

Day 1: God is the One who supplies for all.

Read Matthew 5:43-48, and ask your children:

1. Who does God cause the sun to rise on?
2. Who does God cause the rain to fall on?
3. How does this show God's love?
4. How should this remind us to treat others?

When God calls us to love other people, even our enemies, He shows us this example. God causes the sun to rise and fall on the evil and good. He also causes rain to fall upon the righteous and unrighteous. Especially in a world dependant upon farming, the reminds us how gracious God is to us, even if we do not acknowledge Him.

Day 2: We should not depend on our stuff, but on God.

Read 1 Timothy 6:17-19, and ask your children:

1. How can stuff make us proud?
2. Why is it a bad idea to place your hope in stuff?
3. Is it wrong to enjoy the things we have? Who gave them to us?
4. What kind of treasure should we store up?

We can become proud because of the things we have. We may think we are better than others because we have those things, or because we earned those things. However, those things could all disappear. Instead, we should trust in God, who gives graciously to us. Instead of storing up things on earth, we should store up treasure in heaven.

Day 3: It's tragic when someone doesn't see God's provision for them.

Read Luke 12:16-21, and ask your children:

1. What was the rich man's problem?
2. What was the rich man's goal?
3. Who provided for the rich man? Who did he give credit?
4. How can you be rich toward God?

When we do not realize that all good things have come from God, we can become proud, or decide that our stuff will bring us happiness. But we are not promised that those things will be around tomorrow. In fact, we aren't promised that we will be around tomorrow! So we ought to take advantage of what we have for God's glory. We should use the things we have to advance the gospel, as a way to worship God who gave the things to us!

Day 4: Since God gave us Jesus, we know He'll give us other things.

Read Romans 8:31-35, and ask your children:

1. Why do we know we are safe with God?
2. What is the greatest gift God gave to us?
3. Why can't anyone bring a charge against us?
4. Even in difficult times, how can we know God still loves us?

We have not been promised an easy life. We have been told that God loves us, proven by giving us Jesus to die for our sins. We should ask, "If God was willing to have Jesus die for us, the greatest sacrifice ever, why would we fear Him providing for us?" This does not mean we will always have everything we want, but it does mean God will always offer Himself to us!