

Week Nine – God is our provider - Overview

Passage	Big Idea
SS) Genesis 24	God is our provider
FBT1) Romans 8:32	God has shown his willingness to provide for us by giving up his Son
FBT2) Matthew 6:25-34	God provides for us so don't worry
FBT3) 2 Corinthians 9:7-12	God provides so be a cheerful giver
FBT4) 2 Peter 1:3	God provides everything we need to live a godly life
FBT5) Philippians 4:19	God provides out of his riches

Family Bible Time (Day 1) – Romans 8:32

BIG IDEA	God has shown his willingness to provide by giving us his Son
Bible Passage	Romans 8:32
Getting Started	<p>Have a 20 (pound/dollar) note and a 5 (pence/cent) coin. Talk through the following scenario. Imagine you needed money for something (e.g. a school trip). You ask your parents for the money and they say “of course – here it is” (<i>You could hand over the money to demonstrate!</i>). You also need 5 pence for the bus fare (it's a cheap bus!). Imagine (<i>or act out</i>) your parents saying “No way – that's far too much money. You can't have that!” (<i>hold onto the coin</i>). Do you think that would happen? Why not? <i>Talk about the fact that if they were willing to give the larger amount of money, then of course they would give the smaller amount. It would be silly to expect anything else.</i></p>
<p>Finding Out</p> <p>1. God has given us his most treasured possession</p> <p>2. We can be sure he will give us everything else we need</p>	<p>Sometimes, people expect God to behave exactly that way. God has given us something very precious, but sometimes we don't believe he will give us the smaller things. Paul wrote a letter to some Christians to help them understand that they could trust God to give them everything they need.</p> <p>Read Romans 8:32</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Q: What did this verse say that God “did not spare”?</i> <p>God has given us the thing that is most precious to him. He has given us his very own Son. God knew that what we needed most of all was someone who could take away our sin. We needed Jesus. And we needed him to die in our place. God didn't hold this back, even though it was a very painful thing for him to do. God was willing to give up even his own Son, because he knew this was what we needed more than anything else</p> <p>Read Romans 8:32 again</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Q: What else will God “graciously give us”?</i> <p>God has promised that he will us “all things”!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Q: So, what is it that God will not give us? (nothing!)</i> <p>There is nothing that we need, that God can't provide for us. And we can be sure that he will give us everything that we need, because he was willing to give us the most precious thing in the entire universe – his own Son! So, it's silly to think that we won't give us little things like food, or things to wear, or friends, or people to look after us. Of course, he will</p>

	<p>give us those things! If we think that he won't, it's like thinking your parents wouldn't give you 5 pence when they were willing to give you 20 pounds!</p> <p>That doesn't mean we will get everything we want though. God knows what is best for us, and has promised to give us things that are good for us. He knows what we need far better than we do.</p>
So What?	<p>God knows exactly what we need. Most of all we need Jesus! We can be sure that he will give us everything else we need, every day, because he was even willing to even give us his own Son.</p>
Memory Verse	<p>Psalm 145:3 <i>Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.</i></p>

Family Bible Time (Day 2) – Matthew 6:25-34

BIG IDEA	God provides for us so don't worry
Bible Passage	Matthew 6:25-34
Getting Started	<p>What do you worry about? (<i>Talk about things that are currently concerning your children – maybe health problems, uncertainty about something in the future, friendships at school, exams/tests coming up, etc.</i>). Why do you think we get worried about things? (<i>Try to show that we worry when we can't control the outcome.</i>)</p>
<p>Finding Out</p> <p>1. God feeds the birds and clothes flowers</p> <p>2. You are more valuable than birds and flowers</p> <p>3. God knows you need things</p>	<p>God has something to tell us about worry.</p> <p>Read Matthew 6:26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Q: Do you sometimes eat sandwiches for lunch? What needs to happen so that you can have a sandwich? <p>First a farmer needs to plant some seeds, and they then need to grow. Once they have grown into plants, the farmer needs to harvest the plants. He then sends the plants to the factory to make the bread.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Q: What about if a bird wants to eat some lunch, what does the bird do? <p>Have you ever seen a bird planting seeds? Or watering them? It might be a bit difficult to hold a watering can in a beak! Have you seen a bird gathering wheat into bundles?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Q: If birds don't grow food – then how do they get their lunch (read v.26 again) <p>God feeds the birds! God is the one who makes sure they have food to eat. We are also told that God is the one who dresses the flowers and makes them pretty. Have you ever seen a flower go out clothes shopping? But God makes sure they are always dressed beautifully!</p> <p>Read Matthew 6:26 again</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Q: Who does God think is more valuable? You or the birds? <p>You are far more valuable to God than any bird. So, if God makes sure the birds get their lunch, or course he will look after you! And if God makes sure the flowers in the field have clothes, or course he will look after you!</p> <p>Just like God knows that birds need to eat, and flowers need clothes, he also knows what we need.</p> <p>Read Matthew 6:32</p>

4. So don't worry	<p>God knows all about the things that we need. <i>Refer back to the things discussed in "Getting Started" that worry us – he knows about these things too.</i></p> <p>Read Matthew 6:31</p> <p>Because God cares about us, and because he knows exactly what we need, he tells us not to worry.</p> <p><i>Refer back to "Getting Started" discussion again. Note that all the things mentioned are things that God tells us not to worry about.</i></p>
So What?	God cares about us. He knows about all the things we need. Pray that God would help us to trust his word and not to worry.
Memory Verse	Psalm 145:3 <i>Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.</i>

Family Bible Time (Day 3) – 2 Corinthians 9:7-12

BIG IDEA	God provides for us so be a cheerful giver
Bible Passage	2 Corinthians 9:7-12
Getting Started	<p>Many years ago, if you wanted some milk to drink, you couldn't go to the shops to get it. Instead, someone would come to your house and deliver your milk every morning (<i>maybe show a picture of a milk truck/ cart</i>). Some milkmen were very reliable. They would make sure you had your milk delivered every day, no matter what – because they knew you needed it. Even if it was pouring with rain, or snowing, or they had a cold, they would still make sure your milk was delivered every single day. Imagine one day a friend came and asked you if they could have some of your milk. You only had a little bit left, but you knew you would get some more the next day. Would you be willing to share your last bit of milk with your friend? Why?</p>
<p>Finding Out</p> <p>1. God is able to bless you abundantly</p> <p>2. So be a cheerful giver</p>	<p>Last time, we found out that God is able to provide everything that we need. He knows all the things that we need (<i>remind them of specific things discussed last time</i>) and has promised that he will make sure we always have what we need.</p> <p>Read 2 Corinthians 9:8</p> <p>Paul wrote this letter to the people living in Corinth. He also knew that God is able to provide everything that we need. Sometimes we forget this, even if we know it's true. It's helpful to remind each other that we can trust God to give us everything we need.</p> <p>Because we know that God will look after us, there is something that we can do.</p> <p>Read 2 Corinthians 9:7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Q: What does Paul say that God loves us to do?</i> <p>Because we know God will give us everything we need each day, it means we can be generous to others. Even if we don't have very much, God promises to give us what we need, so we can share what we have with others. It's like knowing for sure the milkman is coming tomorrow, so we can give away even our last bit of milk. If we don't want to share what we have with others, it means we think that God is lying and can't be trusted to give us what we need.</p>

3. This results in others having their needs met and thanksgiving to God	When we do share with others, there are two more good things that happen Read 2 Corinthians 9:12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Q: <i>What else happens when we share with others?</i> God uses this as one way to keep his promise to provide for other people! We can be part of God’s plan to keep his promise to make sure others have what they need as well. It also means that people thank God for providing for them. It is right to thank God for giving us what we need – and for other people to do this too.
So What?	Do you trust that God is speaking the truth when he says he will give you everything you need? What does that mean our attitude about sharing should be?
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Family Bible Time (Day 4) – 2 Peter 1:3

BIG IDEA	God provides everything we need to live a godly live
Bible Passage	2 Peter 1:3
Getting Started	<i>If you have a quick and easy jigsaw – secretly take one piece out and then do the puzzle together. Talk about needing all the pieces to make it work. If a piece is missing that’s just frustrating. If you don’t have a jigsaw to hand, describe what it feels like to complete a jigsaw but find that the final piece is missing.</i>
Finding Out 1. God has given us everything we need for a godly life 2. Only those who know him can live this way	Sometimes it can be hard to do the right thing and obey God. You might hear people say that sometimes you can’t help it. But God tells us something different. Read 2 Peter 1:3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Q: <i>What does Peter say that God has given us for living a godly life?</i> God has given us everything we need to live a godly life. If we are trusting Jesus, then he has given us a new life. And he has given us all the pieces we need to live a life that is obedient to God. It’s not like he has given us some of the jigsaw pieces, but held onto some as well. He has given us everything that we need. That doesn’t mean it is easy to obey. The devil will still try and get us to go against God. But if we are trusting in Jesus, he gives us his power to obey him. So, when the devil comes along and tries to tempt you to do something wrong – you can say to him “No – I don’t have to do that!” Read 2 Peter 1:3 again <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Q: <i>God tells us we can live a godly life through something, what is that?</i> We can live a godly life through knowing Jesus. That means, only people who know Jesus and are friends with him have the power to obey God. They are the only ones God has given all the pieces to, so they are the only ones with the power to obey him. If we are not trusting in Jesus, then we can try really, really, hard, but we won’t be able to fully obey God, because we can’t do it ourselves. We need God’s help.
So What?	If you are trusting in Jesus, then you already have everything you need to obey him. You have all the pieces of the jigsaw. So, when you are tempted to sin – remember that God has given you the power to obey him. But you can’t do it by yourself. You need God’s help. Pray for his help to remember what you have, and to live a life that is obedient to

	him. If you are not yet trusting Jesus, then you need his help to obey him. Pray for him to show this to you.
Memory Verse	Psalm 145:3 <i>Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.</i>

Family Bible Time (Day 5) – Philippians 4:19

BIG IDEA	God provides out of his riches
Bible Passage	Philippians 4:19
Getting Started	How would you describe God to a friend if they asked you? Sometimes we forget how amazing God is. And when we forget, sometimes we doubt that he will look after us. Remembering what God is like, helps us to trust him to provide for us.
Finding Out	<p>Read Philippians 4:19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Q: <i>What does this say God will do?</i> <p>God will meet all of our needs. He knows everything that we need and he has promised to provide. Refer back to “Getting Started” from Day 2. Remind them that God knows about each of these individual needs that we have and has promised that he will provide. God knows everything that we need. He hasn’t promised that he will just meet some of those needs, but that he will provide for ALL of our needs.</p> <p>2. Out of his riches</p> <p>We can trust God to meet all of our needs because he owns and controls everything.</p> <p>Read Philippians 4:19 again</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Q: <i>How is God able to meet our needs?</i> <p>God is able to meet all of our needs out of his riches. God is able to do all things. He owns everything and controls everything. So, he is easily able to provide whatever we need. There is no need for us to worry about whether God can provide friends for us, or help us in school, or help us to fight our sin, because he can do everything. He has control over everything.</p> <p>3. in Christ Jesus</p> <p>Read Philippians 4:19 again</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Q: <i>God meets our needs through a person – who is this?</i> <p>God meets all of our needs because of Jesus. It’s not because we have earned anything from God. It’s not because we are good enough for God. It’s because he is kind and gracious. He sent Jesus to die for us because he knew that was what we needed. If we are trusting in Jesus, we are now part of God’s family. And God is completely committed to caring for the members of his family and giving them all that they need.</p>
So What?	God owns and is in control of everything. He knows of all your needs and is well able to look after all of them. Do you trust God to give you everything that you need? If you are worried that he won’t, maybe it’s because you haven’t understood how great he is, and how kind and generous he is. Ask God to open your eyes to show you more about what he is like.
Memory Verse	Psalm 145:3 <i>Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.</i>

Recap Week 9

God is able to provide everything that we need. We know God can provide for us because he has given us the most important thing, by giving us his own Son. If we are trusting Jesus, he has also given us everything we need to be able to live a life that his pleasing to God. Knowing that God provides for us means that we can be generous to others. What do you want to say to God knowing that he gives you all you need?