

**November Week 2**  
Backyard  
**Parade of Thanks**  
  
*Nov 12*

# **CRAFT**

## *Share and Care Friends*

**SUPPLIES:** Share and Care Friends Page, crayons, strips of 4 heart stickers

**TIP:** Pre-fold over the flaps to cover the pictures.

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

⇒ **Pass out Share and Care Friends page. Review the story. Pass out crayons.**

- *"We heard a great story about friends today. Thank you, God, for giving us friends! On your paper is a picture of David and Jonathan. They were good friends. Jonathan loved his friend David, and David loved his friend Jonathan. They did all the things friends do. They talked to each other. They encouraged each other. They helped each other! Let's start by coloring the picture of David and Jonathan."*

⇒ **Color the gifts and add a heart sticker to each flap.**

- *"Look! Here are the special gifts that Jonathan gave to David. Let's color each picture. I see a robe, a sword, a bow, and a belt. Color each one in."*
- *Jonathan shared his things with David. That was so kind and loving. What a good friend! Now let's fold the flaps closed and put a heart on the top of each one to help us remember that we can show love to our friends by sharing!"*

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

- *"Great job, friends! Jonathan was such a good friend. God gives us good friends, too. We can play, share with, help, and encourage our friends, too. And we can thank God for our friends because we can thank God for everything."*
- ***Who can you thank for everything?***
- ***I can thank God for everything!"***

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# **ACTIVITY #1**

## *Good Friends*

**SUPPLIES:**

Bag with David picture, toy ball, plastic food item, band aid, smiley face picture

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

⇒ **Gather children at the table or around you on the floor.**

- *"Hi friends! Come sit with me. We're going to use the things in this bag to talk about the Bible story we heard today."*

⇒ **Take one thing out of the bag at a time, starting with the picture of David.**

- *"In our true Bible story, Jonathan wanted to show David that they were good friends, so Jonathan shared his stuff with David. (Pull out the picture of David.) First, Jonathan gave David his coat. (point to coat) Then Jonathan gave David his sword (point to sword), his bow, (point to bow), and his belt. (Point to bow.) Sharing his stuff was how Jonathan was a good friend.*
- *We can be good friends, too! Let's see what else I have in my bag!*
  - *Ball: We are a good friend when we share our toys.*
  - *Food: We are a good friend when we share our food!*
  - *Mouth: We are a good friend when we say kind words!*
  - *Bandage: We are a good friend when we take care of others when they are hurt!*
  - *Smiley face picture: We are a good friend when we draw a picture for a friend who is sad!*

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

- *"Being a good friend is a great way to thank God for our friends. And we can thank God for our friends, because we can thank God for everything!*
- ***Who can you thank for everything?***
- ***I can thank God for everything!"***

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## **ACTIVITY #2**

### *Hula Hoop Bottom Line*

**SUPPLIES:** 3 Hula Hoops

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

- ⇒ **Lay the 3 Hula hoops out in a row so that kids can easily jump from one to the next. Have kids join you near the hula hoops.**
  - *“Friends, we are going to use these hula hoops to answer our big question for this month. Do you remember what it was?”*
  - *Who can you thank for everything?*
  - *I can thank God for everything!*
  - *Nice job!*
  
- ⇒ **Demonstrate hopping from hula hoop to hula hoop.**
  - *“Here is what you are going to do. I will ask you ‘Who can you thank for everything?’ and then you are going to hop and answer...”*
  - *(Hop) I can (Hop) thank God (Hop) for everything!*
  
- ⇒ **Let each child take a turn hopping from hoop to hoop and answering the question.**
  
- ⇒ **Bring it Back to the Bottom Line.**
  - *“Nice job, friends! We can be thankful to God for so many things like our family, our friends, our food, our homes....we can thank God for everything! Tell me...”*
  - *Who can you thank for everything?*
  - *I can thank God for everything!”*

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# **ACTIVITY #3**

## *Memory Verse Practice*

**SUPPLIES:** Reward Stickers

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

- ⇒ **This activity can be done from spots at the table or spaced out in the center of the room.**
  - *“Friends, we have an awesome memory verse to practice! I want to try saying it in lots of different ways!*
- ⇒ **Do memory verse all together in a variety of ways.**
  - *“First, let’s say it once together. ‘Always give thanks to God.’ Ephesians 5:20.*
    - *Now let’s try it...*
      - *Super loud*
      - *Super quiet*
      - *Really fast*
      - *Really Slow*
      - *Jumping up and down*
      - *Running in Place*
      - *All the boys*
      - *All the girls*
      - *Kids only*
      - *Teachers only*
- ⇒ **Repeat as long as children are interested. If time permits, you can do one person at a time and give out stickers.**
- ⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to the Bottom Line.**
  - *“Boys and Girls, God gave us so many things we can be thankful for. We can be thankful for our family. We can thank God for our friends. We can thank God for our food. We can thank God all the time!*
  - ***Who can you thank for everything?***
  - ***I can thank God for everything!”***

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## READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY NOVEMBER WEEK 2

### PASS OUT MOON SAND

#### READ

- ⇒ The Bible
  - *Beginner's Bible: Best Friends, p. 181*

#### REVIEW *(You may choose to pass out stickers as kids answer!)*

- ⇒ Key Question and Bottom Line
  - **Who can you thank for everything?**
  - **I can thank God for everything!**
- ⇒ Memory Verse
  - **"Always give thanks to God." Ephesians 5:20**

#### CONNECT IT AND PRAY

- ⇒ "Jonathan was thankful for his friend, David, and David was thankful for his friend, Jonathan. Today, we'll make a list of friends we are thankful for. I want you to think of one friend you are thankful for. When I say your name, **tell me your friend's name**, and I will write it down.
  - *Have each child share and write the ideas down on the weekly question strip/board/paper.*
- ⇒ Wow! What a special list! Let's pray and thank God for these friends!
- ⇒ Let's fold our hands and bow our heads and **pray**:
  - *"Dear God, Thank You for our friends. Thank You for [child's name] and their friend, [friend's name]. Thank You for . . . (continue to name each child and their friends). And thank You so, SO much that Jesus wants to be our friend forever. Please help us be a good friend by sharing, saying kind words, and helping others. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."*