



WEEK TWO – NOVEMBER 2025 – PRESCHOOL

Bible Story: *Daniel's Friends Pray | Daniel 2*

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: Pool noodle

What You Do:

- *BEFORE THE ACTIVITY*
 - Encourage children to join you in an open area of the room.
- *DURING THE ACTIVITY*
 - Move and bend the pool noodle and encourage children to mimic the movements.
 - Repeat as desired.
- *AFTER THE ACTIVITY*
 - Introduce the Bible Story.

Inclusive Pro-Tips:

- For a version with less movement, sit with children and do stationary movements.

What You Say:

- *BEFORE THE ACTIVITY*
 - “Friends, come stand over here with me and let’s spread out. We’re going to play a movement game with this pool noodle. I’ll move the pool noodle and you’ll move your body the same way.”
- *DURING THE ACTIVITY*
 - “Let’s get ready to move! Watch the noodle and do what it does. If I shake the noodle like this, (*shake the noodle back and forth*) show me how shake your body. (*Pause.*) Great job! Everyone freeze and watch the noodle! (*Bend the noodle.*) Can you bend your body like the noodle? (*Pause.*) Way to go! Okay and now freeze! (*Continue with different movements.*) That was so much fun moving like the noodle!”

- *AFTER THE ACTIVITY*
 - “Today in our true Bible Story, we are going to hear about a man named Daniel and his good friends that prayed and talked to God for him. Let’s go hear all about Daniel and his friends!”

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

Story Focus: I Can Thank God For My Friends

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

MIRROR ME

[Hear From God | Memory Verse Review]

What You Need: N/A

What You Do:

- *BEFORE THE ACTIVITY*
 - Ask children to come and stand in front of you.
- *DURING THE ACTIVITY*
 - Encourage the children to mirror your actions as you retell the main points of the Bible Story.
 - Repeat as time and interest allow.
- *AFTER THE ACTIVITY*
 - Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

Inclusive Pro-Tips:

- Display and point to Story Images as you retell the story.

What You Say:

- *BEFORE THE ACTIVITY*
 - “Hey, everyone! Come stand in front of me! You are going to be my mirror!”
- *DURING THE ACTIVITY*
 - “Watch me and do what I do. Then, when I look at you, it will be like I am looking in a mirror. Ready? Do what I do!
 - “Daniel loved God. (*Hug yourself.*)
 - “Daniel’s job was to help the king. (*Put a pretend crown on your head.*)
 - “One night, the king had a dream. (*Pretend to go to sleep.*)
 - “When the king woke up, he needed help. (*Wake up and stretch.*)
 - “The king got angry when no one could help him. (*Make angry face.*)
 - “Daniel went to his friends, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. (*Walk in place.*)
 - “Daniel asked his friends to pray, and they did. (*Praying hands.*)
 - “God helped Daniel know how to help the king. (*Tap your pointer finger to your temple.*)
 - “Daniel prayed and thanked God for helping him. (*Praying hands.*)
 - “Then, Daniel ran to the king and helped him! (*Run in place.*)
 - “Yay, God! Yay, friends! (*Clap and cheer.*)
 - “Great job, everyone!” (*Repeat as time and interest allow.*)
- *AFTER THE ACTIVITY*
 - “God gave Daniel good friends, and God gives us friends too! We can thank God for our friends, because we can thank God for everything. **Who can thank God for everything? [Bottom Line] I can thank God for everything!**”

FRIEND GREETING

[Live for God | Application Activity]

What You Need: “Friend Greeting” Activity Page; scissors

What You Do:

- *BEFORE THE ACTIVITY*
 - Copy “Friend Greeting” on cardstock and cut, one set per Small Group.
- *DURING THE ACTIVITY*
 - Hold up one card at a time and encourage children to go to several friends and greet them according to the card.
 - Continue with each card.
 - Repeat as desired.
- *AFTER THE ACTIVITY*
 - Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

Inclusive Pro-Tips:

- Allow children to select the greeting they prefer from the pictures.

What You Say:

- *BEFORE THE ACTIVITY*
 - “Friends, come stand with me over here. I have a fun friend greeting game for us to play. On these cards are different ways you can greet each other. When I hold up the card, you can find a friend to greet that same way.”
- *DURING THE ACTIVITY*
 - “Ready? Let’s play! (*Hold up the fist bump card.*) Oh! This is the fist bump card! Go give someone a fist bump. (*Pause.*) Great! Go find another friend to give a fist bump to. (*Pause.*) Great job! Let’s play another card. (*Hold up the smiley face card.*) Oh! This is the smiley face card! Go give someone a smile. (*Pause.*) Find another friend to give a smile to. (*Continue with the other cards.*) That was fun, greeting each other all those different ways. What was your favorite?”

(Pause for responses.) Wow, you are all such good friends to each other!”

- *AFTER THE ACTIVITY*
 - “Today in our Bible Story we learned about a man named Daniel. God gave Daniel really good friends who prayed for him. God gives us friends, too. We can thank God for our friends because we can thank God for everything! **Who can thank God for everything? [Bottom Line] I can thank God for everything.**”