

November Week 1
Backyard
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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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 1

SANITIZE HANDS AND PASS OUT MOON SAND

READ

⇒ The Bible

- *Beginner's Bible Ruth and Naomi, p. 152-155*

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

⇒ "Today in our true Bible story we learned that Naomi, Ruth and Boaz were thankful for each other. So today, I think we should write down one person in our family we are thankful for. When I say your name, **tell me someone in your family you are thankful for**, 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 people!

⇒ Let's fold our hands and bow our heads and **pray**:

- *"Dear God, Thank You for our families. Thank You for [child's name and family member's name]. Thank you for. . . (name each child and their family member). And thank You for giving us Jesus so we can be a part of Your family forever. You are amazing, God, and we love You. In Jesus' name, amen."*