

November Week 3

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CRAFT WEEK 3

Tabletop Thanks

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

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!”***

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CRAFT WEEK 4

Thank You, Helpers!

SUPPLIES: Thank you notes, crayons, heart stickers

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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ACTIVITY #1 Week 3

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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ACTIVITY #1 Week 4

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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ACTIVITY #2

Musical Chairs

SUPPLIES: Chairs, CD player, EC Worship CD

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Set the chairs up for musical chairs.**

- *“Today we are going to play a fun game that will also help us think of things we are grateful for!*
- *When you hear the music, walk in a line around the chairs. (Point.) When the music stops, quickly try to find a chair to sit in. If you don’t find a seat, you get to tell everyone something that you’re thankful to God for!*

NOTE: Week 3 have them name a food they are thankful for. Week 4 have them name ANYTHING they are thankful for!

⇒ **Turn the music on and begin having children walk around the chairs. Turn the music off and help children find chairs.**

- *“Alright, friend! You get to tell everyone...*
 - *Week 3: What is one food you are thankful to God for?*
 - *Week 4: What is something or someone you are thankful to God for?*
- *Yay! Everyone.... **Who can you thank for everything?***
- ***I can thank God for everything!***

⇒ **Continue to play as long as children are interested.**

⇒ **Bring it Back to Jesus.**

- *“Nice job, friends! I love hearing about everything you are thankful for. We have so many wonderful things in our life to thank God for!*
- ***Who can you thank for everything? I can thank God for everything!”***

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ACTIVITY #3

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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READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY NOVEMBER WEEK 3

SANITIZE HANDS AND PASS OUT MOON SAND

READ

⇒ The Bible

- *Beginner's Bible: Food from Heaven, p. 116*

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: What favorite food are you are thankful for?

⇒ "Since Moses and the people were thankful for the food God gave them, I think we should make a list of some of our favorite foods. Then when we pray, we can thank God for our food. Get ready! When I say your name, **tell me one of your favorite foods to eat**, and I will write it down.

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

⇒ Yum! This list is making me hungry! Let's use it when we pray!

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

- *"Dear God, Thank You for all of the yummy food you give us. Thank You for (read the list the children made). Help us thank You for everything, even the foods that aren't our favorites, because we can thank You for everything! You are the best, God, and we love You very much. In Jesus' name, amen."*

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READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY NOVEMBER WEEK 4

SANITIZE HANDS AND PASS OUT MOON SAND

READ

⇒ The Bible

- *Beginner's Bible: Elisha's Room, p. 226*

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: Name one person, place, or thing you are thankful for!

⇒ "Since we learned that we can thank God for everything, today we'll make a list of things we're thankful for. And it can be ANYTHING, because we can thank God for everything! You can thank God for a person who helps you, like the woman and husband helped Elisha in our story. You can thank God for food, toys, family, friends, rain, animals, flowers . . . ANYTHING! Sound good? Good! **Think about one thing you want to thank God for. When I say your name, tell me what or who it is,** 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 thank God!

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

- *"Dear God, we have SO much we can thank You for, because we can thank You for everything! Today, [child's name] wants to thank You for [what they named]. (Continue with each child and what they named.) I pray (name each child) and I will keep giving thanks to You with our whole heart. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."*