

QUAIL FROM THE LORD

Numbers 11:4-35

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⁴The rabble with them began to crave other food, and again the Israelites started wailing and said, “If only we had meat to eat! ⁵We remember the fish we ate in Egypt at no cost—also the cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions and garlic. ⁶But now we have lost our appetite; we never see anything but this manna!”

⁷The manna was like coriander seed and looked like resin. ⁸The people went around gathering it, and then ground it in a handmill or crushed it in a mortar. They cooked it in a pot or made it into cakes. And it tasted like something made with olive oil. ⁹When the dew settled on the camp at night, the manna also came down.

¹⁰Moses heard the people of every family wailing, each at the entrance to his tent. The LORD became exceedingly angry, and Moses was troubled. ¹¹He asked the LORD, “Why have you brought this trouble on your servant? What have I done to displease you that you put the burden of all these people on me? ¹²Did I conceive all these people? Did I give them birth? Why do you tell me to carry them in my arms, as a nurse carries an infant, to the land you promised on oath to their forefathers?

¹³Where can I get meat for all these people? They keep wailing to me, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ ¹⁴I cannot carry all these people by myself; the burden is too heavy for me. ¹⁵If this is how you are going to treat me, put me to death right now—if I have found favor in your eyes—and do not let me face my own ruin.”

¹⁶The LORD said to Moses: “Bring me seventy of Israel’s elders who are known to you as leaders and officials among the people. Have them come to the Tent of Meeting, that they may stand there with you. ¹⁷I will come down and speak with you there, and I will take of the Spirit that is on you and put the Spirit on them. They will help you carry the burden of the people so that you will not have to carry it alone.

¹⁸“Tell the people: ‘Consecrate yourselves in preparation for tomorrow, when you will eat meat. The LORD heard you when you wailed, “If only we had meat to eat! We were better off in Egypt!” Now the LORD will give you meat, and you will eat it. ¹⁹You will not eat it for just one day, or two days, or five, ten or twenty days, ²⁰but for a whole month—until it comes out of your nostrils and you loathe it—because you have rejected the LORD, who is among you, and have wailed before him, saying, “Why did we ever leave Egypt?”’”

²¹But Moses said, “Here I am among six hundred thousand men on foot, and you say, ‘I will give them

meat to eat for a whole month!’ ²²Would they have enough if flocks and herds were slaughtered for them? Would they have enough if all the fish in the sea were caught for them?”

²³The LORD answered Moses, “Is the LORD’S arm too short? You will now see whether or not what I say will come true for you.”

²⁴So Moses went out and told the people what the LORD had said. He brought together seventy of their elders and had them stand around the Tent. ²⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke with him, and he took of the Spirit that was on him and put the Spirit on the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied, but they did not do so again.

²⁶However, two men, whose names were Eldad and Medad, had remained in the camp. They were listed among the elders, but did not go out to the Tent. Yet the Spirit also rested on them, and they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷A young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.”

²⁸Joshua son of Nun, who had been Moses’ aide since youth, spoke up and said, “Moses, my lord, stop them!”

²⁹But Moses replied, “Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all the LORD’S people were prophets and that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!” ³⁰Then Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

³¹Now a wind went out from the LORD and drove quail in from the sea. It brought them down all around the camp to about three feet above the ground, as far as a day’s walk in any direction. ³²All that day and night and all the next day the people went out and gathered quail. No one gathered less than ten homers. Then they spread them out all around the camp. ³³But while the meat was still between their teeth and before it could be consumed, the anger of the LORD burned against the people, and he struck them with a severe plague. ³⁴Therefore the place was named Kibroth Hattaavah, because there they buried the people who had craved other food.

³⁵From Kibroth Hattaavah the people traveled to Hazereth and stayed there.

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POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	QUESTIONS
5		1.) What were the Israelites complaining about?
5		2.) How many days did the Israelites have to eat quail?
5		3.) Why did the Lord send more quail than the people wanted? (Verses 19-20)
5		4.) Why do you think the Lord was upset with the Israelites?

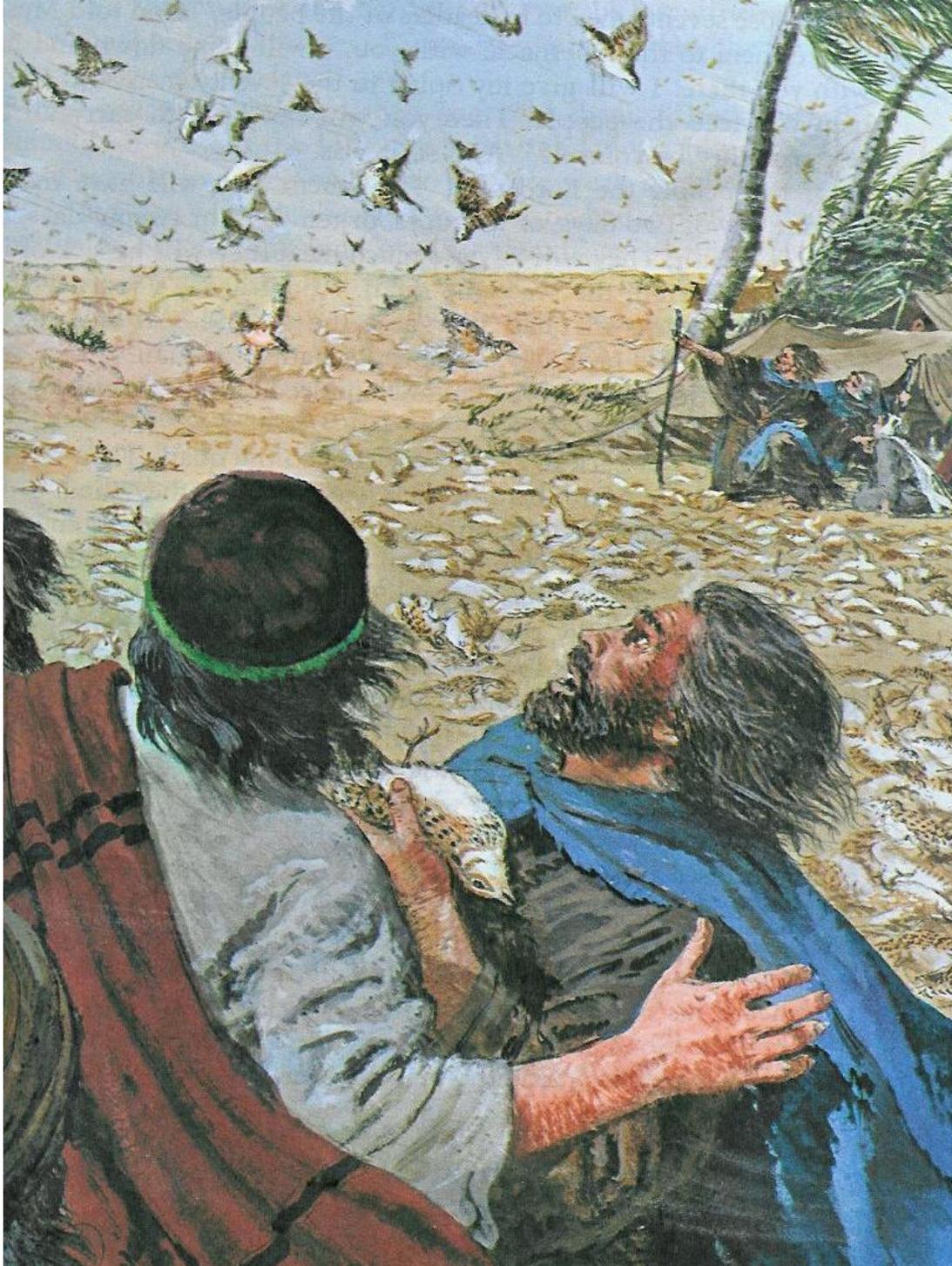
POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		"Do everything without complaining or arguing." Philippians 2:14

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	HOME CONNECTION	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
5		<i>I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.</i>	
5		<i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>	
10		<i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i>	

TOTAL POINTS	CLUB CONNECTION
	LEADER'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE ___/___/___

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God sent quail for the Israelites because they complained

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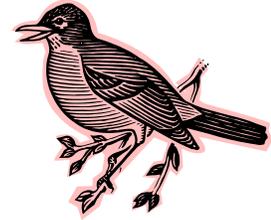
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CRAFT/ACTIVITY: QUAIL

Students will make a quail to remind them of how God provided quail for the complaining Israelites.

MATERIALS

1. White 67 lb. Cardstock
2. Quail Pattern
3. Scissors
4. Crayons, Markers, or Colored Pencils



DIRECTIONS

1. Copy the quail pattern onto 67 lb. cardstock for each student.
2. Allow students to color the quail with crayons, markers, or colored pencils.
3. Have students cut out the quail body and wings.
4. Fold wings on the dotted line.
5. Cut a slit through the quail's body on the straight black line.
6. Slip the wings through the slit.

FOR DISCUSSION

As students are coloring their quail, remind them of how the Israelites were complaining about not having meat. Though God had been providing manna for them, they were not satisfied. God heard their complaint and sent more quail than they wanted. Help students realize that we are like the Israelites when we complain about things that God has under control. The Israelites were not starving. God was already providing food for them. God provides for our needs, but we don't always get what we want.

TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:

Approximately 15 minutes

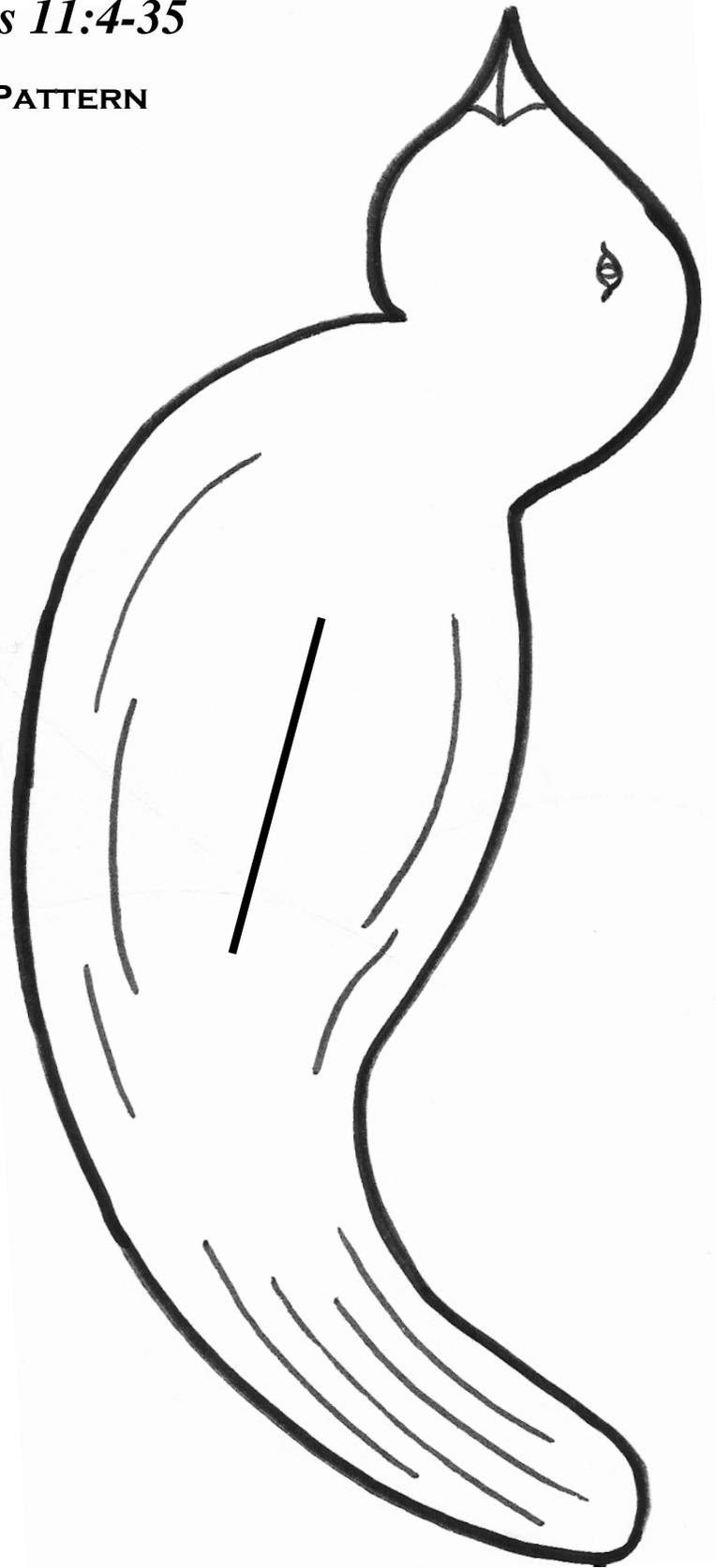
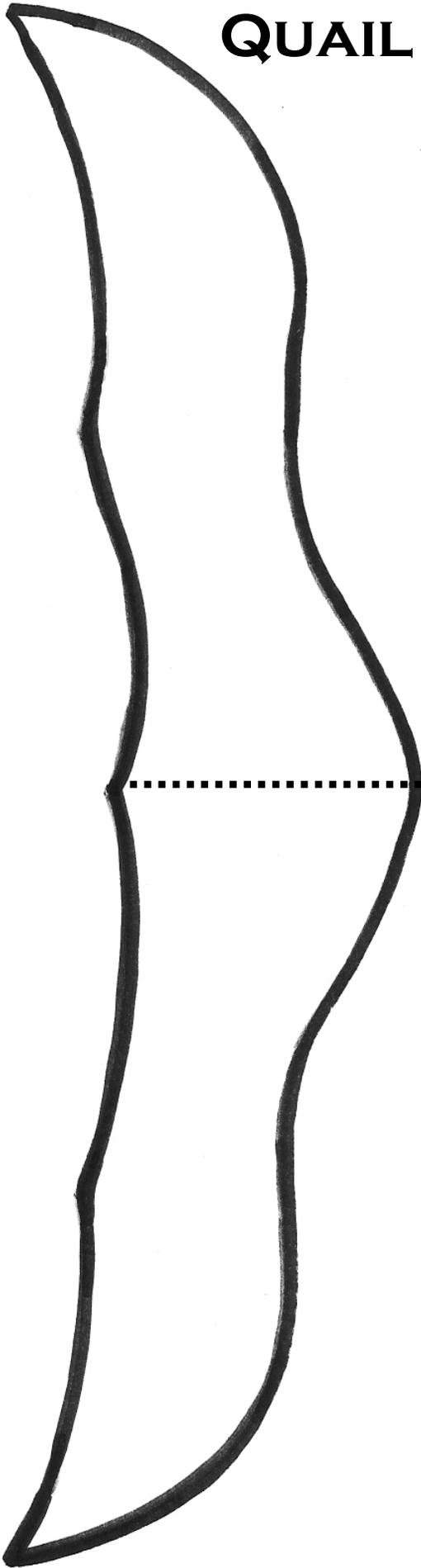
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QUAIL PATTERN



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TRUE OR FALSE:

1. "The children of Israel also wept again and said, 'Who will give us meat to eat?' " **NUMBERS 11:4**
TRUE OR FALSE

CIRCLE ALL THE CORRECT WORDS:

2. What did the people remember eating in Egypt? **NUMBERS 11:5**

FISH	CUCUMBERS	FRENCH FRIES
MELONS	HAMBURGERS	LEEKs
ORANGES	ONIONS	GARLIC

FILL IN THE BLANK:

3. They said, "But now our whole being is dried up; there is nothing at all except this _____ before our eyes!" **NUMBERS 11:6**

UNDERLINE THE CORRECT ANSWER:

4. "The people went about and..." **NUMBERS 11:8**
a. gathered it
b. ground it on millstones or beat it in the mortar
c. cooked it in pans
d. made cakes of it
e. all of the above
5. "Now Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, everyone at the door of his tent; **NUMBERS 11:10**
a. and the anger of the LORD was greatly aroused
b. Moses also was displeased
c. both of these

FILL IN THE BLANKS:

6. Moses asked the LORD, 'Where am I to get _____ to give all these people? For they weep all over me, saying, 'Give us _____, that we may eat.' " **NUMBERS 11:13**
7. "Now a wind went out from the LORD, and it brought _____ from the sea and left them fluttering near the camp." **NUMBERS 11:31**
8. "And the people stayed up all that day, all that night, and all the next day, and _____ the quail." **NUMBERS 11:32**
9. "But while the meat was still between their teeth, before it was chewed, the wrath of the LORD was aroused against the people, and the LORD struck the people with a very great _____." **NUMBERS 11:33**

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The Israelites began to complain again to the Lord about food to eat. The Lord gave them manna each morning, but they were growing tired of it. Some

of the Israelites talked about the food they used to eat in Egypt when they were slaves.

Moses and the Lord were angry because the Israelites kept complaining. Moses asked the Lord what he should do to find the people meat to eat.

The Lord told Moses to get 70 of Israel's elders, or leaders. They met Moses in the tabernacle. The Lord told the elders that he would give them meat for one whole month. In fact, there would be so much meat that the people would get sick of it!

The Lord sent a wind that blew quail, a type of bird, in from the sea. The quail completely covered the land. While the people ate the quail, the Lord sent a plague to punish the people for complaining. Many people died.

For more details, please read Numbers 11:4-35 in the Bible.

QUESTIONS

1. What were the people complaining about?
2. What did the Lord give them to eat?
3. How long did the people have quail to eat?
4. Why do you think the Lord was angry with the people?

MEMORY VERSE

"Do everything without complaining or arguing." Philippians 2:14

UNSCRAMBLE THE MESSAGE

Lord	the	quail
eat	sent	to

The _____

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