

Nursery Bible Lesson

God's Care is Wonderful

Exodus 16

SAY: The Big God Story is from God's Special Book, The Bible. We learn that God's Care is Wonderful.

ACTION: Hold and pat your Bible.

SAY: Moses and Aaron followed God's instructions and led God's people to their new home.

ACTION: Point up, then put your hands together like an open book.

SAY: God's people had to walk a long, long way to get to their new home.

ACTION: Walk in place.

SAY: Sometimes the people felt happy, sometimes they felt afraid, and sometimes they felt sad.

ACTION: Express happiness, fear, and sadness on your face.

SAY: Once, when God's people were walking, they went through a very hot and sandy place called a desert.

ACTION: Press the back of your hand across your forehead.

SAY: When God's people were in the desert, they were tired and hungry. They didn't have any food. Their tummies started to grumble and they complained.

ACTION: Rub your stomach.

SAY: God knew that His people were hungry, and He heard them grumble.

ACTION: Point up and shake head, "yes."

SAY: God gave His people food, called Manna, and He told His people how to gather the Manna.

ACTION: Pretend to gather food, then to sleep.

SAY: God cared for His people in wonderful ways. God also cares for you and me in wonderful ways!

Activity



In Exodus 16, we learn that God's Care is Wonderful. A month and a half after God had delivered the Israelites from Egypt, they found themselves without food in the wilderness.

God's response to their hunger and grumbling was to rain down bread from heaven. It would satisfy the Israelites' hunger and remind them to rely on God.

The bread that came each morning was called "manna," which means "What is it?" Manna is described "like frost" and "like wafers made with honey". Six mornings a week, they gathered one omer (about two quarts) for each person. On the day before the Sabbath, a double portion was gathered and stored.

God's Care Is Wonderful! Can you imagine God's delight as the Israelites awoke to discover the manna? Enjoy the wonder of your child as you help them learn and discover. Teach your child to use the question, "What is it?" Begin with books. Point to a picture your child knows and excitedly ask, "What is it?" Then, try it while you are on a walk or eating a meal. As you sit down together at the table, point to each item and excitedly ask, "What is it?" **SAY: God cares for us in wonderful ways!**