

November Week 2

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CRAFT WEEK 2

Thankful Table Topper

SUPPLIES: Table topper page, heart and smiley face stampers, crayons, glue sticks

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Give each child a table topper page and set out crayons.**

- *"Friends! Come join me at the table. I have something for you to make that will help you remember today's true story from the Bible. You can place it on your table at home."*

⇒ **Encourage each child to add some heart and smiley faces to the page with stampers. Fold the table topper and glue it closed.**

- *"Look at your paper and point to the section with Daniel and his friends, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. (Pause.) Daniel asked his friends to pray. The friends prayed and talked to God and asked God to help. (Daniel 2:17,18) Color that part of your paper. (Pause.)"*
- *"This part (Point) says, 'I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart.' Psalm 111:1. Decorate it with stamps and stickers. (Pause.) These are looking great! There is one more section and the words on this page say **I can thank God for everything**. Draw a picture of you and a friend on this part. (Pause.) Wow, fantastic!"*
- *"Now we get to fold it to make it stand. (Assist each child as needed. Let's rub some glue along the tab and press it together to keep the ends together. (Assist each child as needed.) See how it stands? Turn it around to see all the sides!"*

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

- *"In today's true story from the Bible, we learned about a wise man named Daniel. He worked for King Nebuchadnezzar helping the king know what to do."*
- *"When the king had a dream that worried him, he asked his wise men to help him understand it. But they didn't know what it meant, and this made the king angry. Daniel knew that only God could help. So he asked his friends, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to pray to God for help. God showed Daniel how to help the king! (Daniel 2:19) Daniel told the king all about his dream and what it meant. (Daniel 2:27-45) The king was so thankful to know what his dream meant."*
- *"God gave Daniel really good friends. God gives us friends too. We can pray for our friends and ask them to pray for us too. We can thank God for our friends, and for everything!"*
- **"Who can thank God for everything?"**
- **"I can thank God for everything!"**

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ACTIVITY #1

Mirror Me

SUPPLIES: None

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Encourage the children to spread out facing the leader.**
 - *"Hey, everyone! Come stand in front of me! You are going to be my mirror!"*
- ⇒ **Review the story using actions to act out each part of the story.**

Encourage the children to mirror your actions.

 - *"Watch me and do what I do. Then, when I look at you, it will be like I am looking in a mirror. Ready? Do what I do!"*
 - *"Daniel loved God. (Hug yourself.)"*
 - *"Daniel's job was to help the king. (Put a pretend crown on your head.)"*
 - *"One night, the king had a dream. (Pretend to go to sleep.)"*
 - *"When the king woke up, he needed help. (Wake up and stretch.)"*
 - *"The king got angry when no one could help him. (Make angry face.)"*
 - *"Daniel went to his friends, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. (Walk in place.)"*
 - *"Daniel asked his friends to pray, and they did. (Praying hands.)"*
 - *"God helped Daniel know how to help the king. (Tap your pointer finger to your temple.)"*
 - *"Daniel prayed and thanked God for helping him. (Praying hands.)"*
 - *"Then, Daniel ran to the king and helped him! (Run in place.)"*
 - *"Yay, God! Yay, friends! (Clap and cheer.)"*
 - *"Great job, everyone!" (Repeat as time and interest allows.)*
- ⇒ **Bring it back to the Bottom Line.**
 - *"God gave Daniel good friends, and God gives us friends too! We can thank God for our friends, 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

Freeze Dance

SUPPLIES: CD Player, EC Worship CD

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have children join you in the center of the room and space out.**
 - *“Friends, one of the ways that we can thank God is by worshipping God. Worship is when we tell God ‘You’re good!’ We can sing, pray, or... we can dance! So today we’re going to worship by playing freeze dance and dancing to tell God thanks! I am going to turn on a song and when you hear the music, I want you to DANCE! When the music stops, everyone FREEZE! Let’s practice freezing right now. FREEZE!*
 - *Great job! Are you ready to play? Let’s go!”*
- ⇒ **Play music and let kids dance. Pause music and have them freeze.**
 - *“FREEZE!*
 - *“Who can thank God for everything?*
 - *“I can thank God for everything!*
 - *Let’s dance!”*
- ⇒ **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: Reward Stickers

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **This activity can be done from spots at the table or spaced out in the center of the room.**
 - *"Friends, we have an awesome memory verse to practice! I want to try saying it in lots of different ways!"*
- ⇒ **Do memory verse all together in a variety of ways.**
 - *"First, let's say it once together. **'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.) Now let's try it..."*
 - *Super loud*
 - *Super quiet*
 - *Really fast*
 - *Really Slow*
 - *Jumping up and down*
 - *Running in Place*
 - *All the boys*
 - *All the girls*
 - *Kids only*
 - *Teachers only*
- ⇒ **Repeat as long as children are interested. If time permits, you can do one person at a time and give out stickers.**
- ⇒ **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 2

PASS OUT MOON SAND

READ

- *Thank You, God* 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

⇒ "One of the awesome things God has given us is friends and we can thank God for friends! So today we are going to make a list of our friends. When I say your name, tell me **the name of one of your friends.**

- *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 our friends. Thank You for (read the list of the friends' names) and thank you for each of my friends here. And thank You for giving us the best friend ever... Jesus! You're the best, God! In Jesus' name. Amen."*