

November Wk 3

Backyard
Donut Time

November 20

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

Arms Up!

SUPPLIES: Phone with a timer, dry erase marker, whiteboard

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have children join you in the center of the room.**
 - *“Friends gather over here and let’s spread out. Now put your arms out like this and make sure you aren’t touching anyone. Great! You can put your arms down now.”*
- ⇒ **Have children hold their arms like Moses. Use a phone timer to time and see how long they can hold their arms up.**
 - *“Everyone, shake out those arms because I have a little challenge for you. I want you to see how long you can hold your arms out like Moses did, and I’ll time you with this timer.*
 - *Does everyone understand? Okay, when I say, ‘Go,’ put out your arms. Ready? Go! (Start timer.)*
- ⇒ **Write down the name of the longest time and how long they held up their arms.**
 - *“Great job! [Child’s name] held their arms up the longest! Your time was [child’s time] so I’m going to write that down write here.”*
- ⇒ **Select three children to stand at the front. Have the child in the middle hold out their arms while the friends on either side help them like Aaron and Hur. Time to see how long they can help their friend and write down their time for Round Two.**
 - *“Okay, for the next round I want three friends (name three children) to stand here. (Point to the child in the middle.) You will hold up your arms when I say ‘Go,’ in just a minute but THIS time, I want your friends to help support your arms, just like Aaron and Hur did for Moses. Ready? Go!*
 - *WOW! Just like in our true Bible story, you held your arms up so much longer when a friend was there to help you! Let’s write down your time for Round 2!”*
- ⇒ **Repeat until each child has had a turn to be one of the three.**
- ⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**
 - *“You were able to do so much more with help from your friends. Who gives us our friends and family? God does! That’s right! God gives us so many good things because God is good!*
 - ***Who is good? God is good!”***

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ACTIVITY #2

Rollin', Rollin', Rollin'

SUPPLIES: Donut pool float, floor tape

Set-up: Tape a start and finish line on the floor several feet apart.

What You DO and SAY:

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

- *"Friends, come join me over here on this starting line. So, you know how it has been donut time in the Ollie Clubhouse this month? We are going to play a really FUN game with this giant donut! Yum! Who would like to eat a giant donut like this?"*

⇒ **Have two children work together to roll the donut across the finish line and then roll it back to hand off to the next pair.**

- *"I want you to work together with a buddy and roll the donut like this. (Demonstrate.) You'll roll it all the way across the floor to the finish line! (Point to the finish line.) When you cross the finish line, bring the donut back to the next two friends in line. Are you ready to help each other? Yay! Let's go! Let's cheer for our friends! Go, go, go! Yay! You made it across the line!"*
- *Now bring it back and let's let our next two friends go!*
- *Tell me – **Who is good? God is good!**"*

⇒ **Repeat until each pair has had a turn.**

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

- *"Today in our true Bible story Hur helped Moses. He was such a good friend! God gives us good friends and family because he is so good!"*
- ***Who is good? God is good!**"*

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ACTIVITY #3

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!”***

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READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY

NOVEMBER WEEK 3

SANITIZE HANDS AND PASS OUT MOON SAND

READ

⇒ Read from the picture book.

- *Thank you, God (Hallinan)*

- *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 friends and family. We can use our list to say thank you to God when we pray. So, when I say your name, tell me on person who is a friend or family member.

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

PRAY

⇒ “This is a great list! Let's pray.

- *“Dear God, we want to thank You for all of the friends and family You have given us. Thank You for [child's name] and [person they named]. Thank You for [child's name] and [person they named]. (Continue with each child and who they named.) Help us remember to give thanks to You, God, for You are good! In Jesus' name, amen.”*