

November Wk 4

Garden

Donut Time

November 27

CRAFT

Donut Time

SUPPLIES: Donut Box picture, God is good label, markers, crayons, stampers, heart and smiley face stickers

SET-UP: Pre-fold the donut boxes

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have children take a seat. Pass out Donut Box pictures.**
 - *“Come join me at the table, friends! I have a fun way for us to remember our memory verse and practice it one more time this month.*
 - *It’s a box of donuts! Isn’t that fun? Each donut has one word on it from our memory verse. Can you say it with me? Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. Psalm 107:1. Nice job, friends!”*

- ⇒ **Lay out all the decorating supplies.**
 - *“We have lots of fun things for you to decorate your donuts with!*

- ⇒ **Have children close the box lid and decorate the top part of the box. Give each child one label for the top of the closed box.**
 - *“Let’s close our donut box and decorate the top now.*
 - *I have a special donut box label for you that says – God is good. Who is good? God is good! That’s right!*

- ⇒ **Complete craft and Bring it Back to Jesus**
 - *“Great job creating your memory verse donuts, everybody! We can always thank God for the things he gives us like food, friends, family, and people who help us. God is so good!*
 - ***Who is good? God is good!”***

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ACTIVITY #1

Build the Wall

SUPPLIES:

Construction paper bricks, long strip of butcher paper with holes cut in it, glue sticks, wall tape

SET-UP:

Hang the "wall" at eye level with wall tape.

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Have children join you at the tables or do this activity immediately following craft.**

- *"Friends, do you see that "wall" over there? I see a lot of holes in it! I think we need to repair it together! We can be helpers!"*

⇒ **Pass out a brick to each child. Help them use glue stick to cover one side with glue.**

- *"In our Bible story today, Nehemiah wanted to repair the broken wall that went around the city of Jerusalem. Nehemiah needed help! Did the people help Nehemiah? They sure did!*
- *Will you help me repair this pretend broken wall? Thank you! We are going to use these pretend bricks to fix all of these holes.*
- *Let's each add some glue to the back of our brick(s).*

Note: If you have a larger class each child will likely only get one brick. If you have a smaller class, kids will probably each get more than one to cover the holes!

⇒ **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."*

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

- *"Let's stand back and see if we covered all the holes. Nice job. You are super helpers!*
- *Do you think Nehemiah was thankful for the people who helped him? I do! We can thank God for the people who help us because God is good!*
- ***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.**
 - *“Nehemiah needed help building the wall. God gave Nehemiah people who would help him repair the broken wall. Nehemiah was thankful to God for all of the helpers!*
 - *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 Nehemiah, God gives us helpers, too. All the helpers 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.

- 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.