

November Wk 3

Garden

Donut Time

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CRAFT

Family Portrait

SUPPLIES: Family picture frame, crayons, markers, dot markers, stamps, people stickers

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have children take a seat. Pass out picture frame page.**
 - *“Friends, I am so thankful for each of you! Come sit at the table with me!*
 - *We heard in our Bible story that God gave Moses family and friends who helped him. God gives us friends and family, too. God is so good!*
 - *You have a picture frame in front of you. Can you point to the words? They say – God is good. God is good and he gives us good family and friends.”*

- ⇒ **Pass out people stickers and crayons.**
 - *“Friends, I want you to create a picture of your family or friends inside this picture frame. If you want to draw them you can use the crayons to draw your family. If you want to use stickers, you can create your family or friends inside the frame!”*

- ⇒ **Have children decorate the outside of the frame with crayons, markers, dot markers, and stampers.**
 - *“Now let’s decorate our picture frames! You can use markers, crayons, stampers, or dot markers. Let’s fill up the frame with colors and decorations!”*

- ⇒ **Complete craft and Bring it Back to Jesus**
 - *“Moses was thankful for the friends and family God gave him. His brother Aaron and their friend, Hur, helped Moses. Aaron and Hur helped Moses hold up God’s staff, and the Israelites won the battle!*
 - *God gives each of us good friends and family, too, and we can take care of one another. We can look at our friends and family and say, ‘God is good.’*
 - ***Who is good? God is good!”***

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ACTIVITY #1

Simon Says Arms Up

SUPPLIES: None needed

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have children join you in the center of the room.**
 - *“We’re going to play a fun game. Everyone, watch me and do what I do. We are going to practice using our listening ears so you will know what to do!”*
- ⇒ **Demonstrate how to do the movement when “Simon says”**
 - *“I am going to do a movement, and if I say, ‘Simon says’ before I do it, then you can do it, too! Be sure to listen super carefully!*
 - *Are you ready to try? Simon says – hold your arms up super high! I said ‘Simon says’ so that means you can hold your arms up! Great job!*
- ⇒ **Continue with several more variations using arms.**
 - *“Simon says – clap your hands! I said ‘Simon says’ so you can clap with me. Good job!*
 - *Simon says –*
 - *Do arm circles*
 - *Do crisscross arms*
 - *Do climbing arms*
 - *Hold your arms out to the sides*

(Experiment with not saying ‘Simon Says.’ Depending on the age and size of your group they may not get the game. If not, just continue with saying all ‘Simon Says’.

- ⇒ **Have children sit down and review the story.**
 - *“Whew! My arms are tired. That was a lot of work for our arms! That reminds me of our Bible story today when Moses’ arms were tired. He had Aaron and Hur to help hold his arms up. With their help, he held up God’s staff and they won the battle against the Israelites!*
- ⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**
 - *“Moses was so thankful for Aaron and Hur. God gives us good friends and family to be thankful for, too! Friends, tell me....*
 - ***Who is good? God is good!”***

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ACTIVITY #2

Memory Verse Parachute

SUPPLIES: Squishy donuts, parachute

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Gather everyone in the center of the room and have each child grab a corner of the parachute.**
 - *“Friends, it’s donut time! Yum! Let’s play a parachute game that will also help us practice our memory verse!”*
- ⇒ **Place the squishy donuts on the parachute and have children slowly raise and lower the parachute while trying to keep them on. Review the Bible story. Then pop the donuts off.**
 - *“Moses needed help holding his arms up! Aaron and Hur were there to help him! He held up God’s staff with Aaron and Hur’s help and the Israelites won the battle! Moses was thankful for the friends and family God gave him.*
 - *Alright are you ready to pop the donuts off? Let’s do it!*
- ⇒ **Collect the donuts and bring kids back together to practice the memory verse.**
 - *“Just like Moses, God gives us family and friends, too. Our family and friends are a gift from God because God is good! We can look at our family and friends and give thanks to God. Let’s say our memory verse together!*
 - *“Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.” Psalm 107:1*
 - *Great job! Ready to shake the parachute again? Let’s go in 3 – 2 – 1!*
- ⇒ **Repeat as long as children are interested.**
- ⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**
 - *Friends, tell me...*
 - ***Who is good? God is good!”***

**Alternative: This can also be done as a basic Look and Find Activity without the parachute!

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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 BIBLE STORY or STORY BOOK

⇒ Read aloud from the picture book.

- *Thank You, God* (Hallinan)
 - This book reminds me of how many things we have to be grateful for! God is so good!

ASK A QUESTION

Who is good?
God is good!

PRACTICE THE MEMORY VERSE

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good."
Psalm 107:1

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.