

# CRAFT

## *See the Story*

**SUPPLIES:** See the Story page, manna stickers (4), star stickers (4), meat stickers (4), crayons, yellow dot marker (optional)

**TIP:** Pre-cut the stickers into strips of 4 each for manna, meat, and stars.

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

⇒ **Pass out See the Story page. Review the story. Pass out crayons.**

*“Let’s make a Bible story picture to help us remember our Bible story! Our true story today was about God’s people, the Israelites. The Israelites had been walking in a desert and were very hungry. Who gave the Israelites food to eat? Yes! God gave them food in the morning and at night!”*

⇒ **Have children use yellow dot marker to dot the sun. Have children put the Manna on the ground on the “Day” side.**

- *“Look at your paper. Can you find the daytime side? Look for the sun! There it is! Let’s share the yellow dot maker to put a yellow dot in the center of the sun. What did God give the Israelites to eat in the morning? Yes! God gave them bread called manna to eat! You can put these bread stickers on the ground.*
- *Now let’s color the rest of the daytime side with crayons.”*

⇒ **Have children add star stickers to the night sky and meat sticks to the ground on the “Night” side.**

- *“Now look at the other side. What does this side look like? Nighttime, that’s right! What twinkles in the sky at night? Yes! Stars! You can put these star stickers in the sky near the moon.*
- *What did God give the people to eat when it was nighttime? Yes! God gave them meat to eat! You can put these meat stickers on the ground. Now let’s color the rest of the nighttime side with crayons.”*

⇒ **Complete activity and then Bring it Back to the Bottom Line.**

- *“Great job, friends! The Israelites thanked God for food, and we can thank God for food, too! 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 Manna*

**SUPPLIES:** Play food bread (enough for each child to find a piece)

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

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

- *"Friends, today in our true Bible story we learned about God's people, the Israelites. They were out in a hot, dusty desert and they were so hungry! So when the people went to sleep at night, God sent them food! Every morning they woke up and there was fresh bread on the ground. Do you remember what the food was called? It was called manna!"*
- *We are going to pretend to be the Israelites. Everyone find a spot and let's pretend to go to sleep. Lay down! Close your eyes and no peeking!*

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

- *"When I say wake up I want you to find some manna and bring it back and sit down. Are you ready?"*
- *Wake up!!!*

⇒ **Have children sit together on the rug and pretend to eat the bread.**

- *"Look at all this wonderful manna! God provided food for us! Let's eat!"*
- ***Friends, who can we 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! Can you imagine waking up to find the food you needed for the day right there, ready for you? We can thank God for all that He gives us, including food so we can grow healthy and strong."*
- ***Who can you thank for everything?***
- ***I can thank God for everything!***

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# **ACTIVITY #2**

## *Parachute*

**SUPPLIES:** Parachute

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

- ⇒ **Have children join you and stand in a circle in the center of the room.**
  - *“This month we have been learning a wonderful memory verse. Do you remember it? Let’s try!”*
  - *“Always give thanks to God.” Ephesians 5:20*
- ⇒ **Ask children to stand around the parachute with you and guide them to each pick up a section of the parachute.**
  - *“Great job! Everybody grab a section of the parachute.”*
  - *Let’s have some fun while we play parachute! Can you make really big waves with me?! When I shout freeze I want you to hold still! Go!*
- ⇒ **Have children freeze and say their memory verse.**
  - *“Wow! That was super fun! Can you say your memory verse with me now? That’s the magic password to start the parachute again!”*
  - *“Always give thanks to God.” Ephesians 5:20*
- ⇒ **Continue to play parachute in different fun ways...**
  - *Shake the parachute...*
    - *Fast*
    - *Slow*
    - *High*
    - *Low*
    - *Etc.*
- ⇒ **Repeat activity as long as kids are interested and Bring it Back to the Bottom Line.**
  - *“Nice job, friends! We have so many things in our lives to be grateful for – like family, friends, church, parachute games, and more! I am so glad that God gave us to many things to enjoy.”*
  - ***Who can you thank for everything?***
  - ***I can thank God for everything!”***

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# **ACTIVITY #3**

## *Musical Chairs*

**SUPPLIES:** Chairs, CD player, EC Worship CD

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

⇒ **Set the chairs up for musical chairs.**

- *“Today we are going to play a fun game that will also help us think of things we are grateful for!”*
- *When you hear the music, walk in a line around the chairs. (Point.) When the music stops, quickly try to find a chair to sit in. If you don’t find a seat, you get to tell everyone a food that you’re thankful to God for!*

⇒ **Turn the music on and begin having children walk around the chairs. Turn the music off and help children find chairs.**

- *“Alright, friend! You get to tell everyone...What is one food you are thankful to God for?”*
- *Yay! Everyone.... **Who can you thank for everything?***
- ***I can thank God for everything!***

⇒ **Continue to play as long as children are interested.**

⇒ **Bring it Back to the Bottom Line.**

- *“Nice job, friends! I love hearing about everything you are thankful for. We have so many wonderful things in our life to thank God for!”*
- ***Who can you thank for everything? I can thank God for everything!”***

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## **READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY**

### **NOVEMBER WEEK 3**

## **PASS OUT MOON SAND**

### **READ**

⇒ The Bible

- *Beginner's Bible: Food from Heaven, p. 116*

### **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**

⇒ "Since Moses and the people were thankful for the food God gave them, I think we should make a list of some of our favorite foods. Then when we pray, we can thank God for our food. Get ready! When I say your name, **tell me one of your favorite foods to eat**, and I will write it down.

- *Have each child share and write the ideas down on the weekly question strip/board/paper.*

⇒ Yum! This list is making me hungry! Let's use it when we pray!

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

- *"Dear God, Thank You for all of the yummy food you give us. Thank You for (read the list the children made). Help us thank You for everything, even the foods that aren't our favorites, because we can thank You for everything! You are the best, God, and we love You very much. In Jesus' name, amen."*