

MAIN POINT:

Prickly Problems: God Provides for Us

MEMORY VERSE:

"We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him." Romans 8:28

BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

As the Israelites wandered in the desert, they found themselves without food or water. They started to complain. Some even thought it was better to be slaves in Egypt! But God provided for them by giving them manna and quail. He even gave them water from a rock.

WATCH IT

Find the lesson video on our website: <https://cchurch.ca/childrens-online>

DO IT → RIPPED PAPER LANDSCAPES

Supplies:

- Cardstock (1/2 page per child of: rusty red, orange, yellow, light blue)
- Cardstock (1/4 page per child, cactus green)
- Cardstock (full page, 1 per child, white)
- Glue sticks

Activity Instructions:

Note: It is likely easier to rip and glue one colour at a time. (sample picture on next page)

- Have children rip their green card stock into pieces about 1 inch by 1 inch. Then have them arrange them as a couple of cactuses in the middle of their pages. Glue in place.
- Rip the rusty red paper in the same manor and glue along the bottom of the page, covering about ¼ of the page.
- Next, rip the yellow and cover the next ¼ of the page. Place a circle in the top ¼ as a sun if desired.
- Then, rip the orange and cover ¼ of the page.
- Finally, finish the top with the light blue.

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TALK ABOUT IT:

Do this section with your child while they're putting together their craft.

- 1. Our picture reminds us of the desert where the Israelites were wandering. As they travelled, they thought about their problems a lot. Have you ever gotten cranky on a trip? What made you complain?** (Tired of sitting in the car, too hot/cold, can't get comfortable, siblings are annoying you or aren't sharing, hungry, thirsty, need the bathroom.)
- 2. Sometimes our Prickly Problems can come about because we have an actual need. It's okay to have needs! God knows we do. But God also knows we tend to worry about our needs, and He doesn't want us to waste any time worrying about our needs. We're simply supposed to tell Him what they are. The next time you have a need, what should you do instead of complain?** (Tell God about it. Share the need with others – they might be able to fill it!)
- 3. God Provides For Us every day. Sometimes because He provides so often, we forget to say thank you and give Him glory for providing for our needs. What are ways that we can celebrate how God Provides For Us?** (Sing a worship song. Pray and say thank you - not just a memorized prayer but mean it! Tell others how God provided, as a way to encourage them.)

FAMILY PRAYER:

Dear God, thank You that You provide for us. We know that You will give us what we need when we need it. We praise You for being the provider! In Jesus' name, amen.

OFFERING:

Our offering for the months of July to September is going to a partner church in SE Asia to help farmers with micro-farming of chickens and frogs.