



October 8, 2017

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



God Provides Manna



Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

Giving Lord, you have been generous beyond measure to your children. Open our hearts in gratitude for all that we have received, that we might give you the praise and honor befitting your goodness. In Jesus' name, Amen.



Read: Read the key verses from Sunday's reading.

"The Lord spoke to Moses and said, ¹²'I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'"
(Exodus 16:11-12)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

God has looked after the Israelites as a loving parent would: first showing them the way out of slavery, then feeding and guiding them through the wilderness. And the people respond with all the gratitude of petulant children.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

What was a high point of your day? What was a low point? How, when, and with whom do you eat? Tell about your favorite mealtime experiences, and how food brought you together.

Wonder: How many different ways could the Israelites have prepared manna and quail? What else might they have eaten during their time in the desert? What would you hope to eat if you were starving?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God provide for your every need. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Host a dinner party. Prepare a meal with your own hands. Sit at the table. Say grace. Have stimulating conversation. Enjoy the entire experience.



Go Deeper: Go to clergystuff.com/daily-devotions for devotions on the daily readings.

Sunday, Exodus 16:1-18, God Provides Manna
Monday, Exodus 18:13-27, Jethro's Advice
Tuesday, Exodus 20:1-21, The Ten Commandments
Wednesday, Exodus 25:10-22, The Ark of the Covenant
Thursday, Exodus 32:1-35, The Golden Calf
Friday, 1 Samuel 1:1-28, Samuel's Birth and Dedication
Saturday, 1 Samuel 2:1-10, Hannah's Prayer