

November Week 4

3-K

Going on a Picnic

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CRAFT WEEK 4

A Room for Elisha

SUPPLIES:

Story handout, crayons, glue sticks, tape (optional)

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Give each child a story page and crayons.**
 - *"Friends, come to the table and let's make a room for Elisha."*
- ⇒ **When children are done coloring, encourage them to put glue on the flaps and fold the sides up to form the room. Use tape to reenforce as needed.**
 - *"Look! Do you see the bed, the table and chair, and the lamp the woman and her husband put in the room they made for Elisha? Let's decorate the room and the furniture in it. (Pause.) Great job! Now rub some glue on this part (Point to one tab) and this part (Poin to the other tab) then fold it up like this and press the tabs to each side. (Help as needed.) Wow! Look at the cool room you created for Elisha!"*
- ⇒ **Review the Bible Story and bring it back to the Bottom Line**
 - *"Elisha loved God. He was a prophet and walked around from town to town, giving people messages from God. In one town, there was a woman who wanted to help Elisha. So, the woman and her husband would have Elisha come to their house to eat. One day, the woman told her husband she wanted to help Elisha even more. So they made a room on the roof of their house so Elisha would have a place to rest when he came to their town. She put things in Elisha's room that she thought he would need, like a chair, a table, a lamp, and a bed. Elisha was so thankful that God gave him people to help him. God gives us people to help us too! We can thank God for the people who help us because we can thank God for everything!"*
 - **"Who can thank God for everything?"**
 - **"I can thank God for everything!"**

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ACTIVITY #1

Bible Story Sort

SUPPLIES: Story pages

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Encourage the children to search the room for the story pages.**

- *"Hey, everyone! I have spread out in the room a bunch of pictures from our story and I need your help to gather them and put them in order. Everybody stand up and walk to find a picture and bring it back to me!"*

⇒ **Review the story using actions to act out each part of the story.**

Encourage the children to mirror your actions.

- *"Great job collecting all the pictures! Now, let's put them in order. Who's picture has a number 1 on it? (Repeat until all pictures are put in order.) Now, let's use our pictures to retell the story:*
 - *1: Elisha was a prophet. He gave people messages from God.*
 - *2: Elisha traveled from town to town giving people messages from God.*
 - *3: When Elisha went to one town, a woman and her husband made dinner for Elisha.*
 - *4: One day, the woman and her husband wanted to help Elisha even more, so they made a room for him.*
 - *5: They put a chair in Elisha's room so he could sit down.*
 - *6: They put a bed in Elisha's room so he could sleep.*
 - *7: They put a table in Elisha's room for him to write and eat on.*
 - *8: They put a lamp in Elisha's room to help him see.*
 - *9: I can thank God for people who help me. I can thank God for everything!*
 - *10: God loves me.*

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

- *"I liked hearing about how the woman and her husband helped Elisha. We have people who help us too! We can thank God for the people who help us, because we can thank 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!”*
- ⇒ **Whisper a message to the child next to you and encourage them to whisper that message to the next child until it gets around the circle. Have the last child say the message out loud to see if it makes it the whole way.**
 - *“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

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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 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

- ⇒ "Elisha had a big job to do and he needed people to help him do it! So today we are going to make a list of people who help us. When I say your name, tell me **one person who has helped you.**"
 - *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 giving us people who help us, because we all need help sometimes. Thank You for people like (Read the list the children made). You're the best, God, and we love You. In Jesus' name. Amen."*