



At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9  
God of Wonders Part 2: Genesis - Joshua  
Unit 9, Lesson 43

# God Sends Manna and Quail

Lesson Aim: To trust God enough to obey His instructions.

## THE WELCOME

**MEET & GREET:** What do you want God to send you?

**GAME:** What Is It?

## THE WORSHIP THE GOD WHO SENDS

Read Worship Scripture: Exodus 25:30.

Sing songs and worship God.

Bless and collect the offering.

Perform High Seas Adventures script or read storybook.

## THE WORD GOD SENDS MANNA AND QUAIL

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: God parted the Red Sea to save His people.

Point to Moses (Circa 1500 B.C.). **After crossing the Red Sea, God's people wandered in the desert wilderness for forty years. Today, that desert is called the Sinai Peninsula.** Point to the Sinai Peninsula. **Let's read about a miracle that continued for the forty years the people wandered.** Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Exodus 16:4-5, 11-16, 19-20, 27-32, 35. Find It First. Highlight Key Verse: Exodus 16:4. Pray. **Listen to the instructions God gave to the Israelites.** Read.

## THE WAY DO WE TRUST AND OBEY?

**Why were the people grumbling?** (They were very hungry.) **What did God send on the night before he sent the manna?** (Quail.) **What did God send from heaven each morning?** (Manna.) **What did it look like?** (White frosted flakes of bread on the desert floor.) **What did it taste like?** (Wafers made with honey.) **As we talk about this miracle, let's enjoy something that tastes a bit like manna may have tasted.** Give each child a small handful of "manna." Invite a volunteer to bless the food.

**Why did God say He sent manna to the Israelites?** (To test them and see if they would follow His instructions.) **What were God's instructions**

**about collecting the manna?** (To collect only what they needed each day.) **Did everyone follow these instructions?** (No.) **What happened when they collected more than they needed?** (The manna became full of maggots and smelled bad.) **What were God's instructions about the sixth day?** (Collect enough for two days.) **What happened to those who tried to collect manna on the Sabbath day?** (There was none.)

**Why was Moses angry?** (Some Israelites disobeyed God's instructions and took more than they needed.) **Why do we sometimes take more than we need? What do you need this week? What is the difference between what you need and what you want? Do you trust God to meet your needs? How does obeying God show you trust Him?**

**How long did God faithfully send manna from heaven?** (Forty years.) **What did God tell them to do so everyone would remember He sent manna?** (Collect some in a jar.) Give each child one final manna-like flake. Instruct the children not to eat it. Display the Miracle Memory Jar. **I have given each of you a "manna flake" for our Miracle Memory Jar. As we pass the jar, name one thing you have needed that God has sent to you. Place your manna flake in the jar so we can see all God has provided for us.**

## **CHRIST CONNECTION:**

**How was God saving His people by sending manna, like a picture of God saving the world by sending His Son, Jesus?** (Manna and Jesus were sent from God in heaven. Both saved people.) **Let's find out what Jesus says about that.** Reveal John 6:32-33. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

**Who is the true Bread from Heaven that gives life to the world by dying on the cross for our sins?** (Jesus.) **How is Jesus like manna from heaven? How is He different?**

**THE GOLDEN BOWL:** Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

## **FINAL FIVE MINUTES:**

- TREASURE TREAT: Miracle Memory Jar with Bible Memory Verse
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- OFFERING OF ART: People gathering flakes of manna
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

## **GOT TIME?**

**SNACK:** Manna from God

**GAME:** Missing Manna

**DISCUSSION:** Grumbling at God

**CRAFT:** Miracle Frame

**BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES:** The Wave, Manna Scrambler

**BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW**