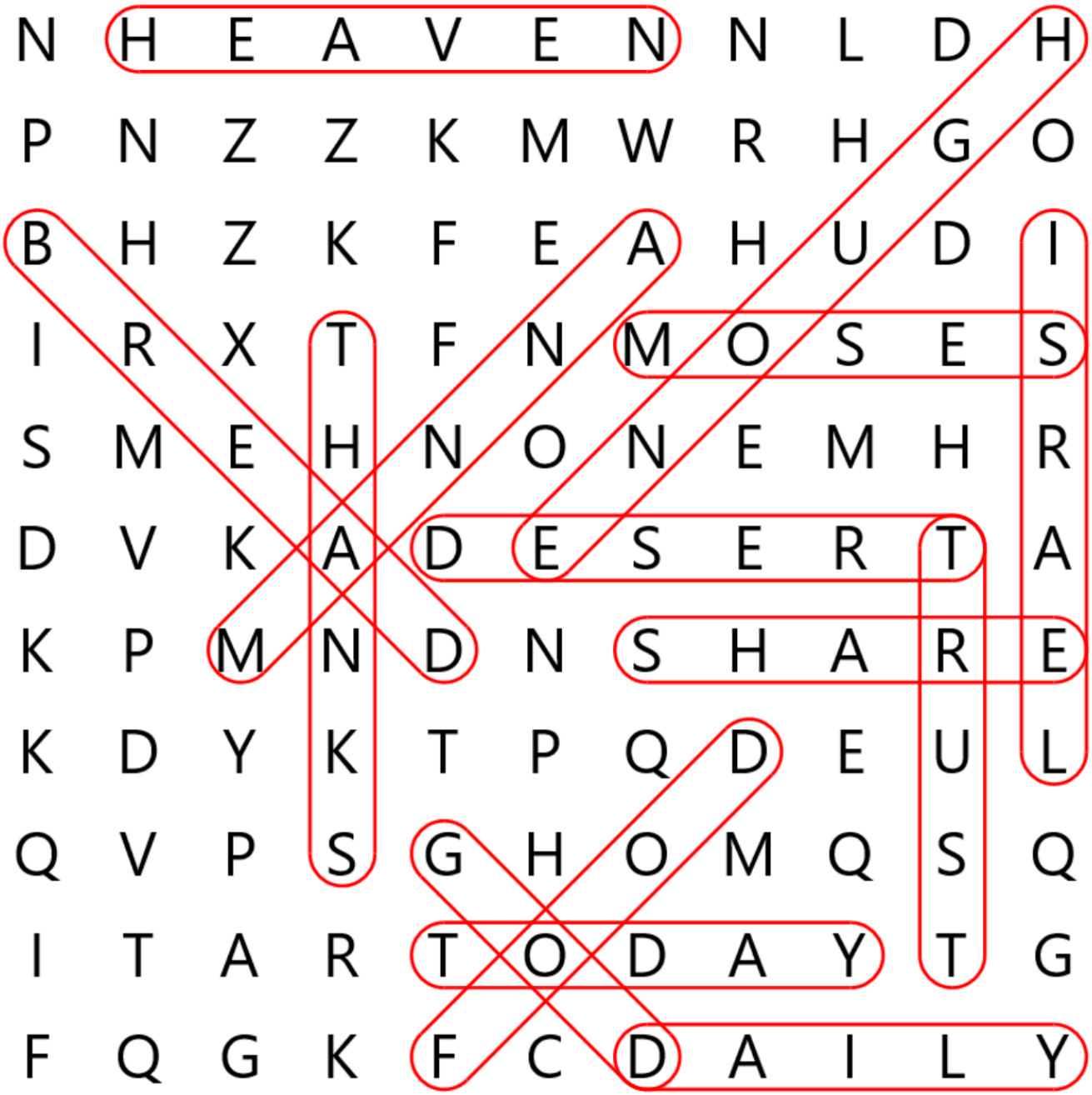
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# Word Search Answers





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# Craft Activity (5-10 minutes)
# Manna Jar Reminder

**SUPPLIES NEEDED:**




- One small clear plastic jar or cup with a lid (one per child)
- Sheet of blank mailing labels (one label per child)
- Crayons or washable markers
- White paper circles or cotton balls (for "manna")
- Optional: small cookies or wrapped candies to take home inside the jar
- Optional: ribbon or yarn for decoration
- Optional: thanksgiving stickers to decorate the jar

**TEACHER:** God gave His people manna each morning so they could learn to trust Him every day. Today we'll make a *Manna Jar* to remind us that God gives us what we need—one day at a time.

1. Give each child a blank mailing label. Have them write **"Trust God Today"** in their own handwriting and decorate it with small drawings or patterns.
2. Stick the label on the side of the clear jar.
3. Place a few white paper circles or cotton balls inside to look like manna.
4. Encourage them to keep the jar somewhere they'll see it each day—like their table or nightstand—as a reminder to thank God and trust Him for today.

**TEACHER:** Every time you see your jar or take out a treat, remember that God loves you and will take care of you today. You don't have to worry about tomorrow—He's already got it covered.


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# Week 5 — Heaven's Banquet

- The Great Feast (Luke 14)
- Key Discovery: God wants His table full—invite the left out.
- Takeaway: I can always welcome others to Jesus' family with joy and humility.

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# Week 5 - Supply List

**Group Game – Invite Chain**

- None required
- Optional: printed invitation slips or small index cards (for fun when passing phrases)

**Object Lesson – Empty Seat at the Table**

- One chair and small table
- Simple table setting (paper plate, cup, napkin)
- Optional: printed sign or card labeled *Reserved – You're Invited!*

**Bible Story – The Great Banquet**

- Bible (NIV translation)

**Craft – Welcome Banner Invite**

- Colored paper or cardstock (1 sheet per child)
- Markers or crayons
- Scissors (teacher-supervised)
- Hole punch and string (optional for banner version) OR folded paper for card version
- Optional: stickers or decorative supplies


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# Introduction Game (5 minutes)
# "Invite Chain" (Telephone + Invite Game)

**SUPPLIES NEEDED:**

- None required (optional: printed invitation cards or slips of paper for fun)

**TEACHER:** Today we're learning that Jesus invites everyone to know Him—and we can invite others too! Let's play a game that shows how an invitation can travel from person to person.

**HOW TO PLAY:**

1. Have everyone sit in a circle.
2. Whisper this phrase to the first child: **"Come with me to church on Sunday!"**
3. Each child whispers what they heard to the next person only once.
4. The last person says the phrase out loud.
5. Everyone laughs together at how much it changed (or how close it stayed!).
6. Play again with a new phrase, such as:
    - "You're invited to learn about Jesus!"
    - "Let's go to church together!"
    - "God's love is for everyone!"

**TEACHER:** It's fun how messages can change as they pass around! But our message about Jesus and His church is too important to get mixed up. We can share it clearly and kindly with our friends—just like Jesus invites everyone to His big banquet in heaven.


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# Object Lesson (5 minutes)
# Empty Seat at the Table

**SUPPLIES NEEDED:**

- One empty chair or small table
- Table setting (paper plate, napkin, plastic cup, or simple decoration)
- Optional: printed sign or card that says **"Reserved – You're Invited!"**

**TEACHER:** Have you ever been to a party or dinner where there was one empty chair? Let's see what happens when someone finally sits in it.

> *Set up the empty chair at the front of the room. Place the plate and cup on the table.*

Right now, this table looks ready for a guest—but no one's sitting here. What's missing? (Wait for answers: *"a person," "the guest," "someone to invite."*)

That's right! Jesus told a story about a big banquet—a party—where there were still empty seats. The host wanted every seat filled, so he sent out more invitations. Jesus was talking about Himself! He invites everyone to come to His table—to know Him and be part of His family.

> *Now invite one child to come sit in the chair.*

When we invite others to church, it's like helping Jesus fill the empty seats. Every person we invite matters to Him. There's always room at Jesus' table. He doesn't want anyone left out—and we can help by inviting our friends to church so they can hear about His love too.


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# Bible Story (15 minutes)
# The Great Banquet (Luke 14:15–24)

**Key Discovery:** Jesus invites everyone to His Kingdom.

**Takeaway:** I can invite others to know Jesus and come to church.

**TEACHER:** Have you ever planned a party and some of the people you invited didn't come? That's what happened in one of Jesus' stories! But instead of canceling the party, the host invited *everyone*—and that's what God does for us.

Jesus often told stories called *parables* to teach about God's Kingdom. In this story, a man planned a huge banquet—a big feast—and sent out invitations. But not everyone who was invited decided to come.

> **READ (NIV): Luke 14:16–17** "Jesus replied: 'A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, "Come, for everything is now ready."'"

The table was set, the food was ready, and the invitations had gone out. But something surprising happened next.

> **READ (NIV): Luke 14:18–20** "'But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said, "I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it." Another said, "I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I'm on my way to try them out." Still another said, "I just got married, so I can't come."'"

Everyone had an excuse! They were too busy or distracted to come. The man could have been upset, but instead, he made a new plan.


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> **READ (NIV): Luke 14:21** "'The servant came back and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and ordered his servant, "Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.'"'

Now the invitation was open to everyone—people who never thought they'd be invited! That's just like Jesus. He invites *everyone* to come to Him, no matter who they are or where they come from.

> **READ (NIV): Luke 14:23** "'Then the master told his servant, "Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full.'"'

The man didn't want any empty seats. He wanted his house full—just like Jesus wants heaven full of people who know and love Him.

**SUMMARY:** Jesus' story shows that God's love is for everyone. Some people ignore His invitation, but we can accept it—and we can invite others too!

**GOSPEL CONNECTION:** Jesus' invitation isn't to a party—it's to new life with Him. When we believe in Jesus, we become part of God's family forever. And just like the servant in the story, we can go out and invite others to join the celebration.


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# The Great Banquet (Luke 14:15–24)





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# Discussion Questions & Prayer (5-10 minutes)

**TEACHER:** In Jesus' story, everyone was invited to the big feast—but not everyone said yes. God's invitation is still open today! When we believe in Jesus, we're part of His family, and we can invite others too.

**Discussion Questions:**

1. What did the man in Jesus' story do when people said they couldn't come?
2. Who did he invite next?
3. What can you say to invite someone to church or to learn about Jesus?

**PRAYER:** Let's thank God for inviting us to know Him and ask for courage to invite others.

Dear God,

Thank You for inviting me to know You.

Help me share Your love with others.

Give me courage to invite my friends to church.

In Jesus' name, Amen.


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# Word Search Puzzle

INVITE – JESUS – FRIEND – CHURCH – BANQUET – PARTY

TABLE – GUEST – LOVE – COME – SEAT – SHARE – EVERYONE – WELCOME

Z X Q G P E H I C Y S

A F H P U V O N H V L

R R W V B E I V U J F

E I E A M R S I R C Q

K E L O N Y B T C E W

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# Word Search Answers





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# Craft Activity (5-10 minutes)
# Welcome Banner Invite

**Supplies Needed:**

- Colored paper or cardstock (one sheet per child)
- Markers or crayons
- Scissors (teacher-supervised)
- Hole punch and string OR stapler/fold option to make a card
- Optional: stickers or simple decorations




**TEACHER:** Today we're making a little banner you can give to a friend to invite them to church. It's short, friendly, and easy to use — just pick a line and hand it to someone you'd like to invite.

1. Give each child one sheet of colored paper or cardstock. If you want a narrow banner, have them cut the paper into a long strip about 3–4 inches wide.
2. Invite kids to write a short invite phrase on the front. They can write a ready-made line or personalize it.
3. Let kids decorate the banner/card with drawings, stickers, or little designs — a smiley face, a church drawing, hearts, or stars.
4. If making a banner, punch a hole at each end and thread string through to make it hangable.
5. Practice inviting by pairing kids up. Each child practices saying their line once with a smile, then switches roles so everyone gets a turn.
6. Remind them to take the finished banner/card home and think of one friend they could invite this week.

**TEACHER:** Let's remember. Everyone is invited to come meet Jesus!


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