

EQUIP Leader Lesson Outline

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Introduction

SHARE: Leaders, share a story with your family when God provided for you in your past.

SAY THIS: This is the Big Idea for today's lesson: **God Provides**. God can provide even when our situation seems bleak. How can he? Let's look at our key verse "**all things are possible with God.**" (Mark 10:27) Even though we know this, it can still be hard to trust God especially when things don't seem to make sense!

QUESTION: Ask your family members when it might be hard to trust that God can **provide**.
(Here's some examples: When you are looking for a job. When you need money to pay for something. When you are lonely and you are looking for a friend. When you are graduating and looking to be accepted into the school of your choice. When you are unhappy and want to be cheered up.)

Scripture

SAY THIS: There is a story in the Bible where 5,000 people were hungry, and Jesus **provided** food for all of them. Jesus and His Disciples were trying to find a quiet place to rest because they had just got done teaching and walking all over the countryside. They were also looking for a place to mourn because John the Baptist was just killed. (John the Baptist was a cousin to Jesus). Jesus and His Disciples sailed across a lake to get away from the crowd, but the crowd ran so fast they met him on the other side! When Jesus saw the crowd, he had compassion on them and began to teach them for several hours. Also, the crowd was *likely* to be the size of 15,000 people. The 5,000 only included the men.

READ: Pick one of your family members to read this passage, Mark 6:35-43.

PRAY: Lead your family in a short time of prayer.

Truth

SAY THIS: The reality is that there seemed like there was no way to feed these people. No money, no food nearby, it was getting late, and they were all tired. The Disciples did not believe there was a way out (v.37). They were trying to fit a situation that had a God-sized problem into a human-sized solution. But after prompted by Jesus (v.38), they found a little boy willing to give up his food to help the cause.

QUESTION: Ask your family members if they were the little boy, what would they have done? Could you trust God to solve a big problem with your small contribution?

SAY THIS: But it did not matter how much food the boy had to give Jesus, what mattered is that he trusted God. Jesus was able to use a situation that seemed bleak and performed a miracle.

QUESTION: Ask your family if they identify more with *the boy* who gave up his food to Jesus (trusting him), or with *the disciples* that complained (not trusting him).

SAY THIS: When we are faced with a challenge, or when we are faced with impossible odds, know that it does not matter what we have because God can always **provide** what we need. Why? Because “**all things are possible with God.**” (Mark 10:27)

Application

SAY THIS: When we give our talents and possessions (no matter how small) to God, we are displaying our trust and allowing God to use us for his glory.

QUESTION: Ask your family what are the small things they have that God can magnify.
(Here's some examples: God can use you sharing your food to fill someone's else's tummy. God can use your friendship to make someone feel special. God can use your friendly smile to make someone feel happy. God can use your \$10 to pay for the car behind in the drive-through).

CHALLENGE: Challenge your family to use a talent or possession to bless someone in their home or neighbor.

SAY THIS: When we are stuck in a situation where it seems there is no way out, we have to trust that God can **provide**.

QUESTION: How can we better trust God in those situations?
(Here's some examples: Talk to Jesus often and ask for his help. Talk to a Christian family member or close friend for support. Ask somebody to share a time when God provided for them. Look up Bible verses that talk about God's providence).

End

SAY THIS: Remember, the Big Idea is that **God Provides**. And the Key Verse is that “**all things are possible with God.**” (Mark 10:27)

PRAY: Close out the lesson with a prayer.

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