

Nov Weeks 3 & 4

Manna

Nov. 16/17, 23/24

CRAFT Week 1

Manna Cups

SUPPLIES: “Manna” Labels (1 per child), Food Stickers (5 per child), Red Plastic Cups (1 per child), Cheerios (1/2 cup per child),
Allergy Alert poster

PLEASE NOTE: EVERY parent must be asked if their child can have Cheerios as a snack. If anyone in the class cannot have Cheerios or if you forget to ask a parent, then you **MUST** skip the snack portion. Just show kids they can bring their cup home and put snacks in it.

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Pass out Manna label and one red cup per child.**

- *“Friends – Today in our true story from the Bible we learned about the Israelites. They were wandering in the very hot desert and there was no food or water. The people were so, so hungry and they were worried they wouldn’t wake up and have any food. SO they went to sleep and when they woke up in the morning there was food on the ground! Do you remember what it was called? That’s right! Manna!*

⇒ **Help children stick the manna label onto their cup. Then pass out 5 food stickers to decorate the rest of the cup.**

⇒ **Hold up box of cheerios.**

- *“God provided food for the people, right from the sky! We may not get food right from the sky, but God does provide everything we eat! And look what I have here! I have a snack for us to eat. But before we eat, let’s say a quick prayer and thank God for the food.*
 - *Dear God, Thank you for the food we eat. You give us everything we need and we want to always remember to say thank you. We love you, God. Amen.*

⇒ **Pour cheerios in each cup and Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *“God gave the Israelites everything they needed. God gives us what we need, too, including food to eat. We need to say thank you.*
- **Who can you thank for everything?**
- **I can thank God for everything.”**

While the children snack – this would be a great opportunity to read the Bible story, “Being Thankful”, or go over the Reflection page!

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CRAFT Week 2

Thank You Note to God

SUPPLIES: Thank You Note (1 per child), Crayons and Markers, Stickers, Stampers

SET-UP: Pre-fold the thank you notes

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Give each child a thank you note and crayons or markers.**

- *“This month we have learned that God gives us everything we need! We should thank God for everything.*
- **Who can you thank for everything?**
I can thank God for everything!
- *Today we are going to make a special thank you note for God! You can decorate it and make it look very special. On the inside you can draw pictures of all the things you are grateful for – family, friends, food! Whatever you are thankful for!*

⇒ **Help children as needed. Ask each child what they are drawing and what they are thankful for.**

⇒ **As children are finishing, pray together and Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *Friends, we can thank God for everything. Let’s fold our hands and bow our heads and say a prayer to thank Him now.*
 - *“Dear God, we want to thank You for everything! You are amazing and SO good to us! Help us to always thank You with our whole hearts! We love You, God. In Jesus’ name, amen.”*
- **Who can you thank for everything?**
- **I can thank God for everything!**

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ACTIVITY #1

Food Look and Find

SUPPLIES: Play Food

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Gather children in the center of the room.**

- *“In our Bible story today, the people were so hungry and they worried about where their food would come from. Let’s gather together. It’s nighttime. Time to sleep! Everyone, lie down here and close your eyes.”*

⇒ **Scatter the food around the room.**

- *“The sun is up! Time to wake up, everyone. Oh, my goodness! Look what’s on the ground. God sent us food to eat. Isn’t that amazing? Let’s get up and gather up all the food!”*

⇒ **Have children collect all the food.**

- *“Great work, everybody! You found all the food.*
- *God gives us food, and we should say thank you. On the count of 3, let’s say, ‘Thank you, God!’ 1-2-3 THANK YOU, GOD!”*

⇒ **Let the children play as long as they are interested.**

⇒ **Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *“God provided food for the people, right from the sky! He gave them what they needed. God gives us what we need, too, including food to eat. We should always say thank you to God!*
- ***Who can you thank for everything?***
- ***I can thank God for everything.”***

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ACTIVITY #2

Memory Verse Practice

SUPPLIES: Award Stickers (optional)

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Gather children in a circle.**

- *“Friends, you have been doing an amazing job learning our memory verse the past few weeks. Today I want to see just how well you know it! We are going to practice it lots of different ways. Each time we do it we will be saying thank you to God!”*

⇒ **Do memory verse all together in a variety of ways.**

- *“First, let’s say it once together.”*
 - *“I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart. Psalm 111:1”*
- *Now let’s try it...*
 - *Super loud*
 - *Super quiet*
 - *Really fast*
 - *Really Slow*
 - *Jumping up and down*
 - *Running in Place*
 - *All the boys*
 - *All the girls*
 - *Kids only*
 - *Teachers only*
 - *Etc....*

⇒ **Repeat as long as children are interested. If time permits, you can do one person at a time and give out stickers.**

⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *Nice work, my friends! I want you to tuck that memory verse deep inside your heart and remember it forever! I want you to remember for your whole life that God always gives us everything that we need and we can thank God for everything!*
- ***Who can you thank for everything?***
- ***I can thank God for everything!***

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ACTIVITY #3

Bottom Line Bubble Hop

SUPPLIES: 4 Hula hoops, A bubble machine/gun, bubble solution, CD player and worship CD (optional)

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

Lay out hula hoops close enough for a child to hop from one to the next.

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Gather children at the beginning of the hula hoop.**
 - *“We are going to hop and pop our way through the bubbles! Each friend is going to get a turn to hop from one hula hoop to the next. While you are hopping, we are going to make bubbles for you to pop! When you get to the end of the bubble hop we have a BIG question for you.*
 - *When I say – ‘**Who can you thank for everything?**’, What are you going to say?*
 - ***I can thank God for everything!”***

- ⇒ **Line kids up and have the first person hop from hoop to hoop. You can play music for a little extra fun. Let the bubbles fly! When child hops out of the last hoop ask them:**
 - ***“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.**
 - *“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!*
 - ***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: Food From Heaven*, p 116-119

⇒ *Being Thankful* by Mayer

- 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 some people who were very hungry. The Israelites didn’t have any food, but God sent them food from heaven! God provides us with everything we need, too, and we can thank him for it! Today we are going to make a list of foods we are thankful for. We can use the list when we pray to thank God for giving us everything we need. When I say your name, tell me one food, and I will write it down.**
- **If using playdoh – “Can you use your playdoh create the food that you are thankful for?”**

PRAY

“Dear God, thank you for providing us with food to eat and everything we need. Thank you for [read list]. We are thankful for everything you provide for us. We love you, God. In Jesus’ name, amen.”