



WEEK ONE – NOVEMBER 2025 – PRESCHOOL

Bible Story: *Ruth, Naomi + Boaz | Esther 2:2-8:17*

Key Question: *Who can thank God for everything?*

Bottom Line: *I can thank God for everything?*

Memory Verse: *“I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart.” – Psalm 111:1 ESV*

Basic Truth: *God loves me*

Series Overview: Have you ever noticed that being thankful is something we have to practice? But complaining about what we have and don't have, well, that just seems to come naturally. It's true for all of us, which is why we are taking our preschoolers on a picnic this month! We want to help our preschoolers see that the whole world is like a gigantic picnic filled with countless things we can thank God for, because we can thank God for EVERYTHING! Imagine if our preschoolers began seeing everything around them as an opportunity to thank God— people, Creation, food, toys, home, help—all of it! They can thank God for everything with their whole heart! And so can we.

9:05 - 9:20 | 11:05 – 11:20 | EARLY ARRIVERS ACTIVITY

OPENING ACTIVITY

What You Need: “Allergy Alert Poster”; “Grain Movers” Activity Page; Cardstock; Two shallow plastic containers; Dry rice; Serving spoons; Painter’s tape

What You Do:

- *BEFORE THE ACTIVITY*
 - Copy “Allergy Alert Poster” on cardstock, list rice, and post at the door.
 - Copy “Grain Movers” on cardstock, one per Small Group.
 - Place the containers on opposite sides of the room.
 - Fill one container with rice and tape the picture of Naomi on the other.
- *DURING THE ACTIVITY*
 - Ask children to line up behind the rice container.
 - Take turns scooping rice with the spoon and walking it to the other container.
 - Ask children to pour the rice from their spoon into the container.
 - Encourage children to come back to the line and pass the spoon to the next child.
 - Repeat as desired.
- *AFTER THE ACTIVITY*
 - Introduce the Bible Story.

Inclusive Pro-Tips:

- For a version with less movement, place the two containers next to each other on a table. Sit with children and help as needed.
- Pair children up to do the activity.

What You Say:

- *BEFORE THE ACTIVITY*
 - “Friends, come stand with me over here at this container. This container is full of rice and that one over there is empty but there’s a picture of a woman on it. Her name is Naomi. Let’s play a game to bring food to Naomi. Do you think we can fill up that container?”
- *DURING THE ACTIVITY*
 - “[Child’s name], take a spoon and scoop up some rice. Now carry it to the empty container, and pour it in. Ready? Set, go! *(Pause.)* You made it! Pour the rice into the container. *(Pause.)* Hooray! Come back to the line and hand your spoon to the next friend. [Child’s name] scoop and carry some grain. *(Continue with each child.)* Wow, we had fun gathering the grain! You did such a great job helping each other.”
- *AFTER THE ACTIVITY*
 - “In our true story from the Bible, we’re going to hear about a woman named Ruth who collected grain to help feed her family. Let’s go hear all about it.”

9:20 - 9:50 | 11:20 – 11:50 – LARGE GROUP

Story Focus: I Can Thank God For My Family

9:50 – 10:10 | 11:50 – 12:10 – SMALL GROUP

MEMORY VERSE WITH MOTIONS

[Hear From God | Memory Verse Review]

What You Need: “*Memory Verse Hand Motions*” PDF

What You Do:

- *BEFORE THE ACTIVITY*

- Say the Memory Verse and demonstrate the motions for the children.
- Invite the children to do them with you several times.
- *DURING THE ACTIVITY*
 - Teach the Memory Verse motions.
 - Invite the children to do them with you several times.
- *AFTER THE ACTIVITY*
 - Connect the Memory Verse to the Bottom Line.

Inclusive Pro-Tips:

- Invite children to say it with you or repeat words after you.

What You Say:

- *BEFORE THE ACTIVITY*
 - “Friends, come stand with me, and let me tell you our brand-new Memory Verse! Ready to hear it? It goes like this. ‘I will give thanks *(move flat hand forward from chin)* to the Lord *(point up)* with my whole heart,’ *(tap heart twice)* Psalm 111:1.” *(Open hands like a book.)*
- *DURING THE ACTIVITY*
 - “Now, let’s learn the motions. The first part of our verse says: ‘I will give thanks.’ *(Move flat hand forward from chin.)* Make your hand flat and put your fingertips on your chin like this. *(Place your right hand up to your face with your fingertips resting on your chin.)* Now bring your flat hand out from your face like this *(move flat hand forward from chin)* and say, ‘I will give thanks.’ *(Repeat with children.)* Great job!
 - “The next part of our verse says: ‘To the Lord.’ *(Point up.)* Put one finger up and stretch it up over your head like this *(point up)* and say ‘to the Lord.’ *(Pause.)* Now let’s put that together. ‘I will give thanks *(move flat hand forward from chin)* to the Lord.’ *(Point up.)* Great job!
 - “The next part of our verse says: “‘With my whole heart.’ *(Tap heart twice.)* Cross your right hand over your chest and tap your heart two times like this *(reach right hand over chest and tap heart twice)* and

say ‘with my whole heart.’ (*Repeat with children.*) Nice job! Now let’s put that together. ‘I will give thanks (*move flat hand forward from chin*) to the Lord (*point up*) with my whole heart.’ (*Tap heart twice.*) Super!

- “Now the last part is: Psalm 111:1. (*Open hands like a book.*) Put your hands together in front of you and open them like you are opening a book (*open hands like a book*) and say: Psalm 111:1. (*Repeat with children.*) Great job! I think we are ready to do it all together! Ready friends? ‘I will give thanks (*move flat hand forward from chin*) to the Lord (*point up*) with my whole heart,’ (*tap heart twice*) Psalm 111:1. (*Open hands like a book.*) Nice job. Let’s do it again!” (*Repeat several times.*)
- *AFTER THE ACTIVITY*
 - “The Bible teaches us that we can thank God for everything with our whole heart! That means family, friends, food, and people who help us! We can thank God for everything! **Who can thank God for everything? [Bottom Line] I can thank God for everything.**”

PASS THE THANKS

[Live for God | Application Activity]

What You Need: N/A

What You Do:

- *BEFORE THE ACTIVITY*
 - Gather the children in a circle or seated side-by-side.
 - Explain that you’re going to play a special game where they pass a thankful message quietly to one another.
- *DURING THE ACTIVITY*
 - Whisper to the child seated next to you, “I can thank God for...[something simple, like my family],” and have that child whisper it to the next child, and so on.

- When it gets to the last child, encourage them to say the message out loud.
- Celebrate if the message made it all the way around clearly or laugh together if it got a little silly!
- Invite the next child in the circle to start a new thankful message, and repeat.
- Talk about how it's fun to share what we're thankful for.
- *AFTER THE ACTIVITY*
 - Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

Inclusive Pro-Tips:

- Repeat or model the phrase for children who may need language support.

What You Say:

- *BEFORE THE ACTIVITY*
 - “Friends, come sit with me on the floor in a circle. I have a fun game for us to play to help us practice saying thank you to God!”
- *DURING THE ACTIVITY*
 - “I’m going to whisper something I can thank God for into [child’s name]’s ear, then they’ll whisper it to the next friend, and we’ll keep going around the circle until it gets to our friend [child’s name on your other side]. Let’s see if what I say makes it all the way around the circle! Ready? (*Whisper I can thank God for family.*) Did you get it? Okay turn and whisper it to the friend next to you. (*Continue until it makes it all the way around.*) Okay, [child’s name], tell us what the message was. (*Pause for response. Then celebrate if correct or giggle if the message got silly.*) That was fun! Now it’s [child’s name] to start the message. (*Continue until each child has a turn to share a message.*) That was fun and a little silly to share what we’re thankful for in our game today!”
- *AFTER THE ACTIVITY*
 - “Today we heard a true story from the Bible about Ruth, Naomi, and Boaz! We learned how they were family and helped each other. God gave Naomi someone to love her and help her. And you know what?

God gives us people, too! We can thank God for everything and everyone He gives us. **Who can thank God for everything? [Bottom Line] I can thank God for everything!”**