

November Week 3

Community Garden

Nov 21

STEP 1

Worship-Bible Lesson-Craft

SUPPLIES:

I can thank God for... sheet, crayons, food and heart stickers, tape

WORSHIP and BIBLE LESSON

⇒ Play this week's worship and Ollie Bible lesson video.

CRAFT Nov. 21, What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Pass out I can thank God for food table tent and crayons.**

- *"Friends, today in our true Bible story we learned about the Israelites. They were God's people. They were out in the hot, sandy desert, and they were hungry. God told them He would give them food. Every night while they were asleep, God covered the ground with bread. When the Israelites woke up, they had bread for breakfast. Moses and the Israelites thanked God for their food, and we can thank God for our food, too*
- *So we are going to make a special card that you can place on your table at home to look at while you are eating! It says "I can thank God for food. I can thank God for everything!" Let's color it and make it beautiful!"*

⇒ **Pass out Food and Heart stickers (2 of each per child).**

- *"Let's add these stickers to make it extra special. Try not to cover up any words!"*

⇒ **Help children fold the paper and tape the bottom together so that it makes a little stand up tent.**

- *"Now let's fold it so that it will stand up at your spot at the table. I will help you tape the bottom so it stays in place!"*

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

- *"These look fantastic! Nice job, friends! I want you to put this at your spot at the table to remind you that we can thank God for ALL our food. What a great reminder!"*
- ***Who can you thank for everything?***
- ***I can thank God for everything!"***

November Week 4

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Nov 28

STEP 1

Worship-Bible Lesson-Craft

SUPPLIES: Thank you notes, crayons, heart stickers

WORSHIP and BIBLE LESSON

⇒ Play this week's worship and Ollie Bible lesson video.

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have children join you at the table. Pass out one thank you card per child and crayons.**
 - *"Friends, today we learned about a woman who was a helper to Elisha. There are so many amazing helpers in the world! And do you know what? Today we have a very special opportunity to say thank you to a few of them.*
 - *We are going to make thank you notes for our _____ [Police Officers/Firefighters]. Isn't that special? I want you to decorate this and make it look so beautiful!*
 - *We are going to come around and help you write your name on the inside and if you want to add a special note we will do that.*

- ⇒ **Help children write their name. Add any special messages they want to add.**

- ⇒ **Pass out heart stickers (3-4 per child).**
 - *"Let's add these hearts to show them how much we love them!"*

- ⇒ **Complete craft and Bring it Back to Jesus**
 - *"Wow, friends. These are amazing! I can't wait to send them to the station. When we say thank you to others it makes their hearts feel so happy and it makes us feel happy, too!"*
 - *Boys and girls, we can thank God for helpers because we can thank God for everything!*
 - ***Who can you thank for everything?***
 - ***I can thank God for everything!"***

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STEP 2 – Week 3 Activity

Gathering manna

SUPPLIES: Play food bread (enough for each child to find a piece)

What You DO and SAY:

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

- *“Friends, today in our true Bible story we learned about God’s people, the Israelites. They were out in a hot, dusty desert and they were so hungry! So when the people went to sleep at night, God sent them food! Every morning they woke up and there was fresh bread on the ground. Do you remember what the food was called? It was called manna!*
- *We are going to pretend to be the Israelites. Everyone find a spot and let’s pretend to go to sleep. Lay down! Close your eyes and no peeking!*

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

- *“When I say wake up I want you to find some manna and bring it back and sit down. Are you ready?”*
- *Wake up!!!*

⇒ **Have children sit together on the rug and pretend to eat the bread.**

- *“Look at all this wonderful manna! God provided food for us! Let’s eat!”*
- ***Friends, who can we 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! Can you imagine waking up to find the food you needed for the day right there, ready for you? We can thank God for all that He gives us, including food so we can grow healthy and strong.*
- ***Who can you thank for everything?***
- ***I can thank God for everything!***

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STEP 2 – Week 4 Activity

Run to the Helpers

SUPPLIES: Helper Pictures, Wall tape

SET-UP: Tape each picture to a different spot around the room

What You DO and SAY:

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

- *“Today in our Bible story we learned about a woman who was a helper to Elisha. There are SO many helpers in the world! WE can thank God for the helpers because we can thank God for everything!”*
- *Take a look around the room. Who do you see? Everybody point to the farmer! (Doctor! Firefighter! Mail Carrier!)*
- *There are SO many helpers in the world and these are just a few. Now get ready because when I describe a helper I want you to listen carefully and then RUN to the helper! Are you ready?!*

⇒ **Describe each helper and have children run there. Then have them “thank” the helper.**

- **Farmer:** I’m thinking of someone that works hard in the fields. They plant crops and harvest them. They take care of animals. They provide us with food. Who is it? The farmer!
- **Firefighter:** I’m thinking of someone who drives a big red truck. They keep our homes safe by putting out fires. The rescue people who need help. Who is it? The firefighter!
- **Doctor:** I’m thinking of someone who helps keep people healthy. They take care of people who are sick. Who is it? The doctor!
- **Mail Carrier:** I’m thinking of someone who takes our mail where it needs to go. They collect mail and they deliver it. Who is it? The mail carrier!
 - Friends, let’s say thank you to the _____. Ready?
“Thank you, _____!”
 - Boys and girls, Who can you thank for everything? I can thank God for everything!

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

- *“I am so thankful for helpers! We can thank God for helpers because we can thank God for everything and everyone!”*
- **Who can thank God for everything?**
- ***I can thank God for everything!”***

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STEP 2 - Activities

Parachute Memory Verse

SUPPLIES: Parachute

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have children join you and stand in a circle in the center of the room.**
 - *“This month we have been learning a wonderful memory verse. Do you remember it? Let’s try!”*
 - *I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart. Psalm 111:1*

- ⇒ **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.”*
 - *Let’s have some fun while we play parachute! Can you make really big waves with me?! When I shout freeze I want you to hold still! Go!*

- ⇒ **Have children freeze and say their memory verse.**
 - *“Wow! That was super fun! Can you say your memory verse with me now? That’s the magic password to start the parachute again!”*
 - *I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart. Psalm 111:1*

- ⇒ **Continue to play parachute in different fun ways...**
 - *Shake the parachute...*
 - *Fast*
 - *Slow*
 - *High*
 - *Low*
 - *Etc.*

- ⇒ **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 family, friends, church, parachute games, 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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STEP 3

Read-Ask-Practice-Pray

Here are some ideas to try in a group or one-on-one.

2-year-olds are all at different stages of development! Some are ready to answer big questions and say the memory verse, while others aren't ready to talk yet. Even if they aren't ready to answer, they are listening!

READ A STORY

- **The Beginner's Bible**
 - *Food From Heaven, p. 116*
 - *Elisha's Room, p. 226*

ASK A QUESTION

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

PRACTICE THE MEMORY VERSE

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

SAY A PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank you for making me.

Thank you for loving me.

Thank you for sending Jesus to be my friend forever.

Amen.