

November Week 5

3-K

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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

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 5

PASS OUT MOON SAND

READ

- *I'm Thankful Each Day* by PK Hallinan

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 has given us so many things to be thankful for and to praise God for. So today we are going to make a list of anything we want to tell God "thank you" for. When I say your name, tell me **one thing you can tell God thank you 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, we praise You because You are the one true God, and You made everything! That's why we can thank YOU for EVERYTHING! We thank you for (Read the list the children made). We love You, God! In Jesus' name. Amen."*