

Nov Weeks 1 & 2

Thankful Tree

Nov. 1/Nov. 8

CRAFT Week 1

Thankful Tree

SUPPLIES: Thankful Tree page, Crayons, Strip of Stickers

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Pass out Thankful Tree page and crayons and give kids a pump of **HAND SANITIZER****

- *“Today in our Ollie video they made a Thankful Tree at the Clubhouse. We are going to make our own thankful tree!*
- *Here is your tree. Let’s color our trees first to get them ready.*

⇒ **While children are coloring, read The Beginner’s Bible, p. 7-17, “The Beginning” and “Adam and Eve”.**

⇒ **Give kids one strip of stickers**

- *“Look at all of these stickers! There are so many things to be thankful for! We have yummy food, animals, helpers...all things and people we can thank God for! Let’s put some stickers on your thankful tree.”*

⇒ **Complete craft and Bring it Back to Jesus**

- *Wow! Your thankful trees look fantastic! We can thank God for all of these things. God is so good!*
- *On the back of your page is a note to your moms and dads about how you can do a thankful tree at home, too! Make sure you show them!*
- *God is so good I just want to say thank you all the time!*
- **Who is good?**
- **God is good!**

Nov Weeks 1 & 2

Thankful Tree

Nov. 1/Nov. 8

CRAFT Week 2

Memory Verse Door Hangers

SUPPLIES: Foam Door Hanger, Memory Verse Label, Fall 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. Toss cups of scraps into the garbage can.

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Have children take a seat and give them a pump of **HAND SANITIZER**. Review Memory Verse**

- *“Our memory verse this month comes from the book of Psalms and it’s all about saying Thank you to God!. Let’s practice it together!*
- **“Give thanks (clap hands together twice) to the LORD (both hands point up) for He is good (two thumbs-up), Psalm 107:1.”** (*Open hands like a book.*)
- *Great job, friends!*

⇒ **Pass out door hangers and memory verse labels.**

- *This label says our memory verse – Give thanks to the Lord for He is good. Psalm 107:1”. 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!*

⇒ **While children are coloring, read The Beginner’s Bible, p. 206, “Elijah Helps a Widow”**

⇒ **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 is good?**
- **God is good!**

Nov Weeks 1 & 2

Thankful Tree

Nov. 1/Nov. 8

ACTIVITY #1

Bottom Line Parachute

SUPPLIES: Parachute, Fall leaves

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 is good?”*
- *God is good!”*

⇒ **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 talked about making a Thankful Tree – and what do you see here? Leaves!*

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

- *“Let’s shake our arms and pop these leaves up into the air like they are falling off the tree! Go!”*

⇒ **When all the leaves have popped out of the parachute...**

- *“Who is good?”*
- *God is good!”*

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

- *“Nice job, friends! We have so many things in our lives to be grateful for – like the beautiful world he created, good food to eat, family, friends, church, parachute games, and more! I am so glad that God gave us to many things to enjoy. He is so good!*
- **Who is good?**
- **God is good!**

Nov Weeks 1 & 2

Thankful Tree

Nov. 1/Nov. 8

ACTIVITY #2

Memory Verse

SUPPLIES: Award Stickers

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **This activity can be done from spots at the table or spaced out in the center of the room.**
 - *“Friends, we have an awesome memory verse to practice! I want to try saying it in lots of different ways!*

- ⇒ **Do memory verse all together in a variety of ways.**
 - *“First, let’s say it once together.*
 - *‘Give thanks to the Lord for he is good.’ Psalm 107:1”*
 - *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*

- ⇒ **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! God is so good we can always give him thanks!*
 - ***Who is good?***
 - ***God is good!”***

Nov Weeks 1 & 2

Thankful Tree

Nov. 1/Nov. 8

ACTIVITY #3

Thankful Drive

SUPPLIES: Van and Location Pictures, Blue Wall Tape, Plastic Cars

SET UP: Tape all images up on the walls around the room.

NOTE: The script here is provided as just one option. Feel free to use your own creativity when talking to the kids!

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have the children gather around the minivan picture. Give each child a toy car to carry with them.**
- *“Today I’d like to take us all on a ride. Everybody hop in my car. Don’t forget to buckle up your seat belt. Alright! Here we go!*
 - *Today we are going to visit a few different places. And do you know what? Everywhere we go there are things that we can be thankful for! Let’s do a thankful drive!*
- ⇒ **“Drive” the children around the room and make stops at each place.**
- **NATURE SCENE**
 - *“First stop! We are going on an outdoor adventure! Look at all of these beautiful things God made! What do you see in the picture?*
 - *Yes! God made all of these things! God is so good! On the count of 3, let’s say, Thank you, God! 1, 2, 3 THANK YOU, GOD!*
 - **GROCERY STORE**
 - *One, what a beautiful day! Let’s hop back in the car. Next stop – let’s go to the Grocery store! There are so many yummy foods to eat here. What would you buy at the store?*
 - *Yum! God gave us good food to eat. God is so good! On the count of 3, let’s say, Thank you, God! 1, 2, 3 THANK YOU, GOD!*

Continued on next page.

(CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS PAGE)

- **FRIEND or FAMILY MEMBER'S HOUSE**
 - *Alright, we are all loaded up on yummy food to eat. Thank you, God! Now let's go visit someone we love! If you were going to visit a friend or family member's house where would you go? Maybe your grandma's house or your best friend? Ok let's drive!*
 - *We're here! Hi friend! Hi family! I am so glad that God gave us people that we love. God is so good! On the count of 3, let's say, Thank you, God! 1, 2, 3 THANK YOU, GOD!*

- **ZOO**
 - *"Bye, friend! Bye, family! That was fun! You know what? It's been such a good day I want to make one more special stop. Let's go to the ZOO! Here we go!*
 - *Wow! Look at all of these animals! What is your favorite animal that God made? God made so many amazing creatures. God is so good. On the count of 3, let's say, Thank you, God! 1, 2, 3 THANK YOU, GOD!"*

- **CHURCH**
 - *"Let's wave goodbye to all the animals! Bye! Well, it's time for us to head back to church. Here we go.*
 - *I am so thankful that we have an awesome church to worship our great big God in, aren't you? God is so good! On the count of 3, let's say, Thank you, God! 1, 2, 3 THANK YOU, GOD!"*

⇒ **Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *"Boys and girls, you did a great job as we drove around town today! We saw so many people, places, and things that God created for us. God loves us so much and he is so good. On the count of 3, let's say, Thank you, God one more time! 1, 2, 3 THANK YOU, GOD!"*
- **Who is good? God is good!"**

SUPPLIES: Butcher paper for each table, crayons, book, reward stickers

READ

- ⇒ **Space children out at tables. Give each child a pump of **HAND SANITIZER**.** Lay down long strips of butcher paper on the table and pass out crayons.
 - *“All month long we are learning about how God is good and we can thank him for all of the wonderful things in our lives. While I am reading this story, I want you to draw a picture of all the amazing things God created on our Earth!*
- ⇒ **Read *I’m Thankful Each Day* (Hallinan)**
 - *This book reminds me of how many things I have to be grateful for! God is so good!*

REVIEW

- ⇒ **Review the following with the kids. Go over them as a group and/or ask each child individually**
 - Key Question and Bottom Line: *Who is good? God is good!*
 - Memory Verse: *“Give thanks to the Lord for He is good.” Psalm 107:1*

REFLECT

- **Reflect on the lesson and ask each child to answer the question. Write their name and answers on the butcher paper or the board.**
 - *“Today, we’re going to make a list of good things God made. Think about how God made the world and everything in it—kangaroos, rain drops, strawberries, sunshine, snowflakes, people . . . there are A LOT of things to think about! one of the things God made. When I say your name, tell me your one thing. I will write it here on our paper.”*

PRAY

“Dear God, You are so good! You made a wonderful world for us to live in and filled it with so many good gifts for us to enjoy. We want to thank You for some of those good things. [Child’s name] wants to thank You for (read what they listed). [Child’s name] wants to thank You for (read what they listed). [Child’s name] wants to thank You for. . . (continue with each child). And I want to thank You for [one thing]. I pray we will thank You for Your goodness every day. We love You, God. In Jesus’ name, amen.”

Nov Weeks 1 & 2

Thankful Tree

Nov. 1/Nov. 8

READ, REVIEW, REFLECT, AND PRAY

November 8th

SUPPLIES: Butcher paper for each table, crayons, book, reward stickers

READ

- ⇒ **Space children out at tables. Give each child a pump of HAND SANITIZER.** Lay down long strips of butcher paper on the table and pass out crayons.
 - *“All month long we are learning about how God is good and we can thank him for all of the wonderful things in our lives. Today we learned we can thank him for food! While I am reading this story, I want you to draw a picture of your favorite foods.*
- ⇒ **Read *Being Thankful* (Mayer)**
 - *This book reminds me of how many things I have to be grateful for! God is so good!*

REVIEW

- ⇒ **Review the following with the kids. Go over them as a group and/or ask each child individually**
 - Key Question and Bottom Line: *Who is good? God is good!*
 - Memory Verse: *“Give thanks to the Lord for He is good.” Psalm 107:1*

REFLECT

- **Reflect on the lesson and ask each child to answer the question. Write their name and answers on the board.**
 - *“Today we learned that God provides us with food to eat.*
 - *Let’s make a list of foods we love to eat. We can use the list we make to thank God for food. When I say your name, tell me the name of one food you eat, and I will write it on our paper.”*

PRAY

“Dear God, I pray that every time we eat food, we will remember to thank You for it because it’s such a good gift. Thank You for foods like (read the list the children made). We love You, God. In Jesus’ name, amen.”