LESSON 18

MANNA AND WATER IN THE DESERT



Aim: **To show the children that God will provide what we need.**

Scripture Reading: **Exodus 16:1-35; 17:1-6**

Memory Verse: **Philippians 4:19**
And my God will meet all your needs ...

PRESENTING THE LESSON

STARTING POINT

Talk about the air-lift of food into famine-struck Juba, in the Sudan. The people there cannot produce enough food for themselves, and it is dangerous to go outside the town to look for food. They depend on the aeroplanes to bring them food. This has continued for over three years.

MAIN POINTS OF TODAY'S TEACHING

1. Like the people in Juba the people of Israel did not know where they would find food. They had crossed the Red Sea. **Show picture 17.** Now they were in the desert, where there was no food or water. They complained to Moses and to God (Ex 16:1-3, 8).
2. God sent them food. Every evening he sent birds to the camp so that the people could catch and eat them.
3. Every morning, God sent them a food that they used like bread or maize. The Israelites called it manna (v 31). They collected it fresh from the ground every morning. If someone tried to keep some for the next day, it went bad. They had to collect just enough for each day (v 14-21).
4. Every sixth day (what we now call Friday) they collected twice as much as usual, to last them two days. That was because no manna was to be found on the seventh day, the Sabbath. That was a holy day, set aside for resting and for worshipping God (v 22-30).
5. The people also complained to Moses when there was no water (17:1-2).
6. Moses followed God's instructions and water flowed out of a rock. Tell in you own words what happens in verses 2-6. **Show picture 18.**

The people of Israel lived in the desert for 40 years. All that time God provided enough food for two million people, which probably was their total number.

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Our Response to the Story

God met the needs of the Israelites in the desert. Do you trust him to fulfil your needs today?

In this section remind the class of last week's story.
A story from your own experience as a Christian would be very helpful here.

Instil the Memory Verse



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