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Thankful Tree

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# CRAFT Week 3

## *Family Picture*

**SUPPLIES:** Family Picture page, individual crayon boxes

### What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Pass out Family Picture page and crayons and give kids a pump of **HAND SANITIZER****

- *“Today in our Ollie video we heard the true story of how Moses’ brother Aaron was a helper. God gave us family to help us!*
- *Today we are going to draw a picture of our family! Do you see these words on your page? It says ‘I can thank God for my family.’ Let’s draw a picture of our family inside the frame. Then, when we look at our pictures, we’ll be reminded to thank God for our families.”*

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

- *Wow! These family pictures are beautiful! God gives us SO many good things. In fact, God gives us ALL good things, including our families. We can thank God for our families. God gives us good things!*
- **Who is good?**
- **God is good!**

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# CRAFT Week 4

## *Helpers Thank You card*

### **SUPPLIES:**

Helpers thank you note, individual crayon packs, assorted stickers, Parent note

### **What You DO and SAY:**

⇒ **Have children take a seat and give them a pump of HAND SANITIZER. Pass out Helpers thank you note and crayons.**

- *“In our true story today, we heard about how God gave Nehemiah people who helped him rebuild the wall. God gives us people who help us, too.*
- *Let’s think about people in our community who help us. DO you have a mail person who brings you mail and packages? What about a police officer? Do you have one who helps in your neighborhood by keeping you safe of directing traffic? Who else helps us in our neighborhood? Do you have a neighbor that helps you? Gove gives us all sorts of people who help us!*
- *Let’s make a card to thank a special helper in your neighborhood. You can use crayons to decorate it.*

⇒ **Spread stickers on the table.**

- *“Let’s each pick a couple of stickers to decorate our cards.”*

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

- *These cards look wonderful! They are going to bring such a smile to the face of the helpers that you give them to!*
- *When we have people in our life who help us we should thank them and then we should thank God for giving us helpers. God is so good!*
- **Who is good?**
- **God is good!**

**\*\*Be sure to set a PARENT NOTE with each thank you note for children to take home to explain to their parents who the note is for!**

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## CRAFT Week 5

### *Thank You God Line Tangle*

**SUPPLIES:** “Thank you, God” page, individual crayon boxes

#### What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have children take a seat and give them a pump of **HAND SANITIZER**. Pass out “Thank you, God” page and crayons.**
  - *“Today in our true Bible story, we learned that we can praise God for all of the good gifts in our life. We can praise Him because He is good!”*
  
- ⇒ **Show kids an example of the craft page.**
  - *“Friends, do you see the crazy lines on this page? Each line leads to a picture of something that God made. Let’s find the start of each line in the center and trace that line all the way to its picture!”*
  
- ⇒ **Help children with the lines if needed. Encourage them to color the pictures.**
  - *“You did it! You found all the pictures of the good things that God made! Now let’s color them all in.”*
  
- ⇒ **Complete craft and Bring it Back to Jesus**
  - *“Nice work, friends! God made all these good, good things. God makes good things because HE is good!*
  - ***Who is good?***
  - ***God is good!***

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# ACTIVITY #1

## *Bottom Line Look and Find*

**SUPPLIES:** Fall leaves

### What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Have children space out in the center of the room.**

- *“God has given us so many good gifts! He has given us all the good gifts!”*

⇒ **Show children the leaves.**

- *“All month long we have been making a Thankful tree and thanking God for the good gifts in our life. Look what I have here! Leaves!”*
- *I am going to scatter these around the room and then we are going to collect them. Close your eyes!”*

⇒ **Scatter leaves around the room.**

- *“Alright! Let’s go find those thankful leaves!”*

⇒ **Have children find all of the leaves.**

- *“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 so many things to enjoy. He is so good!”*
- **Who is good?**
- **God is good!”**

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## ACTIVITY #2

### *Call it Out Memory Verse*

**SUPPLIES:** Multi-colored leaf pages, cd player, worship CD

**SET-UP:** Lay 1 leaf per person down on the floor in the shape of a large circle.

### What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have each child find a leaf to stand on in the circle.**
  - *“Friends, we have an awesome memory verse to practice! Today we are going to play a fun game to help us practice! I am going to play the music and we are all going to walk around the circle. When the music stops, everyone needs to be standing on a leaf!”*
  
- ⇒ **Play music and encourage children to walk around the circle. After a little bit, stop the music.**
  - *“Everybody find a leaf! Nice job!”*
  - *Now, everyone who is standing on a red leaf is going to say their memory verse! ‘Give thanks to the Lord for he is good. Psalm 107:1’*
  
- ⇒ **Repeat with all of the different colors and as long as the children are interested.**
  
- ⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**
  - *“Nice work, my friends! God is so good we can always give him thanks! Make sure you go home and tell your family your memory verse!”*
  - **Who is good?**
  - **God is good!”**

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## ACTIVITY #3

### *Pin the Leaf on the Tree*

**SUPPLIES:** Bare Tree Poster, Leaves, Scotch tape for leaves, Blue wall tape for poster

**SET UP:** Use wall tape to attach the poster to the wall. Prep one leaf per child.

### What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have children sit spaced out on the floor or at tables and walk over to the Tree poster.**
  - *“Look at this! We have a bare tree that needs to be filled up with thankful leaves! I am going to call you up one at a time and you can put your leaf on the tree.*
  
- ⇒ **NOTE: You can modify this activity in the following ways:**
  - *2s/3s can just place the leaf on the tree, on the floor.*
  - *4s/5s can close their eyes, do a spin and play it like a game of Pin the Tail on the donkey.*
  - *You can have children say one thing they are thankful for depending on the Ollie lesson for the day, as they tape the leaf to the tree:*
    - *Week 3: Family, Week 4: Helpers, Week 5: Everything!*
  
- ⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**
  - *“Our tree looks beautiful! We have so many good things in our life to be thankful for and God gave us all of them!*
  - **Who is good?**
  - **God is good!”**

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READ, REVIEW, REFLECT, AND PRAY

November 15<sup>th</sup>

**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 someone in your family who is a helper!”*
- ⇒ **Read *Thank you, God (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 are going to make a list of family who help us. It can be a mom or dad, grandpa or grandma, brother or sister, aunt or uncle – anyone you can think of! When I say your name I want you to tell me one person in your family who helps you.”*

## PRAY

*Dear God, family is such a special gift You have given us. We are so thankful for the way family help us. [Child’s name] wants to thank You for the way [family member’s name] helps them. (Repeat with each child.)  
I pray we will help our family, too. We love You, God. In Jesus’ name, amen.”*

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**READ, REVIEW, REFLECT, AND PRAY**

**November 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**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 a helper!”*
- ⇒ **Read *A Very Thankful Prayer (Jensen)***
  - *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’ll make a list of people who help us. This could be a very long list. Doctors, teachers, grocery clerks, librarians, friends, coaches, police officers, garbage collectors, farmers . . . there are SO many people who help us! So when I say your name, I want you to tell me one person who helps you, and I will write it down.”*

## PRAY

*“Dear God, You are so good! You give us so many people to help us. We just want to thank You for some of the people who help us like (read the list the children made). And I want to thank You for (name each child), because they help me every time we come to church. We love You, God. In Jesus’ name. amen.”*

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## READ, REVIEW, REFLECT, AND PRAY

### November 29<sup>th</sup>

**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 you praising God!”*
- ⇒ **Pick any of our November books and read again!**
  - *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 are going to try something a little different. I am going to write “GOD IS GOOD” on our paper here. When I say your name, you to tell God, ‘**I praise You because You are good.**’ Let’s say that together a few times then we’ll pray.” ‘**I praise You because You are good.**’ Sounds like we’re ready. Listen for your name. When I say your name, tell God, ‘I praise You because You are good.’”*

#### PRAY

*“Dear God, We praise You because You are good! [Child’s name] . . . (prompt child to say, ‘I praise You because You are good!’) [Child’s name] . . . (Continue with each child.) We love You, God. In Jesus’ name, amen.”*