



Key Question: Who will take care of you?
Bottom Line: God will take care of me.
Memory Verse: "My God will meet all your needs."
 Philippians 4:19, NIV

Bible Story: God gives me what I need.
 Elijah Fed by Ravens - 1 Kings 17:1-6

Coloring Page: God sends ravens with food for Elijah (week 2)
 God cares for Elijah (week 3)

Music: Great Big God
 Nobody Loves Me Like You
 All My Heart

Bible Lesson: The Beginner's Bible
 Food from Birds
 Pages 201 to 205

Service Time: 74 minutes (week 2)
 72 minutes (week 3)

Story Time: *Made by God - Our Feathered Friends*
 by Zondervan

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ACTIVITY

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Bozo Buckets - So Many Birds

What You Need: Six pictures of different birds, six buckets, masking tape and ping pong balls.

What You Do: Look at the bird pictures together. Talk about the sizes, colors, and names of the birds. Let the children take turns throwing the ping pong balls into each bucket. Have the crow be the last bucket.

What You Say:

At the start of the activity: "Raise your hand if you like birds. (*Look around with your hand raised.*) Me, too! Raise your hand if you like to play bozo buckets. (*Look around with your hand raised.*) Then you are really going to like what we're about to do. Let's take turns throwing these ping pong balls into each bucket."

At the end of the activity: (*Show the picture of the raven.*) "Our Bible lesson today had a bird in it. It was called a raven. God gave the raven a very special job to do. Do you remember what that job was?"

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Up in the Air

What You Need: Parachute and pom-poms.

What You Do:

Before the activity: Place pom-poms in the center of the parachute.

During the activity: Shake the parachute slowly to keep the pom-poms on the parachute, and then shake it fast to shake them all off. Have the children pick up the pom-poms and say the memory verse before placing them back onto the parachute. Repeat as many times as desired.

At the end of the activity: Collect all the stray pom-poms.

What You Say:

Before the activity: “Yay! We get to play with the parachute today! Everyone come grab an edge of the parachute.”

During the activity: “Let’s shake the parachute really easy so the pom-poms stay on. (Demonstrate.) Great job! Now let’s see if we can shake all the pom-poms off. (Demonstrate.) Wowee! That was some super shaking!”

At the end of the activity: “All those pom-poms looked like birds flying through the air! In our Bible lesson today we heard how God used some birds to help a man named Elijah. Do you remember what the birds did?”

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Water Play

What You Need: A blue sheet and masking tape.

What You Do: Make a long stream of water by placing the blue sheet on the floor. Ask the children to do what you do. Stand in the water and talk about how cold it is. Sit by the water and pretend to splash your feet in it. Stand by the water and pretend to scoop water to splash your neighbor. Kneel by the water and pretend to wash your face and body. Stand in the water and dance and play! Use your imagination to do all kinds of things in your stream of water. The last thing you will do is kneel by the water and take a drink.

What You Say:

At the start of the activity: "Who likes to play? *(Look around with your hand raised.)* I do too! I really like to play in water. Let's pretend this blue sheet is a stream of water that we can play in!"

Before you take a drink: "Water is fun to play in, but we also need it to cook our food and to drink. We HAVE to have water to drink. Let's pretend to take a nice cool drink of water. *(Pretend to scoop water to your mouth to drink.)* This is how Elijah would take a drink in our Bible lesson today. God took care of Elijah by putting him beside good water to drink. God gave Elijah just what he needed—WATER. God gives us what we need, too. God made you and wants to take care of you. Let's play in the water some more! If we get thirsty, we can pretend to take a drink just like Elijah did."

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Five Little Black Birds

What You Need: Five pictures of black birds, paint sticks and tape.

What You Do: Look at the bird pictures together. Talk about the differences in each picture. Let five of the children hold the birds while you teach them the rhyme.

Five black ravens sitting in a tree

The first one said, "Elijah needs me."

The second one said, "Let's go, let's go."

The third one said, "You're moving way too slow."

The fourth one said, "Let's bring Elijah bread."

The fifth one said, "Would he like toast instead?"

Then swoosh went their wings and down from the tree. Five black ravens
Elijah did see.

What You Say:

At the end of the activity: (Show the picture of the raven.) "Our Bible lesson today had a bird in it. It was called a raven. God gave the raven a very special job to do. Do you remember what that job was?"

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Hide-and-Seek

What You Need: Picture of Elijah, pictures of bread and masking tape.

What You Do: Show the children the picture of Elijah. Remind the children of our lesson and how God had ravens bring bread for Elijah each day. Tell the children that bread is hidden through out our classroom. Ask the children to close their eyes while you hide the bread. When you are ready, tell the children to open their eyes and find the bread and bring it to Elijah.

What You Say:

During the activity: "Who remembers what kind of animal God used to take care of Elijah? Was it an elephant? Was it a kangaroo? Was it a peacock? No? Oh, yeah, it was a bird called a raven. How did God use the raven to take care of Elijah? *(Pause for responses.)* Right again. God told the raven to carry meat and bread to Elijah so he wouldn't be hungry. God took care of Elijah. We have bread hidden all around our classroom. Can you help me find the bread and bring them to Elijah?"

At the end of the activity: "That was fun! You did a great job finding the bread for Elijah."

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Racing Birds

What You Need: Masking tape.

What You Do:

Before the activity: Place two pieces of tape on the floor as a starting line for each team. Place a second set of tape, for the finish line, about 10 feet in front of each starting line.

During the activity: Divide the children into two teams and have each team line up single file at the starting lines. When you say, “GO,” have the first person in each line flap their arms and pretend to be birds as they “fly” to the finish line. When the first child has reached the finish line, instruct the second child in line to have a turn. Make sure all of the children on both teams receive a turn. When all of the children are at the finish line, repeat the game using the finish line as the new starting line.

What You Say:

Before the activity: “Do you know what has feathers and flies high in the sky? *(Pause.)* Yes! You are all so smart! We are going to talk about birds today. Can you show me how a bird flies? *(Pause.)* They fly like this! *(Demonstrate.)* Let’s pretend to be birds and have a race!”

During the activity: “Line up behind this line *(point to starting line)*, and when I say, ‘GO!’ the first person will pretend to fly like a bird all the way to here. *(Point to finish line.)* When they get here it will be the next person’s turn to fly. Are you ready? *(Pause.)* GO! *(Encourage the children to fly like birds.)* That was awesome! Let’s do it again! This time we will be flying back to this line.” *(Point to original start line.)*

At the end of the activity: “Great job! We all made it back to where we started. Today in our lesson we heard about the birds and how they took care of someone very special. Do you remember who it was?”

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Color Your Own #1 Mommy Crown

What You Need: Crown and crayons and/or markers



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What You Do:

Have the children color their crowns for a Mother's Day present to their moms!

What You Say: "God is SO good! He took care of Elijah and He takes care of all people. He takes care of everyone! He gave us mommies to help take care of us! He gave us such wonderful mommies! Let's make our mommies a wonderful present for Mother's Day to show them how special they are and how much we appreciate them taking care of us!"

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Feed the Birds

Be sure to list the foods you will be using today on the "Allergy Alert Poster" and post it at the door to your room.

What You Need: "The Allergy Alert" poster from the "Start Here" tab on the Website copied onto white cardstock, "Parent Card" from the Activity Pages on the Website, white cardstock, scissors, pipe cleaners, Cheerios® cereal, and string or yarn.



What You Do:

Before the activity: Make enough copies of "Parent Card" from the Activity Pages on white cardstock so that each child can have one to take home. Cut the string or yarn into long pieces that the children can use to hang their bird feeders.

During the activity: Give each child one pipe cleaner and show them how to bend it into a "V" shape. Next, give them a handful of Cheerios® to string onto the pipe cleaner. When the "V" is filled with Cheerios®, assist the children in curving the ends of the pipe cleaner into a heart shape; twisting the ends to make it secure. Tie a piece of string to the heart shaped bird feeder so the children can hang it when they get home.

What You Say:

Before the activity: "What kind of animal did God send to give Elijah food in our Bible lesson today? (Pause.) Yes! God sent a bird to give Elijah food! How cool is that? Today we're going to make something that will give the birds in your yard some food!"

During the activity: "I need you to listen very closely so you'll know what to do. (Hand out cereal and pipe cleaners.) Here's a pipe cleaner and some cereal for each of you. Watch me and do the same thing I do. Got it? (Pause.) Great! First, I want you to bend your pipe cleaner into a V shape like this. (Demonstrate.) Good work, everybody! Now I want you to string the Cheerios® onto your pipe cleaner like this. (Demonstrate.) Raise your hand when you've filled it up ALMOST all the way and I'll show you how to finish your bird feeder. (Assist children as needed.) Now that your pipe cleaner is full of Cheerios®, bend the ends of your pipe cleaner just like this. (Demonstrate.) Great job! To finish up your bird feeder, I'll come around and help you tie it to some string so you can hang it up somewhere at home where the birds can eat it."

At the end of the activity: "Wow! Your bird feeders look awesome! You are going to have some very happy birds in your yard when they find this yummy food, just like I'm sure Elijah was happy when the birds brought him some yummy food in our lesson today. God is SO good! He takes care of birds; He takes care of people; He takes care of everyone! **Who takes care of you?** (Pause.) **God takes care of me!**"

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SMALL GROUP

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Small Group Time

What you Need: Bible, stickers, dry-erase board and marker

SMALL GROUP LEADER (SGL): "Can you imagine what it would be like if a bird brought you lunch? *(Pause.)* That would be pretty cool! He could just fly right over your head and drop a lunch bag in your lap! Ha!

"A bird really did bring Elijah food in our Bible lesson today. True story! Elijah was hungry and all alone and he didn't have any food. But that didn't stop God from taking care of Elijah! No way! God told a bird what to do and the bird did it! He took that food straight to Elijah! Wow!

"Nothing will ever stop God from giving you what you need. He will always take care of you. **Who will take care of you?"**

CHILDREN and SGL: "God will take care of me."

SGL: "Our Memory Verse even says, 'My God will meet ALL your needs,' Philippians 4:19. Let's practice saying that together so we don't ever forget it."

CHILDREN and SGL: "My God *(push both palms up into the air)* will meet *(bring both hands together in front of you in a clap/clasp on the word 'meet')* all *(do jazz hands from above your head and down to each side)* your needs' *(jump and land with your hands on your hips and your feet planted like a cheerleader)*, Philippians 4:19." *(Open hands like a book.) (Repeat as many times as desired.)*

SGL: "It's time to pray. I think today we should make a list of the things we need—not the things we want, but the things we need. When we pray, we can thank God for giving us what we need!"

Write down the children's names and what they say on the dry erase board. Remember to print the words so they can recognize their names and letters.

Prayer

SGL: "Dear God, You do such an AMAZING job taking care of us. We just want to say thank You for some of things You give us that we need. *(Name of child)* says thank You for *(need)*. *(Repeat for each child.)* Please help us remember to be thankful for what You give us. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."

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