



## Do Not Worry – God is Provider

Matthew 6:25-34

### God Statement: Jesus is Awesome

**KEY VERSE:** "God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son. Anyone who believes in Him will not die but will have eternal life."

(John 3:16-17, NIRV)

## CHECK-IN

*Classroom Teacher*

**(until 15 minutes after the start of each service)**

*As kids check-in, please have them wash their hands or use hand sanitizer before entering your classroom. Then they can participate in the various activities and games in your classroom. 10 minutes after the start of your service time, ask the kids to clean up their activities and toys so you can begin the Explore Activity at 15 minutes after the start of service.*

## EXPLORE ACTIVITY

*Classroom Teacher*

**(15 minutes)**

*The Explore Activity is a chance to get the kids thinking about the upcoming Bible story for the day. Encourage your kids to engage with the activity as they prepare for the lesson.*

### **DISCUSS: God is Provider!**

In today's lesson, we are going to learn about how God is Provider!

**SAY:** Have you needed something before? What was it? **Let kids respond.** Maybe you were really hungry and you needed food. Or you needed new clothes. Maybe school supplies, or new shoes? **Let a few kids respond.** To provide something means to give or take care of. A provider is someone who takes care of the things we need. Do you have someone in your life that takes care of your needs? Who do you know that is a provider in your life? **Let a few kids respond.**

Do you know who provides everything that we need? **Let kids respond – Jesus/God!** That's right! God is our provider! Sometimes we may not know where we are going to get food, clothes, or other things that we need, but God has a plan and He tells us not to worry. He will provide for us! God is our provider! I am so excited to learn more about this today, but first let's make a special craft!

### **MAKE: God is Our Provider bird page**

To get the kids thinking about the lesson, they can do this activity!

**Supplies:** tree coloring page, bird stickers (one per child), markers and crayons

**Directions:** Pass out one coloring page per child. Have them color their trees on the paper. When finished coloring, have each child pick out one bird to put in the tree.

**SAY:** God tells us that we should not worry. He cares for us! He cares about the birds. He cares about the animals. He cares about you and me. He cares about each of us!



# LARGE GROUP

**(25 minutes)**

*Each week, Large Group will consist of an introduction, worship, the Bible lesson, worship response, and the blessing.*

## WORSHIP & LARGE GROUP RULES

### *Worship Leader & Host*

#### WORSHIP

*While the video is playing the opening worship songs, encourage the kids to sing and dance along. Don't forget to set the example by participating alongside them!*

Feel free to modify your worship time for what works best for your age group. You can find different ways to encourage the kids to participate by giving them instruments or showing them simple hand motions. You can also limit how many songs you choose to play, if it seems like the kids are not able to stay focused the entire time.

#### TODAY'S WORSHIP SONGS:

- Superhero
- Your Love for Me
- WRS: Every Little Thing

#### LARGE GROUP RULES

Once everyone has found their seat, play Large Group Rules video in the PowerPoint provided. If needed, reinforce the rules after the video plays.

*\*\*\* After Worship & Large Group Rules, transition the PowerPoint to the Mail Time & Wardrobe of Wonder slides.\*\*\**

#### MAIL TIME & WARDROBE OF WONDER

##### *Host*

#### MAIL TIME!

*Find the Mail Time envelope in your curriculum supplies.*

Pick one child to hide the envelope and another child to find it. Give the first child about 30 seconds to hide the envelope while the other child closes his/her eyes. After the envelope is hidden, the second child can search for the envelope while the class says "hot" or "cold" to give them clues if they're getting closer or further away.

Have the two kids stand in front of the class and hold the verse page (inside the envelope) so everyone can see it.

*\*\*\*Use the Key Verse Motions Video on Plex (or sent in weekly email) to learn the motions prior to Large Group.\*\*\**

***"God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son. Anyone who believes in Him will not die but will have eternal life."***

***(John 3:16-17, NIRV)***

## **WARDROBE OF WONDER**

*The Wardrobe of Wonder is an opportunity to get the younger kids engaged in the lesson by playing a guessing game to determine what the "What's It" is inside the wardrobe each week.*

Choose one child to "spy" on the What's It by peeking inside the wardrobe. Remind the other children to look away and to not peek. Have the peeker whisper the identity of the What's It in the host's ear to ensure he/she saw it correctly.

### **What's It: A Worried Face**

Now, invite the class to raise their hand and guess the identity of the What's It by asking yes-or-no questions about it. Allow the child who peeked to help answer the questions. Accept around three questions and then three guesses. You can allow the kids to whisper their guess to their neighbor to allow for more sharing before you reveal the item. Retrieve the What's It from the wardrobe and allow the class to look at it/pass it around. Thank the volunteer and allow them to sit back down.

**SAY:** What do you guys see? It's a worried face. Can you all show me a worried face? Wow, those are great worried faces. Has anyone ever felt worried before? **Let kids respond.** There are many things that can cause us to feel worried, especially things that are out of our control. But God tells us not to worry. Why does he tell us that? Because he cares and provides for us. I know this sounds like a lot, so let's dive into God's word today to discover why God tells us not to worry.

*\*\*\* After the Mail Time & Wardrobe of Wonder, Younger Kids classes transition to the Bible Story video where the kids will hear about the lesson for the day.\*\*\**

## **BIBLE STORY**

### **Lesson Video**

Remind the group before starting the video to follow the expectations for Large Group.

### **THIS WEEK'S LESSON: Do Not Worry – God is Provider**

Encourage kids to listen and engage with the lesson as they watch the teaching video.

*\*\*\*After the video finishes, turn on soft worship music (with or without lyrics) to transition into Worship Response. This should be background music to help set the tone for a quiet reflection time with God.\*\*\**

## WORSHIP RESPONSE

### *Host*

Worship Response is an opportunity for the kids to apply what they just learned and to respond to what God is doing in their life. *Have the kids sit in a place where they can be still and reflect independently.* Then read through the Worship Response prompts below as you lead the kids through the time.

### **DO: Giving God my Worries**

**Supplies:** Lyric Video Song that's in PP (Every Little Thing)

**SAY:** Worry is something that comes so easy to us. Will I have someone to sit next to at lunch? Will God answer my prayers? Will I have a hot yummy dinner? Will my friends still be friends with me if I tell them about Jesus? There is so much worry today that can crowd our minds.

Jesus says to come to Him. He wants to hear our worry. He wants to provide and care for you. He tells us to seek Him and He will give us rest. When he says that, he means that He will give us peace and reassurance. God provides for the birds and he will provide for you too.

**DIRECTIONS:** Take a moment to be with Jesus. Talk to him and tell him all your worries. And then listen to the words in this song. Ask God to help you remember that these words we're listening to are true. While we're spending time with God telling and giving Him our worries we want to do it quietly so we don't distract others and can have intentional time with Him.

**SAY:** God is Our Provider. He loves us so much and will provide for you. As you see yourself slipping into worry, take a minute to give those worries to God. Trust in God that He will take care of you and provide comfort to you in your worry.

***Close time in prayer.***

***\*\*\*After Worship Response, transition the power point to the Offering slides.\*\*\****

## OFFERING

### *Host*

Before closing large group, take a moment to explain that every week, we provide an opportunity for our Woodmen Kids to participate in tithing. We believe God is our provider, and it is our privilege to give back to God what He has so graciously given us. Then, remind kids that if anyone brought an offering, now is the time to come forward to donate.

***Ask a child to come up and pray for the offering.***

*\*\*\*After Offering, transition the power point to the “Announcement” slide. The host will discuss any current announcements.\*\*\**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS & SPECIAL MISSIONS FOCUS – Feeding Families**

### **Host**

*Take this opportunity to cover any announcements and special missions focus for the kids, such as upcoming events or reminders, like bringing food donations for Feeding Families. Use the slides provided in the Power Point to display important announcements.*

**SAY:** As we end our current mission focus being ELIC and their long-term teaching program in Uzbekistan, would anyone like to share something they learned that will help them remember to continue to pray for the Uzbeks and the work God is doing in and through them?

Maybe thinking of how God can use you somewhere far away without you physically being there stood out to you? Or thinking of how God prepares us for the work He has for us to do? How about the image of the unreached people group we saw last week?

Take some time this week to think about how you can continue to pray for ELIC and teachers serving in unreached countries.

***Invite someone to pray.***

*\*\*\*After Announcements, transition the power point to the “Blessing” slide. The host will lead the class in receiving the blessing for the day.\*\*\**

## **BLESSING**

### **Host**

*Read the verse and blessing over the kids before closing Large Group. Encourage the kids to stand and open their hands to receive the blessing as a truth that they can take with them this week and hide in their hearts.*

**SAY:** *May you remember that God is Provider. He cares for you and wants you to come to Him to tell Him all about your worries.*

## SMALL GROUP

*Classroom Teachers*

**(10inutes)**

### **Younger Kids 4-K:**

*The Small Group discussion is a chance for the kids to discuss what they've just learned and to challenge them to think deeper. If children need a quick break before doing questions, have them do some jumping jacks or exercises before doing small group questions to help them refocus.*

1. **What did you learn about God from our story today?** (God is Provider)
2. **Read/Recap today's story: Matthew 6:25-34**
  - **What does the Bible tell us about worry?** (Not to worry!)
  - **Should we try to fix all our own problems or rely on God?** (Rely on God)
  - **Does God give us everything we want all the time or what we need?** (Need, His way and His timing)
3. **It's normal to worry! It's something most people struggle with, but the Bible tells us not to worry. God is our provider and He will provide what we truly need. Is there something that you've been worrying about that you could ask God to help you with?**  
Model with your own example and then take answers from your group. Model how they might pray to God to ask for what they need or to release their worry to Him.

**Close small group in prayer.** *Take a few minutes to share prayer requests as a group. This is a great time to write requests down on the prayer tags for leaders to take home!*

## RESPOND ACTIVITY

*Classroom Teacher*

**(10 minutes)**

### **DISCUSS:**

If you have extra time at the end of your lesson and small group time, the kids can participate in this activity.

#### **PLAY: Worry Toss Game**

**Supplies:** Pieces of scrap paper, markers/ pencils

**Directions:** Pass out one piece of paper per child. Have them write down or draw their worries on their piece of paper. Then when they are done. Have them pray for God to take these worries away. Have the children rip up their pieces, crumple up, throw away, their paper etc. They can be creative on how they “toss away” their worries!

**SAY:** Today we got to learn about how God is Provider! He is always with us and we can tell Him all of our worries and know that He will provide for our needs. Let’s play a game to remind us that we can give our worries to God. We will get to write down our worries and then pray about them, rip them up, and toss them away!

## CHECK-OUT

*Classroom Teacher*

**(end of service)**

*As parents arrive for check-out, the kids can continue participating in the Respond Activities or the classroom games and toys.*