

**November Wk 4**

Backyard

**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**

### *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, God gave Nehemiah so many helpers to help him repair the broken wall. God gives us people who help us, too, because he is so good!"*
- ***Who is good? God is good!"***

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## ACTIVITY #3

### *Memory Verse Parachute*

**SUPPLIES:** Squishy bricks, parachute

#### **What You DO and SAY:**

- ⇒ **Gather everyone in the center of the room and have each child grab a corner of the parachute.**
  - *“Let’s play a parachute game that will also help us practice our memory verse!”*
- ⇒ **Place the squishy bricks 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 bricks 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 bricks off? Let’s do it!*
- ⇒ **Collect the bricks 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!”*

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**READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY**

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## **SANITIZE HANDS AND PASS OUT MOON SAND**

### **READ**

- ⇒ Read from one of the gratitude picture books.
  - *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 are going to make a list of people who help us. 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 helper.
  - *Write each child's answer on the white board or paper.*

### **PRAY**

- ⇒ “This is a very special list because the people who help us are special! Now when we pray, we can thank God for all of the helpers. Let's pray.
  - *“Dear God, Thank You for giving us people to help us. Thank You for the way [helper listed] helps [child's name]. (Continue with each child.) You are so good, God, and we love You very much. In Jesus' name, amen.”*