

**November Week 1**  
Garden  
**Parade of Thanks**  
Nov 5

# CRAFT WEEK 1

## *Memory Verse Door Hanger*

- SUPPLIES:** Door Hanger, Memory Verse Label, Fall Foam Shape Stickers, Dixie Cups
- TIP:** You can prep the stickers ahead of time by lining up Dixie cups and placing 10 stickers in each cup. Later, when the kids are done with the craft, you can encourage them to gather up their scraps and place them in the cup. Empty cups into garbage and keep the cups for the next class!

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

#### ⇒ **Review the memory verse.**

- *"We learned a new memory verse today from the book of Ephesians. Let's practice it together! 'Always give thanks to God.' Ephesians 5:20.*

#### ⇒ **Pass out Door hangers and memory verse labels.**

- *"This label says our memory verse – 'Always give thanks to God.' Ephesians 5:20. Let's put it on our door hanger.*

#### ⇒ **Pass out Dixie cups filled with 10 stickers each.**

- *"Now let's decorate our door hangers with Fall thankfulness stickers!"*

#### ⇒ **While they are putting stickers on, retell the story.**

- *In our story today, we learned about a lady named Naomi. Naomi's husband and sons had died, and she was all alone. She decided to go back to the town where she grew up. Ruth, who had been married to one of her sons, said she would go with her; she would be her family. God gave Naomi family to help her. They walked all the way to the town where Naomi grew up.*
- *When they got there, they were so hungry, but didn't have any food. Ruth saw a field nearby where workers gathered grain. As they gathered the grain, some would fall to the ground. So Ruth went behind the workers and gathered what had fallen to the ground. The owner of the field was Boaz. When he found out she was family, he made sure she had plenty of good food to pick from his garden. Ruth and Naomi said thank you for the family that God gave them to help them. All of our families look a little bit different – no two families are the same - but we can thank God for every single one!"*

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

- *"These look great, everybody! You can hang these memory verse door hangers on your bedroom door and look at them every day. Every time you look at it, I want you to remember that we can thank God for everything.*
- ***Who can you thank for everything? I can thank God for everything!"***

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# **ACTIVITY #1**

## *Gathering Food for Naomi*

**SUPPLIES:** Bin with Naomi picture taped to it, Play food

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

⇒ **Have children join you in the center of the room.**

- *“Friends, today in our true Bible story we learned that Ruth gathered grain for Naomi. Grain is a type of food. So today we are going to pretend to gather food, too! I want everyone to close their eyes and I will scatter this food around the room. Then, when you open your eyes I want you to find the food and bring it back to the bin. Do you see the picture of Naomi on there? Hi, Naomi! Alright, friends. Close your eyes!”*

⇒ **Have children close their eyes. Scatter the food around the room.**

- *“Alright! Let’s find the food and bring it to Naomi!”*

⇒ **When all the sheep have been found, say...**

- *“Who can you thank for everything?”*
- *I can thank God for everything!”*

⇒ **Repeat as long as children are interested and then Bring it Back to the Bottom Line.**

- *“Great job, friends! You are excellent food gatherers. In our story today, Ruth chose to help her family. She was thankful for her family and we can be thankful for our families, too! So we can thank God for our families!”*
- *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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**READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY**  
**NOVEMBER WEEK 1**

Here are some ideas to try in a group or one-on-one.

2-year-olds are all at different stages of development! Some are ready to answer big questions and say the memory verse, while others aren't ready to talk yet. Even if they aren't ready to answer, they are listening!

**READ A STORY**

- **The Beginner's Bible**
  - *Ruth and Naomi, p. 152*

**ASK A QUESTION**

Who can you thank for everything? I can thank God for everything!

**PRACTICE THE MEMORY VERSE**

"Always give thanks to God." Ephesians 5:20

**SAY A PRAYER**

Dear God,

Thank you for making me.

Thank you for loving me.

Thank you for sending Jesus to be my friend forever.

Amen.