

November Week 4

3-K

Puzzle Pieces

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CRAFT WEEK 4

Revolving Story

SUPPLIES:

Spinner top & bottom, metal brads, crayons

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Give each child a spinner bottom. Review the story through the faces.**

- *"Friends, come sit at the table with me. I have craft for us today that will remind us of our story. Look at the faces on your paper. Can you find a sad face on the paper? (Pause.) Good job! Can we talk to God when we're sad? (Pause.) Yes! We can always talk to God! Look for the excited face. (Pause.) Can we talk to God when we're excited? (Pause.) Yes! Now find the worried face. (Pause.) Can we talk to God when we're worried? (Pause.) Yes, we can talk to God when we're worried. And find the happy face. (Pause.) Can we talk to God when we're happy? (Pause.) Yes, we can talk to God when we're happy! We can always talk to God about anything!"*

⇒ **Set out the crayons and invite the children to color the faces. While they color the spinner bottoms, pass out the spinner tops. As they finish coloring the faces, attach pieces together with a brad.**

- *"Color in each of the faces. When you've got them all done, we're going to attach this piece on top so you can spin it and reveal the different faces. What shape is the hole on the top piece? (Pause.) That's right! It's a heart and hearts remind us of love. When we look at the faces through the heart, we remember that God loves us no matter how we feel, and we can always talk to God!"*

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

- *"King Hezekiah loved God, and he prayed and talked to God about anything and everything. We can pray to God about anything and everything too. We can tell God when we are happy, sad, excited, or even afraid. We can trust God and talk to God about anything just like King Hezekiah because God's got it!"*
- **"Who's got it?"**
- **"God's got it!"**

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ACTIVITY #1

Praise Party

SUPPLIES: Instruments

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Invite children to choose an instrument and spread out.**
 - *“Friends, we are going to sing and play music just like King Hezekiah did in today’s Bible Story! I have so many instruments for us to play with. Come pick an instrument to play. (Pause.) Great, now everyone spread out.”*
- ⇒ **Encourage children to play their instruments while they dance around.**
 - “Let’s hear everyone play their instrument. (Pause.) Freeze your instruments. (Pause.) You sound terrific! Now, I want to hear you shout, ‘Hooray, hooray, **God’s got it!**’ (Say with children.) Fantastic! All right, friends, let’s play our instruments while we dance and march around. Let’s go! (Pause.) Everyone, freeze and shout ‘Hooray, hooray, **God’s got it!**’ (Say with children.) Play and dance some more! (Repeat as desired.)”*
- ⇒ **Review the Bible story and bring it back to the Bottom Line.**
 - *“Praising God with music and dancing is so much fun to do together with your friends. We sang and played music just like King Hezekiah because we know that **God’s got it!***
 - ***Who’s got it?***
 - ***God’s got it!”***

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ACTIVITY #2

Pass the Message

SUPPLIES: None

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have children spread out in the room.**
 - *“Friends, let’s spread out in the room to play a game where we’re going to share a secret message.”*
- ⇒ **Choose one child to start the message. Share the message with them and send them to share it with a friend. Then have those two children each share it with a friend. Repeat the pattern until everyone has heard the message. (Optional simplification: have children line up and pass the message like a game of telephone.)**
 - *“I need one friend to start this game off with. [Child’s name], come with me. (Walk to one side of the room.) I want to share a special message with you. (Quietly say to the child:) God loves you. Did you hear the message? Great!*
 - *“Run and share that message quietly with a friend. (Pause.) Did you hear the message? Great! Now go share that message with two more friends. Let’s keep sharing the message! (Continue until each child has heard the message.) Hooray! Everyone heard the message!”*
 - *(Repeat pattern with the message ‘God’s got it!’)*
- ⇒ **Repeat with other messages if time and interest allow.**

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ACTIVITY #3

Hot Potato

SUPPLIES: Heart stress ball, CD Player, EC Worship CD

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Have children sit in a circle in the middle of the room.**

- *“Friends, come sit in a circle with me. Let’s say our Memory Verse together while we do the motions. Ready? ‘Trust (tug a pretend rope) in the Lord (point up) with all your heart, (tap heart twice) Proverbs 3:5.’ (Open hands like a book.) Great job! I’ve got a heart here to remind us of our verse. We are going to play some music and pass the heart around the circle. When the music stops, whoever is holding the heart will say our memory verse!”*

⇒ **Play music and pass the heart around. Pause music. Have the child holding the heart say the memory verse.**

- *“It’s your turn to say the memory verse – we can help you!”*
 - *“Trust in the Lord with all your heart.”*
Proverbs 3:5

⇒ **Let the children play until every child has had a turn.**

⇒ **Bring it Back to the bottom line.**

- *“Great job, friends!”*
- ***Who’s got it?***
- ***God’s got it!”***

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

PASS OUT MOON SAND

READ

- *A Very Thankful Prayer* by Bonnie Rickner Jensen

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

- ⇒ Key Question and Bottom Line
 - ***Who's got it?***
 - ***God's got it!***
- ⇒ Memory Verse
 - **"Trust in the Lord with all your heart." Proverbs 3:5**

CONNECT IT AND PRAY

- ⇒ "Today we learned that we can talk to God when we're sad, happy, worried, or excited. We can talk to God all the time because God loves us and God's got it! When I call your name, tell me **one thing you want to say to God or ask God.**"
 - *Write each child's name on the weekly question strip/board/paper.*
- ⇒ Let's use our list when we pray...
- ⇒ Let's fold our hands and bow our heads and **pray**:
 - *"Dear God, thank You for loving us and listening to us when we talk to You. Thank You that we can talk to You about anything! [Child's name] wants to (read the list). [Child's name] wants to (read the list). (Read each child's name and what they listed). We know You've got it, God, and we love You very much! In Jesus' name, amen."*