



WEEK THREE – NOVEMBER 2025 – PRESCHOOL

Bible Story: *Manna + Quail | Exodus 16*

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: Butcher paper; Toy food; washable markers; little people figures; masking tape

What You Do:

- *BEFORE THE ACTIVITY*
 - Lay the butcher paper on the table and tape to secure.
 - Set six pieces of food across the top of the butcher paper and six Little People figures along the bottom.
 - Use different colored markers to create a line tangle connecting each figure to a piece of toy food along the top of the page.
 - Lines can swirl and run into each other.
 - Gather the children around the table.
- *DURING THE ACTIVITY*
 - Encourage children to take turns moving the figures along each path to find their food at the top of the page.
 - Make sure each friend has a turn.
- *AFTER THE ACTIVITY*
 - Introduce the Bible Story.

What You Say:

- *BEFORE THE ACTIVITY*
 - “Friends, gather around the table.”
- *DURING THE ACTIVITY*
 - “Do you see the people along the bottom of the page? They are SO hungry! Let’s help them travel along each path to find food. Follow the line that the people start on. *(Pause.)* Wow! What food did your person walk to? *(Pause.)* Yum! What about this person? What food

did they walk to? (*Repeat as desired.*) You helped all the friends find food. Great job!”

- *AFTER THE ACTIVITY*
 - “Today, we’re going to hear a story about a time when God’s people, the Israelites, were hungry and God gave them food to eat. Let’s go hear all about it!”

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

Story Focus: I Can Thank God For Food

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

MEMORY VERSE HOP

[Hear From God | Memory Verse Review]

What You Need: Heart cutouts; tape

What You Do:

- *BEFORE THE ACTIVITY*
 - Space out the heart cutouts on the floor in a line and secure them with tape.
 - Make sure to have at least one heart per child and leader.
 - Say the verse as you do the motions with the children.
- *DURING THE ACTIVITY*
 - Ask children to jump onto their hearts when you say the word heart in the verse.
 - Repeat as desired.
- *AFTER THE ACTIVITY*
 - Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

What You Say:

- *BEFORE THE ACTIVITY*
 - “Hey friends, look at all the hearts on the floor. Hearts make us think of love! Everyone, go stand behind a heart and let’s say our verse together as we do the motions. *(Pause.)* Ready? ‘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.)* Great job!”
- *DURING THE ACTIVITY*
 - “Now let’s just say the words of our verse and when you hear the word heart, jump on your heart. Here we go! ‘I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart.’ Everyone jump! *(Jump onto your heart.)* Psalm 111:1. *(Repeat as desired.)* You did such a great job saying the Memory Verse and jumping onto the heart.”
- *AFTER THE ACTIVITY*
 - “We can thank God for everything with our whole heart! **Who can thank God for everything? [Bottom Line] I can thank God for everything!**”

PICNIC STORY

[Live for God | Application Activity]

What You Need: “Picnic Story” Activity Page; “Picnic Story Cards” Activity Page; light blue cardstock; cardstock; A2-Sized brown kraft envelopes; brown construction paper; crayons; glue sticks; scissors; markers

What You Do:

- *BEFORE THE ACTIVITY*
 - Copy “Picnic Story” on light blue cardstock, one per child.
 - Copy “Picnic Story Cards” on cardstock and cut one set per child.
 - Cut brown construction paper into ½-inch by 4-inch strips, two per child.

- Write each child’s name on their paper.
- *DURING THE ACTIVITY*
 - Encourage children to glue the construction paper strips on the lines on their paper.
 - Encourage children to glue their envelope to the rectangle on their paper, opening side facing out.
 - Ask children to color their story cards.
 - Review the Bible Story, then place the story cards in the envelope.
- *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 to the table and let’s make a picnic basket and fill it with Bible Story cards.”
- *DURING THE ACTIVITY*
 - “Look on your paper. Glue your brown strips on these lines (*point*) for the handles. Now glue your envelope to the bottom of your paper with the opening facing out. (*Demonstrate.*) Look! You made a picnic basket!
 - “Now color these story cards. (*Pause.*) They’ll help us review today’s true Bible Story.
 - “Find the card with the unhappy Israelites. (*Pause.*) The Israelites were walking in the hot desert for a long time and were tired and very hungry. God loved His people and wanted to take care of them. So He told their leader, Moses, that He would send meat at night and bread in the morning. Find the card with the Israelites in the nighttime. (*Pause.*) They’re eating meat! Everyone was so happy to have food. Find the card with the Israelites in the daytime. (*Pause.*) The next morning, there were small pieces of bread all over the ground for the

people to eat! You did it! You found all the story cards. There is one last card, it has a big heart on it. Hearts make us think of love. We can thank God for everything with our whole heart! Now place all your cards in the picnic basket.”

- *AFTER THE ACTIVITY*
 - “Every day, God made sure the Israelites had meat to eat at night and bread to eat in the morning. We can thank God for the food we eat too! We can thank God for everything! **Who can thank God for everything? [Bottom Line] I can thank God for everything.**”