



Small Group Guide: Olders (Oct. 1 & 5)

Pre-Activity: OT Books of the Bible Cards

Unit One:	God Provides Blessings "Promises"
The Point & Callback:	LT says: God Students say: Blesses Us!
Memory Verse:	"May the Lord bless you and protect you. May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you his favor and give you his peace." Numbers 6:24-26
SOAP: Scripture	SGG read Exodus 16:1-18 to the students.
Observation Questions	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Did you find anything in this story that was surprising?2. What does this Scripture have to do with our lives today?3. What part of this Scripture is the most interesting to you? Why?4. When your first instinct is to grumble/complain how can you stop yourself from doing this and think about how much we have and praise God instead.
Application	Tell the students that when we read and study the Bible – the Holy Spirit works in our hearts and teaches us how to live. We only need to ask and obey.
Activity	Gathering Relay <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Divide the students into teams.2. Create a circle and in the center place several paper plates.3. Instruct Teams: Today we are going to work together like the Israelites to gather manna for our meal. We know that God provides what we need, but that does not mean we should take more than what we need. This will be a relay race, but

	<p>you are to work together for your team. I will say a #. When I say GO! The first person on each team will go to the center of the circle, pick up a piece of manna (paper plate) and bring it back to the team. For round two, I will say a different # and then the second player will gather that number of manna and bring it back to the team. We will continue in this way until your entire team has had a turn.</p> <p>The most important thing about this game is that you take only the amount that I will you to. We will be keeping track of the total to see who listened the best.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What was different about this game? (had to work together) • Why was it important to listen to the #? (to get the right amount) • How is this like God – providing for us in our daily lives? (God provides what we need; sometimes we try to take too much.)
Prayer	<p>God, you have given us all that we need. We can rely on you for everything. You have blessed us immeasurably more than we can ever imagine or believe. Amen</p>