

November Week 5

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Going on a Picnic

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CRAFT WEEK 5

Dancing Ribbons

SUPPLIES:

Craft stick, Bottom Line sticker, ribbon strips, rubber bands

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Give each child a craft stick and a sticker.**

- *"Friends, come join me at the table. I have something fun for you to make today! It's a ribbon dancer that you can wave and dance and praise God with! First, everyone gets a craft stick for the handle. Put this sticker on your craft stick. It says **I can thank God for everything!**"*

⇒ **Set out the ribbon strips and encourage kids to choose 5 ribbons. Use a rubber band to secure their ribbons to their craft stick and then have one volunteer gather the children who are done with their ribbon dancer at the carpet.**

- *"Now, look at all these pretty colored ribbons! You can dig through them and pick any five ribbons for your dancer. They can be all the same color or different.*
- *"Now, we're going to come around with rubber bands and we'll use the rubber bands to attach your ribbons to your stick. Please stay in your seat until your ribbons are attached and then you can take your ribbon dancer to the carpet. (Count to make sure children have chosen five ribbons and then thread them through the rubber band and wrap the rubber band around one end of the craft stick.)*
- *"Great job friends! Let's hold our craft stick still and we'll use it as we review our story."*

⇒ **Review the Bible Story and bring it back to the Bottom Line**

- *"Today we learned about a king named David. David loved God, and he wanted to praise God to show Him he was thankful for everything. David danced to praise God. David used his voice to praise God and David used instruments to praise God. You can praise God by playing an instrument, singing, or dancing too! There are all kinds of ways we can praise God and say, Thank You, God, for everything. Wave your rainbow dancer and say, Thank You, God, for everything. (With children.) Thank You, God, for everything.*
- **"Who can thank God for everything?"**
- **"I can thank God for everything!"**

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ACTIVITY #1

Praise Cube

SUPPLIES:

Foam cube with plastic sleeves, Praise pictures (in sleeves), EC CD, CD Player

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Encourage the children to gather on the carpet**

- *"Come here, everyone! We're going to play a fun game with this praise cube!" (Hold up the praise cube.)*

⇒ **Review the different sides of the cube and then give each child a turn to roll the cube and do the action on top.**

- *"In our Bible Story, King David praised God. He danced (Turn the cube to the dance side and hold it up) with all his might to praise God. (Dance in place.) He used his voice (Turn the cube to the ASL side and hold it up) to praise God. (Shout and use ASL.) Thank You, God! And he made music (Turn the cube to the music side and hold it up) to praise God. (Use your hand as a pretend horn.)*
- *"Now it's your turn to roll the cube, and whatever the cube lands on, that's how we will praise God together. Ready? [Child's name] roll the cube! (Pause.) It landed on [Action]. Let's all [Action]! (Pause.) Great job! [Child's name] roll the cube! (Continue with each child.) I love praising God with you! Praise is like a big THANK YOU to God!"*

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

- *"We can praise God any time we want to tell God thank You for everything!"*
- ***Who can thank God for everything?***
- ***I can thank God for everything!"***

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ACTIVITY #2

Show Your 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!"*
- ⇒ **Teach children how to say thank you in sign language and then list things we can thank God for and have the children sign "thank you." Invite the children to share something they are thankful for.**
 - *"Did you know that you can say thank you with your hands? Everybody put your hand to your chin like this (Demonstrate.) Then, move your hand forward like this (Demonstrate.) That's it! That's how you say thank you with your hands! We're going to use that as we play our game.*
 - *"I'm going to list some things that we can thank God for and when I list something you want to say thank you to God for, you can use your hands to say thank you. Ready? (List things like family, friends, food, homes, toys, etc)*
 - *"Great job thanking God! Now, let's all share one thing we thank God for! (Give each child an opportunity to say something they are thankful for and have the other children sign "thank you".)*
 - **"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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READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY NOVEMBER WEEK 5

Here are some ideas to try in a group or one-on-one.

2-year-olds are all at different stages of development! Some are ready to answer big questions and say the memory verse, while others aren't ready to talk yet. Even if they aren't ready to answer, they are listening!

READ A STORY

- *Thank You, God* by PK Hallinan - **Keep this all month**

ASK A QUESTION

Who can thank God for everything?

I can thank God for everything!

PRACTICE THE MEMORY VERSE

"I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart." Psalm 111:1

SAY A PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank you for making me.

Thank you for loving me.

Thank you for sending Jesus to be my friend forever.

Amen.