



Year 1—Quarter 1 "God the Father"

Quarter Aim: God is not distant or unapproachable; rather, He is a caring Father who loves us deeply and wants the best for our lives.

Lesson 2: God Our Provider

God Cares for Us

Understanding Matthew 10:24-39 for Kids

Read Matthew 10:24-39 aloud to the children. Explain that in these verses, Jesus is teaching his disciples about the cost of following Him. He tells them not to be afraid because God, who takes care of even the smallest sparrow, will certainly take care of them.

Application: God Cares for All His Creations

Discuss with the children how God cares for all His creations, from the flowers in the fields t othe birds in the sky. Use the example of wildflowers, which grow and bloom without any human help, to illustrate how God provides for all His creations.

Application: God, Our Heavenly Father

Explain to the children that God is our Heavenly Father and that He loves us more than we can imagine. Just as our earthly parents take care of us, God, our Heavenly Father, takes care of us even more. He provides us with everything we need (not always what we want), just like our earthly parents do.

God's Love and Care – Discuss the ways in which God shows His love and care for us. Explain that God loves us so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, to die for us. This shows the extent of God's love for us.

Power Point

God cares for all His creations.

Lie:

God doesn't give me what I need.

Truth:

Phil. 4:19, "My God will meet all your needs. He will meet them in keeping with his wonderful riches that come to you because you belong to Christ Jesus." (NIRV)

Small Group Discussion

Divide into Small Groups — Give the group leader this guide:

Discussion: Trusting in God

Ask: What are some of the things God provides for us? (Land, water, food, etc.)

Teach the children about the importance of trusting in God. Even when we can't see, hear, or feel Him, we can be confident that He is there and that He hears our prayers. Encourage the children to talk to God anytime, just as they would talk to their earthly fathers.

Learning Activity – Drawing

Have the children draw a picture of a wildflower field or a bird in the sky. As they draw, remind them that just as God takes care of these, He also takes care of us.

Conclusion and Prayer

Conclude the lesson by reminding the children that God is our Heavenly Father and that He will always be there for us. Ask the children to think of ways they can show their trust in God during the week. Pray together, thanking God for His love and care, and asking Him to help us trust Him more.



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Hummingbird Craft

Needed: One toilet paper tube for each child.

Instructions:

- Print out the template. (See supplement page)
- Color the pieces as appropriate and cut them out. (Hummingbirds are nice and bright: green, blue, red and purple are all great colors to use).
- Glue the large rectangular piece around the toilet paper tube.
- Glue tail onto the back of the toilet paper roll. (Hint: glue it to the inside back and then folded it upward a bit so it will sit flat on the table. It looks nice that way, but be creative.)
- Glue the head onto the front of the toilet paper roll.
- Make it look like the hummingbird is flying by gluing the wings onto the back of the roll.
- Fold the feet and glue the tabs to the inside of the tube.





