Moses and Manna Script

Act out this story with your family.

Moses A – Actor (Leader of Everybody)
Moses R – Reader
Everybody

[In italics: Instruction, or action. In bold: Spoken]

Moses R: I will be Moses and I’ll lead you through the desert.

Moses A and Everybody: Lead the children around the room (or walk in place), commenting on the sand, the sun, the dry scruffy bushes, the hot wind, etc. Encourage them to make appropriate actions such as wiping sweat from their brows, shielding their eyes from the sun as they look for a good place to camp, putting their arms across their faces to keep the blowing sand out of their noses, etc.)

Moses R: Every day we walk. How long do you think we have been walking? Days? Weeks? No, it has been months, and we are still in the desert! The food that we brought from Egypt is running out and everyone is getting hungry.

Everybody: Rub your tummies. Complain and whine, “Where will we find food? There are no stores in a desert – not even any people to buy food from.”

Moses R: The people are very worried. And very angry. They are angry with me. I hear them grumbling and complaining.

Everybody: Cross your arms and stamp their feet, complain. “Moses, why did you bring us out into the desert? We will die here!” Shake your fists, make angry faces at Moses.

Moses R: We need to trust God. God freed us from being slaves and will help us again. I will pray to God while you sleep.

Moses A: Kneel or stand in a prayer posture.

Everybody: Lie down and go to sleep – perhaps still rubbing your tummies and grumbling.
Moses R & A:  **Wait a moment. Wake up everyone. Look!**

Everybody:  **Wakes up, stretches their arms and gets up and looks around.**

Moses R:  **The ground is covered in small white flakes. Pick some up. Taste it!**

Moses A & Everybody:  **Bend down and pantomime picking some up and “tasting” it. “It’s delicious! It’s sweet, like honey!”**

Moses R and A:  **Do you like it? (Everybody nods) We can even make bread from this. We aren’t going to starve!**

Everybody:  **Clap hands, dance, jump with joy, cheer, “Hooray!” “God is with us!” “Emmanuel!”**

Moses R:  **Every morning for the rest of their journey, God provided this special food for the people to eat. When the people saw the manna each morning they said, “God is with us.” God loved the People of Israel, watched over them, and helped them get food. God loves and cares for each of us too. Each person in this class is special to God.**

Practice:  Take plain paper or scrap paper. Find a container, bag, bowl, basket, jar – Tear up different sized pieces. Write on pieces one word that reminds you of God’s presence. Or leave it blank to fill in. Take one out each morning. What’s your Emmanuel word for the day? Take one out when you have a decision to make. Ask where God is. What’s Jesus’ way? Add that to a piece of “manna”.

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**My Daily Bread**

Take plain paper or scrap paper. Find a container, bag, basket, jar – Tear up different size pieces. Write on pieces one word that reminds you of God’s presence. Or leave blank to fill in. Take one out each morning. What’s your Emmanuel word for the day? Take one out when you have a decision to make. Ask where God is. What’s Jesus’ way? Add that to a piece of “manna”. Keep it with you throughout the day.