

November Week 1

Community Garden

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CRAFT WEEK 1

Family Frame

SUPPLIES: Family Frame, Crayons, Fall stickers

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Pass out Family frame and crayons.**

- *“Today in our true story we learned that we can thank God for everything – including our family! We are going to make a frame that you can bring home to put a special picture of your family in. Let’s decorate it!”*

⇒ **While the kids are decorating you can review the story.**

- *“In our story today, we learned about a lady named Naomi. Naomi’s husband and sons had died, and she was all alone. She decided to go back to the town where she grew up. Ruth, who had been married to one of her sons, said she would go with her; she would be her family. God gave Naomi family to help her. They walked all the way to the town where Naomi grew up. When they got there, they were so hungry, but didn’t have any food. Ruth saw a field nearby where workers gathered grain. As they gathered the grain, some would fall to the ground. So Ruth went behind the workers and gathered what had fallen to the ground. The owner of the field was Boaz. When he found out she was family, he made sure she had plenty of good food to pick from his garden. Ruth and Naomi said thank you for the family that God gave them to help them. All families look different, and all families can take care of each other*

⇒ **Pass out Fall Stickers**

- *“Now let’s add these stickers to the outside of your frame to make them extra special. Leave the center open for your picture!”*

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

- *“These look fantastic! Nice job, friends! When you get home, ask for a picture of your family to put in the center so that you can remember we can always thank God for our families!”*
- ***Who can you thank for everything?***
- ***I can thank God for everything!”***

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CRAFT WEEK 2

Memory Verse Craft

SUPPLIES: Memory Verse page, heart sticker, crayons

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Have children join you at the table. Pass out memory verse page and crayons.**

- *“Friends, today we learned a new memory verse. Do you remember it? I will say it once and then let’s all say it together. ‘I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart.’ Psalm 111:1*
- *We are going to color in our memory verse, but there is something missing where that square is. Let’s say it again and tell me if you know what the last word of our memory verse is! ‘I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart.’ HEART! Look what I have here!*

⇒ **Pass out 1 heart sticker to each child.**

- *“Let’s place the heart sticker inside the box. I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart.”*

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

- *Boys and Girls, we may never be face to face with a lion, but sometimes we are going to be in a place where we are scared or where we have to do something hard. And we can trust God! We can remember that God made us to do big things! One more time...*
- ***Who made you to do big things?***
- ***God made me to do big things!”***

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ACTIVITY #1 Week 1

Gathering Food for Naomi

SUPPLIES: Bin with Naomi picture taped to it, Play food

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Have children join you in the center of the room.**

- *“Friends, today in our true Bible story we learned that Ruth gathered grain for Naomi. Grain is a type of food. So today we are going to pretend to gather food, too! I want everyone to close their eyes and I will scatter this food around the room. Then, when you open your eyes I want you to find the food and bring it back to the bin. Do you see the picture of Naomi on there? Hi, Naomi! Alright, friends. Close your eyes!”*

⇒ **Have children close their eyes. Scatter the food around the room.**

- *“Alright! Let’s find the food and bring it to Naomi!”*

⇒ **When all the sheep have been found, say...**

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

⇒ **Repeat as long as children are interested and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *“Great job, friends! You are excellent food gatherers. In our story today, Ruth chose to help her family. She was thankful for her family and we can be thankful for our families, too! So we can thank God for our families!*
- *Who can you thank for everything?*
- *I can thank God for everything!*

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ACTIVITY #1 Wk 2

Good Friends

SUPPLIES: Bag with David picture, toy ball, plastic food item, band aid, smiley face picture

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Gather children at the table or around you on the floor.**
 - *“Hi friends! Come sit with me. We’re going to use the things in this bag to talk about the Bible story we heard today.”*

- ⇒ **Take one thing out of the bag at a time, starting with the picture of David.**
 - *“In our true Bible story, Jonathan wanted to show David that they were good friends, so Jonathan shared his stuff with David. (Pull out the picture of David.) First, Jonathan gave David his coat. (point to coat) Then Jonathan gave David his sword (point to sword), his bow, (point to bow), and his belt. (Point to bow.) Sharing his stuff was how Jonathan was a good friend.*
 - *We can be good friends, too! Let’s see what else I have in my bag!*
 - *Ball: We are a good friend when we share our toys.*
 - *Food: We are a good friend when we share our food!*
 - *Mouth: We are a good friend when we say kind words!*
 - *Bandage: We are a good friend when we take care of others when they are hurt!*
 - *Smiley face picture: We are a good friend when we draw a picture for a friend who is sad!*

- ⇒ **Complete the activity and Bring it Back to Jesus.**
 - *“Being a good friend is a great way to thank God for our friends. And we can thank God for our friends, because we can thank God for everything!*
 - ***Who can thank God for everything?***
 - ***I can thank God for everything!”***

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ACTIVITY #2

Hula Hoop Bottom Line

SUPPLIES: 5 Hula Hoops

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Lay the 5 Hula hoops out in a row so that kids can easily jump from one to the next. Have kids join you near the hula hoops.**
 - *“Friends, we are going to use these hula hoops to answer our big question for this month. Do you remember what it was?”*
 - *Who can you thank for everything?*
 - *I can thank God for everything!*
 - *Nice job!*

- ⇒ **Demonstrate hopping from hula hoop to hula hoop.**
 - *“Here is what you are going to do. I will ask you ‘Who can you thank for everything?’ and then you are going to hop and answer...”*
 - *(Hop) I can (Hop) thank (Hop) God (Hop) for (Hop) everything!*

- ⇒ **Let each child take a turn hopping from hoop to hoop and answering the question.**

- ⇒ **Bring it Back to Jesus.**
 - *“Nice job, friends! We can be thankful to God for so many things like our family, our friends, our food, our homes....we can thank God for everything! Tell me...”*
 - ***Who can you thank for everything? I can thank God for everything!”***

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ACTIVITY #3

Memory Verse Practice

SUPPLIES: None

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. ‘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*

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

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Super Kids

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READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY NOVEMBER WEEK 1

SANITIZE HANDS AND PASS OUT MOON SAND

READ

⇒ The Bible

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

REVIEW *(You may choose to pass out stickers as kids answer!)*

⇒ 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**

CONNECT IT AND PRAY

CONNECT IT QUESTION: Who is one person in your family you are thankful for?

⇒ "Today in our true Bible story we learned that Naomi, Ruth and Boaz were thankful for each other. So today, I think we should write down one person in our family we are thankful for. When I say your name, **tell me someone in your family you are thankful for**, and I will write it down.

- *Have each child share and write the ideas down on the weekly question strip/board/paper.*

⇒ Wow! What a special list! Let's pray and thank God for these people!

⇒ Let's fold our hands and bow our heads and **pray**:

- *"Dear God, Thank You for our families. Thank You for [child's name and family member's name]. Thank you for. . . (name each child and their family member). And thank You for giving us Jesus so we can be a part of Your family forever. You are amazing, God, and we love You. In Jesus' name, amen."*

November Week 2

Super Kids

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READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY NOVEMBER WEEK 2

SANITIZE HANDS AND PASS OUT MOON SAND

READ

⇒ The Bible

- *Beginner's Bible: Best Friends, p. 181*

REVIEW *(You may choose to pass out stickers as kids answer!)*

⇒ 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**

CONNECT IT AND PRAY

CONNECT IT QUESTION: Who is one friend you are thankful for?

⇒ "Jonathan was thankful for his friend, David, and David was thankful for his friend, Jonathan. Today, we'll make a list of friends we are thankful for. I want you to think of one friend you are thankful for. When I say your name, **tell me your friend's name**, and I will write it down.

- *Have each child share and write the ideas down on the weekly question strip/board/paper.*

⇒ Wow! What a special list! Let's pray and thank God for these friends!

⇒ Let's fold our hands and bow our heads and **pray**:

- *"Dear God, Thank You for our friends. Thank You for [child's name] and their friend, [friend's name]. Thank You for . . . (continue to name each child and their friends). And thank You so, SO much that Jesus wants to be our friend forever. Please help us be a good friend by sharing, saying kind words, and helping others. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."*