

November Wk 1

Backyard
Donut Time

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CRAFT

Memory Verse Door Hanger

SUPPLIES: 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. 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. 7, “The Beginning.”**

⇒ **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!”**

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ACTIVITY #1

Every Good Gift

SUPPLIES:

Gift box with a lid. Inside the box: plastic stars, toy animals, Little People figurines, small squishy globe, artificial flower, toy food

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Sit with children on the floor or gather them around a table.**
 - *“Friends, we learned in our true Bible story today that God made everything. And everything God made is good. Every thing we have on this earth is a gift from God!*
 - *Look what I have here! A present! Let’s find out what is inside.*
- ⇒ **Have children take turns reaching into the box and pulling out just one item. Discuss the item and then ask the key question.**
 - *“Let’s take turns pulling one gift out of the box at a time!*
 - *What did you pull? _____. Wow! God made that _____ good.*
 - *Friends, who is good? God is good!”*
- ⇒ **Continue pulling items out until each child has gotten a chance and the box is empty.**
- ⇒ **OPTION: Instead of sitting around the box and having each kid pull one thing out at a time you can use the giftbox to play a game of hot potato. When the music stops the kid holding the box gets to take one gift out. Then discuss the item and ask the key question. You can make the determination on this game option based on the size and make-up of your class!**
- ⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**
 - *“Look at all these good, good things God made! God made flowers and people and yummy food to eat. God made the stars. God made the Earth. God made it all, every single good thing.*
 - **Who is good?**
 - **God is good!”**

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ACTIVITY #2

Good Gifts Picture Find

SUPPLIES:

Creation pictures, Gift box pictures, wall tape

SET-UP:

Tape each picture at child's eye level somewhere around the room. Then, tape a gift box picture over it, only attaching it on the top so the gift box can be lifted and the picture underneath is revealed.

What You DO and SAY:

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

- *“Look around the room! Do you see what I see? Gifts! We learned today that everything on this earth is a good gift from God? Do you want to find out what is in each of these gifts? Let's do it!*
- *I am going to say one friend's name. If I say your name you can run to the gift box and gently lift it up to see what's underneath!*

⇒ **Call children one at a time to pick a gift box, run to it, and lift it up to find out what is underneath. Discuss the good gift using dialogue below as an option.**

- Land animals: *“Animals! Who made animals? (Pause.) Yes! God made animals! Did God make just one kind of animal, or did God make LOTS of different animals? (Pause.) Yes! God made lots and lots of different animals like lions, giraffes, kangaroos, panda bears, horses, and elephants! When we look at all the different animals God made, we can say, ‘God is good!’ Who is good? God is good!*
- Birds: *“Birds! Who made birds? (Pause.) Yes! God made birds! Did God make just one kind of bird, or did God make LOTS of different birds? (Pause.) Yes! God made lots and lots of different birds like the colorful peacock, the super tall ostrich, and penguins that can swim! When we look at all of the different birds God made, we can say, ‘God is good!’ Who is good? God is good!*
- Flowers: *“Flowers! Who made flowers? (Pause.) Yes! God made flowers! Did God make just one kind of flower, or did God make LOTS of different flowers? (Pause.) Yes! God made lots and lots of different flowers! Red flowers, blue flowers, pink flowers, yellow flowers—so many flowers! When we look at all the different flowers God made, we can say, ‘God is good!’ Who is good? God is good!*

Good Gifts Look and Find Continued

- Trees: *“Trees! Who made trees? (Pause.) Yes! God made trees! Did God make just one kind of tree, or did God make LOTS of different trees? (Pause.) Yes! God made lots and lots of different trees! Some trees grow food like apples, oranges, bananas, and nuts. Other trees get really big and give people and animals shade from the sun. When we look at all the different trees God made, we can say, ‘God is good!’ Who is good? God is good!*
 - Insects: *“Insects! Who made insects? (Pause.) Yes! God made insects! Did God make just one kind of insect, or did God make LOTS of different insects? (Pause.) Yes! God made lots and lots of different insects like ladybugs, butterflies, honeybees, ants, grasshoppers, and flies! When we look at all the different insects God made, we can say, ‘God is good!’ Who is good? God is good.*
 - Sea Animals: *“Sea animals! Who made sea animals? (Pause.) Yes! God made sea animals! Did God make just one kind of sea animal, or did God make LOTS of different sea animals? (Pause.) Yes! God made lots and lots of different sea animals like jellyfish, sharks, whales, starfish, and sea turtles! When we look at all the different sea animals God made, we can say, ‘God is good!’ Who is good? God is good!*
 - Stars: *“Stars! Who made the stars? (Pause.) Yes! God made the stars! Did God make just one star or did God make LOTS of stars? (Pause.) Yes! God made lots and lots and LOTS of stars! God made so many stars that we can’t even count them all! When we look at the stars God made, we can say, ‘God is good!’ Who is good? God is good!*
 - People: *“People! Who made people? (Pause.) Yes! God made people! Did God make just one kind of person, or did God make LOTS of different people? (Pause.) Yes! God made lots and lots of different people! God made people to look different, speak different languages, and do different things. When we look at all the different people God made, we can say, ‘God is good!’ Who is good? God is good!*
- ⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**
- *“When we look at all the wonderful gifts God made, we can thank God because He is good!*
 - **Who is good? God is good!”**

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ACTIVITY #3

Memory Verse

SUPPLIES: None needed

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.**
 - *“Give thanks to the Lord for he is good.” Psalm 107:1*
 - *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 is good?***
 - ***God is good!”***

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READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY
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SANITIZE HANDS AND PASS OUT MOON SAND

READ

⇒ Read from the Bible and the picture book.

- *The Beginner's Bible: The Beginning, p. 7*
- *Being Thankful* (Mayer)
 - *This book reminds me of how many things I have to be grateful for! God is so good!*

REVIEW *Pass out stickers as kids answer the questions!*

⇒ 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**

CONNECT IT

⇒ Today we will make a list of things God made. We can use our list to say thank you to God when we pray. So, when I say your name, tell me one thing that God made.

- *Write each child's answer on the white board or paper.*

PRAY

⇒ “I am going to add a few more things that God made (*write each child's name and say it out loud.*). There! I thank God for making you!

- “Dear God, You make good things because You are good. We want to give thanks to You because You are good. We want to thank You for making so many wonderful things like (read the list the children made.) I especially want to thank You for making (say each child's name). Everywhere we look, we can see that You are good. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen.”