



Bountiful

MAIN IDEA

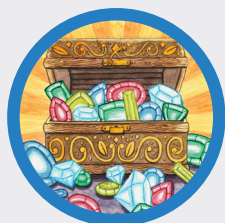
- **God is more than enough to satisfy all our desires.**

MEMORY VERSE

*I will sing to the LORD,
because he has dealt
bountifully with me.*
—Psalm 13:6

SCRIPTURE

- 1) Psalm 13:6
- 2) Psalm 130:7
- 3) Jeremiah 2:13
- 4) Mark 8:1-8
- 5) John 4:14
- 6) John 6:35



LESSON SUMMARY

The fact that God is bountiful describes the infinite nature of God and His ability to meet all of His people's deepest needs and desires. He is the Bread of Life, abundantly sustaining His people forever. He is an overflowing Spring of Life that never runs dry, always more than enough to quench every thirst we have. He is never depleted, never used up. There is never any reason to turn to anything less satisfying. God created us to be satisfied in His glorious bounty. Nothing else will satisfy. God alone brings lasting joy, and He is able to do it "far more abundantly than all that we ask or think,...to Him be glory" (Ephesians 3:20-21).

In this lesson, we read the accounts of Jesus feeding crowds of 4,000 and then 5,000 people. He did not simply provide them with just enough food, but more than enough—an abundance, evidenced by leftover food. More importantly, Jesus is more than enough to satisfy every spiritual need. The lesson ended by explaining Jesus' words describing "a spring of water welling up to eternal life" (John 4:14). Just like a spring of water keeps flowing and flowing, Jesus is more than enough to make His people happy forever by giving them eternal life.

PRAYER POINTS

As you review this lesson with your child, pray...

- *that your child will be joyfully overwhelmed by such a bountiful God.*
- *may your child "taste and see" all that God is for him or her in Christ, and have a heart that drawn to Him to meet every need.*



AS YOU WALK BY THE WAY

- **Why might we sometimes feel like God is stingy?** [We do not get what we want or expect. We want more of the wrong kind of things.] Suppose I gave you five pieces of candy to eat, but you felt that was not enough. You wanted more and more. **Do you think it might be a good thing for me to not give you more candy? What might I know that you do not know? Does the fact that God is bountiful mean He will always give us more of everything we want? What kinds of things do we need most?** Review Psalm 130:7.
- Ask your child to describe what it feels like when he or she is full after eating a favorite food. Explain that kind of feeling can help us better understand the contentment that comes from trusting

in Jesus. If you are trusting in Him, you experience a satisfaction that is even better than having a full tummy. It is the satisfaction of knowing that you are His child and your sin is completely forgiven, no matter what happens. It is a joyful satisfaction in knowing that you will live with Him forever.

- Explain the illustration pictured in Jeremiah 2:13 where God is described as “the fountain of living waters.” **How is God like a fountain?** But then God says Israel chose to












make “broken cisterns (cups)” to drink from instead of God. **Could a broken cup hold much water or satisfy your thirst for very long?** Many times people look to other things to satisfy them—TV, friends, games, sports, books, etc. **Even though those things can be really fun, and are even gifts from God, can they really make you happy forever? Why not? Is there anything that seems more satisfying to you than God? What could you do that will help you to remember that it cannot make you as happy as God can?**

ACTION STEP

This week, use all of The ABCs of God Game Cards to review all the words, meanings, and verses your child has learned. Divide the cards into two groups. The first group of cards should include the ABC words describing God. Place these cards face up on a table. The parent or an older child should hold the cards that state the word meaning and verse/s. Read the meaning on a card, and then have your child search the pile of cards on the table for the word that matches the meaning. Repeat until all the cards are matched.

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY

Break the code to find the missing words in the verse.

											
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with _____ 13:6

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