

November Week 3

3-K

Going on a Picnic

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# CRAFT WEEK 3

## *Picnic Story*

### SUPPLIES:

Picnic basket page, story cards, brown envelope, glue, crayons

### What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Give each child a picnic basket page, a brown envelope, and a glue stick.**

- *"Friends, come to the table and let's make a picnic basket and fill it with Bible Story cards.*
- *"Look on your paper. See these brown strips? Those are handles for the picnic basket. Now glue your envelope at the bottom of your paper with the opening facing out and the flap at the top like the lid of the basket. (Demonstrate.) Look! You made a picnic basket!"*

⇒ **Give each child a set of story cards and encourage them to color the Cards.**

- *"Now color these story cards. (Pause.) They'll help us review today's true Bible Story.*
- *"Find the card with **the unhappy Israelites**. (Pause.) The Israelites were walking in the hot desert for a long time and were tired and very hungry. God loved His people and wanted to take care of them. So He told their leader, Moses, that He would send meat at night and bread in the morning. Find the card with **the Israelites in the nighttime**. (Pause.) They're eating meat! Everyone was so happy to have food. Find the card with **the Israelites in the daytime**. (Pause.) The next morning, there were small pieces of bread all over the ground for the people to eat! You did it! You found all the story cards. There is one last card, it has **a big heart** on it. Hearts make us think of love. We can thank God for everything with our whole heart! Now place all your cards in the picnic basket."*

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

- *"Every day, God made sure the Israelites had meat to eat at night and bread to eat in the morning. We can thank God for the food we eat too! We can thank God for everything!"*
- **"Who can thank God for everything?"**
- **"I can thank God for everything!"**

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# **ACTIVITY #1**

## *Hungry Wanderers*

**SUPPLIES:** Pom poms

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

- ⇒ **Encourage the children to gather around the leader.**
  - *"Hey, everyone! Come right by me and we're going to act out our story."*
- ⇒ **Review and act out the story by walking around the room and then having the children pretend to go to sleep. Spread the pom poms out on the ground and encourage the kids to wake up and collect the pom poms as if they were bread.**
  - *"Let's pretend we're Moses and the Israelites from our Bible Story. In our story, the Israelites were walking through the desert. Let's walk around the room. (Walk.) They were walking for a long time, so they were tired and hungry. Keep walking, but pretend you're getting tired and hungry. (Continue.)"*
  - *"They didn't have any food, but God gave them food. At night, God gave them meat, and in the morning, God gave them bread. Everyone pretend to go to sleep and let's see what we find when we wake up. (While kids close their eyes, spread pom poms around the ground.)"*
  - *"Wake up! Look! Let's pretend these pom poms are bread and everyone can collect some bread for breakfast! (Pause.) Great job friends."*
  - *"Every night, God gave them meat, and every morning, God gave them bread. Over and over again, God took care of them and gave them the food they needed." (If time and interest allow, have the children 'sleep' again and spread the pom poms again for them to collect.)"*
- ⇒ **Bring it back to the Bottom Line.**
  - *"In today's true story from the Bible, God knew that the Israelites were hungry and needed food to eat. God told Moses that He would send meat at night and bread in the morning. And that's what God did! God is so good! Thank You, God, for food. Thank You, God, for everything!"*
  - ***Who can thank God for everything?***
  - ***I can thank God for everything!"***

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## **ACTIVITY #2**

### *Pass the Thanks*

**SUPPLIES:**      None

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

- ⇒ **Have children sit in a circle.**
  - *“Friends, come sit with me on the floor in a circle. I have a fun game for us to play to help us practice saying thank you to God!”*
- ⇒ **Play music and let kids dance. Pause music and have them freeze.**
  - *“I’m going to whisper something I can thank God for into [Child’s name]’s ear, then they’ll whisper it to the next friend, and we’ll keep going around the circle until it gets to our friend [Child’s name on your side]. Let’s see if what I say makes it all the way around the circle! Ready? (Whisper I can thank God for family.) Did you get it? Okay turn and whisper it to the friend next to you. (Continue until it makes it all the way around.) Okay, [Child’s name], tell us what the message was. (Pause for response. Then celebrate if correct or giggle if the message got silly.) That was fun! Now it’s [Child’s name] to start the message. (Continue starting with a different kid as long as interest allows.) That was fun and a little silly to share what we’re thankful for in our game today!”*
  - **“Who can thank God for everything?”**
  - **“I can thank God for everything!”**
- ⇒ **Repeat as long as children are interested.**
- ⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**
  - *“Awesome job, friends! That was fun!”*
  - **“Who can thank God for everything?”**
  - **“I can thank God for everything!”**

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## ACTIVITY #3

### *Memory Verse Practice*

**SUPPLIES:** Toy food (from room), 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? **"I will give thanks** (move flat hand forward from chin) **to the LORD** (Point up) **with my whole heart,**' (Tap heart twice) **Psalm 111:1.** (Open hands like a book.) Great job! I've got some food here like we might have at a picnic. We are going to play some music and pass the food around the circle. When the music stops, whoever is holding the food will say our memory verse!"*

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

- *"It's your turn to say the memory verse – we can help you!"*
  - *"I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart." Psalm 111:1*

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

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

- *"Nice work, my friends!"*
- ***Who can thank God 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 Beginner Bible* p116 “Food From Heaven”

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

- ⇒ Key Question and Bottom Line
  - ***Who can thank God for everything?***
  - ***I can thank God for everything!***
- ⇒ Memory Verse
  - ***“I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart.”***  
**Psalm 111:1**

### CONNECT IT AND PRAY

- ⇒ “God gave the Israelites the food they needed and they thanked God for it! So today we are going to make a list of all the foods we can thank God for. When I say your name, tell me **one food you want to thank God for.**”
  - *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 making so many kinds of foods for us to eat. Thank You for yummy foods like (Read the list the children made). Please help us remember to thank You for the food we eat, because we can thank You for everything! We love You, God! In Jesus’ name. Amen.”*