

Nov Weeks 1 & 2

Ruth, Naomi, Boaz

Nov. 2/3 & 9/10

CRAFT Week 1

Memory Verse Door Hanger

SUPPLIES: Foam Door Hanger, Memory Verse Label, Fall Foam Shape Stickers, Dixie Cups

TIP: You can prep the stickers ahead of time by lining up Dixie cups and placing 10 stickers in each cup. Later, when the kids are done with the craft, you can encourage them to gather up their scraps and place them in the cup. Empty cups into garbage and keep the cups for the next class!

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ Review Memory Verse

- *"We learned a new memory verse today from the book of Psalms. Let's practice it together!*
- **"I will give thanks (thumbs to chest) to the LORD (both hands point up) with my whole heart (both hands over heart), Psalm 111:1."** *(Open hands like a book.)*
- *Great job, friends!*

⇒ Pass out Door hangers and memory verse labels.

- *This label says our memory verse – I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart. Psalm 111:1". Let's put it on our door hanger.*

⇒ Pass out Dixie cups filled with 10 stickers each.

- *Now let's decorate our door hangers with Fall thankfulness stickers!*

⇒ Complete craft and Bring it Back to Jesus

- *These look great, everybody! You can hang these memory verse door hangers on your bedroom door and look at them every day. Every time you look at it, I want you to remember that we can thank God for everything.*
- ***Who can you thank for everything?***
- ***I can thank God for everything!***

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CRAFT Week 2

Ruth, Naomi, Boaz Puppets

SUPPLIES: Ruth/Naomi/Boaz Cut-Outs, Crayons, Craft Sticks, Tape, Dixie Cups, Yellow Crinkle Paper, "I can thank God for everything" Labels

SET-UP: To save time, attach a label to each Dixie cup.

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Give each child a set of puppets to color and crayons.**

- *"Today in our true Bible story we learned about 3 people who became a family. Do you remember what their names were? Ruth, Naomi, and Boaz! We are going to make some puppets to help us retell the story. Use your crayons to decorate your people."*

⇒ **Help children attach craft sticks to the back of their puppets.**

- *"When you are done with your people, raise your hand and we will help you attach your sticks to the back."*

⇒ **Give each child a cup with the label on it and place the crinkle paper on the center of the table.**

- *"Now we are passing out cups and you can see the cups have some words on them. The words say, "I can thank God for everything!"*
- *"Keep your puppets and cup right in front of you and I will tell you what we are going to do next!"*

⇒ **Proceed directly to Activity #1 – Week 2**

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ACTIVITY #1, Week 1

Puppet Play

SUPPLIES: Teacher set of Ruth/Naomi/Boaz Puppets, Basket of Yellow Crinkle Paper

What You DO and SAY:***

⇒ **Gather children around you at the table or on the floor in a circle. Hold up Ruth and Naomi puppets.**

- *“Today in our true Bible story, we learned about some people who became a family. Let’s retell our story! Does anyone remember who these women are? Right! Ruth and Naomi. Naomi was sad because she had no family left, but Ruth decided to stay with Naomi and be her family!”*

⇒ **Spread the crinkle paper out in front of you and hold up the Ruth puppet.**

- *“Then, Ruth went out to the field to gather grain so that she and Naomi would have something to eat.*
- *Ruth is gathering the grain!”*

⇒ **Hold up Boaz puppet.**

- *“The field where Ruth gathered the grain was owned by a man. Do you remember his name? Right! Boaz. Boaz found out Ruth and Naomi were family and chose to help them.”*

⇒ **Hold up all three puppets and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *“I love this story! Ruth helped her family. Boaz helped his family. Families help each other! I can thank God for my family, and so can you. I can thank God for everything.*
- *Who can you thank for everything? I can thank God for everything.*

*****For variations on the activity you can have children volunteer to hold up the puppets and act out the story.**

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ACTIVITY #1, Week 2

Puppet Play

SUPPLIES: Teacher Ruth/Naomi/Boaz Puppets, Puppets the children just made, Dixie cups with Label, Basket of Yellow Crinkle Paper

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Hold up Ruth and Naomi puppets.**

- *“Now let’s retell our story! Everybody, hold up your Ruth and Naomi puppets. Naomi was sad because she had no family left, but Ruth decided to stay with Naomi and be her family!”*

⇒ **Spread the raffia out in front of you and hold up the Ruth puppet.**

- *“Then, Ruth went out to the field to gather grain so that she and Naomi would have something to eat.*
- *Everybody - have your Ruth puppet gather up some grain and put it in your cup!”*

⇒ **Hold up Boaz puppet.**

- *“The field where Ruth gathered the grain was owned by a man named Boaz. Boaz found out Ruth and Naomi were family and chose to help them.”*

⇒ **Hold up all three puppets and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *“I love this story! Ruth helped her family. Boaz helped his family. Families help each other! I can thank God for my family, and so can you. I can thank God for everything.*
- *Who can you thank for everything? I can thank God for everything.*
- *Now you can bring your puppets home and retell the story to YOUR family, too!”*

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ACTIVITY #2

Parachute Memory Verse

SUPPLIES: Parachute, Multicolored “bubbles” (balls)

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Have children join you and stand in a circle in the center of the room.**

- *“Today we learned the answer to a very important question: Who can you thank for everything?”*
- *I can thank God for everything!”*

⇒ **Ask children to stand around the parachute with you and guide them to each pick up a section of the parachute.**

- *“Great job! Everybody grab a section of the parachute.*
- *Today in the Ollie video we saw so many different colored bubbles. Let’s pretend all of these balls are bubbles!”*

⇒ **Invite children to shake their arms so that the parachute moves very fast.**

- *“Let’s shake our arms and pop these bubbles up into the air! Go!”*

⇒ **When all the bean bags have popped out of the parachute...**

- *“Who can you thank for everything?”*
- *I can thank God for everything!”*

⇒ **Repeat activity as long as kids are interested and Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *“Nice job popping bubbles, friends! We have so many things in our lives to be grateful for – like family, friends, church, parachute games, bubbles and more! I am so glad that God gave us to many things to enjoy.*
- ***Who can you thank for everything?***
- ***I can thank God for everything!”***

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ACTIVITY #3

Bubble Dance Party

SUPPLIES: Bubble Machine, Bubble Solution, a CD player, Worship CD

SET UP: Make sure your Bubble Machine is filled with bubble solution and that your CD player is loaded and ready to play.

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Gather children around the bubble machine.**

- *“We are going to pop some bubbles! When the music plays, I want you to try to pop as many bubbles as you can. Then when the music stops, we will say our memory verse!”*

⇒ **Turn music on and start the bubble machine.**

- *“Let’s all say the memory verse together!*
- **I will give thanks (thumbs to chest) to the LORD (both hands point up) with my whole heart (both hands over heart), Psalm 111:1. (Open hands like a book.)**
- *Let’s pop some more bubbles and dance!”*

⇒ **Repeat activity as long as kids are interested and Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *“Bubbles are so fun. Raise your hand if you love bubbles. God gives us so many awesome things like bubbles and friends and music! There are SO many things to be thankful for—more than the number of bubbles from this bubble machine – and we can thank God for every single one of them!*
- *Let’s say our memory verse one more time!*
- *I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart. Psalm 111:1*
- *That’s right! **And who can you thank for everything?***
- ***I can thank God for everything!***

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REFLECTION & REVIEW

READ

⇒ The Bible

- *The Beginner's Bible: Ruth and Naomi, p. 152-155*

⇒ *I'm Thankful Each Day* by Hallinan

- Read the story and then say: We have so many special things in our lives to be thankful for. Who can we thank for everything? We can thank God for everything!

REVIEW *(This is a great opportunity to give out stickers as they answer these questions!)*

⇒ Key Question and Bottom Line

- **Who can you thank for everything?**
- **I can thank God for everything!**

⇒ Memory Verse

- **I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart.**
Psalm 111:1

⇒ Basic Truth

- **God made me.**

⇒ Connect it!

- **“Today we heard a true story about a family that helped one another. Ruth, Naomi, and Boaz were very grateful for each other. We can be thankful for our family, too. We can thank God for everything! Today we are going to make a list of people in our family and how they help us. We can use the list when we pray to thank God for our family. When I say your name, tell me one person in your family, and I will write it in our prayer journal.**
- **If using playdoh – “Can you use your playdoh to make your mat look like the person in your family you are thankful for?”**

PRAY

“Dear God, thank You for our family. They help us in so many ways! [Child's name] wants to thank You for how [family member's name] helps them [way they help]. (Repeat for each child.) In Jesus' name, amen.”