

CRAFT

A World of Thanks

SUPPLIES:

A World of Thanks page, Thank You Language stickers(10), I Can Thank God for Everything stickers(1) , green and blue crayons/markers/dot markers

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Pass out World of Thanks page and blue and green crayons (or markers or dot markers).**

- *“Today in our true Bible story we learned about King David praising God and thanking him. We can thank God any time, any place! NO matter where we are we can give thanks to God!”*
- *What do you see in your picture here? That’s right! It’s the Earth! People all over the Earth can say thank you to God! Let’s start by coloring the Earth. The words at the top say A World of Thanks. We can color the words, too, but let’s leave the circles on the sides empty because I have something special for those!”*

⇒ **Give each child a page of circle stickers. Have them place one sticker in each circle.**

- *“Great job! Those look awesome! Now I have a very special page of stickers for you. Each of these words is a way that people say ‘thank you’ in different parts of the world! I am going to say the words and I want everyone to repeat after me. While we are saying thank you, you can put your stickers in the circles!*
 - *Let’s start with French. Repeat after me: “Merci” (Mehr-see)*
 - *Now let’s do Chinese. Repeat after me: “Xie xie” (syeh-syeh)*
 - *Continue with each sticker.*

⇒ **Have children place an “I can thank God for everything sticker” in the center of the Earth.**

- *“Wow! There are so many ways to say thank you to God! It’s a whole world of thanks! I have one more special sticker for you. It says, ‘I can thank God for everything!’ Let’s place it right in the center of the Earth.*
- *Now you can take these home and practice saying thank you in many different languages with your whole family!”*

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

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

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ACTIVITY #1

Personal Praise Party

SUPPLIES: toy tambourine, floor tape, cd player, EC worship CD

SET-UP: Place 2 long line parallel lines of tape across the center of the open floor, about 3 feet apart to create a pathway

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have children join you in the center of the room. Have them spread out evenly on the tape lines, half of the class on one and half of the class on the other.**
 - *“Friends, gather here and find a spot on one of the lines and have a seat. In our Bible story today, we talked about how David danced and sang as a way to say thank you to God. When I call on you, I want you to dance all the way down this path with this tambourine. Have a little personal praise party. When you get to the end of the line, I am going to ask you our big question – **Who can you thank for everything? I can thank God for everything!**”*
- ⇒ **Play the music. Have the first child dance down the pathway. At the end of the path ask them the big question.**
 - *“Alright, friend. You’re up first! Let’s see you dance down the pathway!”*
 - *Great moves! **Who can you thank for everything?***
 - ***I can thank God for everything!***
- ⇒ **Repeat until each child has had a turn. If everyone is really into a dancing mood, you can turn it into a full class praise party.**
- ⇒ **Bring it Back to the Bottom Line.**
 - *“Great dancing, friends! One of the ways that we can thank God is with singing, dancing, and praising – just like David did! We can thank God any time, any place, for anything!”*
 - ***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 one thing you are thankful for. It can be anything or anyone or any place in God’s creation!”*

⇒ **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 thing you are thankful 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! And today we learned that we can thank God all the time, any time, everywhere we go!*
- *Who can you thank for everything?*
- *I can thank God for everything!”*

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READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY
NOVEMBER WEEK 4

PASS OUT MOON SAND

READ

⇒ I'm Thankful Each Day by P.K. Hallinan

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, we learned that we can praise and thank God all the time! That means we can praise and thank God everywhere we go! Let's make a list of places where we can praise and thank God. It really can be anywhere, so when I say your name, **tell me the name of a place**, and I will write it down.

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

⇒ Thank you for making this list with me! Let's use it when we pray!

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

"Dear God, I'm so thankful we can praise and thank You all the time. That means we can praise and thank You when we're (read the places the children listed) and everywhere we go! You are so awesome, God! Thank You for loving us. In Jesus' name, amen."