



Special Programming

NOVEMBER 24, 2024

THANK GOD FOR EVERYTHING

PSALM 100:4-5

CHRIST CONNECTION

Give thanks to God; bless His name!

BIG PICTURE QUESTION

Who are we most thankful for? **Jesus!**

MEMORY VERSE

God is good, and His love is forever. **Psalm 100:5**

PREPARE



Take time to reflect
on today's lesson

LEADER BIBLE STUDY

This week, instead of our usual programming, we're focusing in on the importance of gratitude and giving thanks to God!

Through the incredible gift of Thanksgiving, we remind ourselves of how truly good our Father is. By giving thanks, we experience the joy of a proper perspective and have our hearts stirred by the renewing of our minds.

Psalm 100:4 says, "Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!"

Our hearts become glad when we offer continual thanksgiving. Five minutes of thanksgiving and praise has the power to change the direction of each day. It has the power to stir our hearts and make us open to and aware of God's will for us in every situation. It fills us with an atmosphere of joy and of the Spirit. And it can greatly assist us in choosing the life of communion with the Father over the pursuits of the world as temptations and situations arise.

May we be empowered and filled with joy as we engage in continual thanksgiving not only this season, but also each and every day.

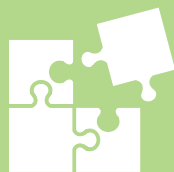
This week, take time in prayer to practice thanksgiving and enjoy the fruits of a renewed mind and a heart filled with joy and truth.

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TODAY'S STORY POINT

We can thank God for everything.

OPENING & ACTIVITIES



Connect with children through games and activities

WELCOME

Play music in the background as you greet children coming into the classroom. Help them transition in and feel welcome as they play games and interact with others.

ACTIVITY: SING A SONG

Gather children and sing the song below to the tune of “Pop Goes the Weasel”:

“The Lord, the Lord, the Lord is good.
The Lord, the Lord, the Lord is good.
The Lord, the Lord, the Lord is good,
and His love lasts forever.
Psalm 100:5.”

CONNECT THE DOTS



Our memory verse phrase says, “God is good, and His love is forever.” Is God good? Yes, God is very good. His love lasts forever!



CRAFT: THANKSGIVING WREATH

Supplies: wreath craft kits, glue

Help children put their wreath together. While working, ask children what they are thankful for and how they will spend Thanksgiving.

Make sure every child’s name is on the back of their craft so they know which one to take home.



PREPARE

Open your Bible to **Psalm 100** and share the following lesson.

THANK GOD FOR EVERYTHING

Who can tell me what holiday we are celebrating this week? (*Allow answers, giving children plenty of time to share.*) Yes, Thanksgiving! What do “thanks” and “thankful” mean? When do we usually say thank you? (*Allow time for answers.*)

We should say “Thank you” to God every day. God is so good, and He takes such good care of us! Did you know that? Let’s sing our memory verse song again:

Memory Verse Song (*to the tune of Pop Goes the Weasel, while clapping*):

“The Lord, the Lord, the Lord is good,
the Lord, the Lord, the Lord is good
the Lord, the Lord, the Lord is good
and his love lasts forever” Psalm 100:5

We thank God for the Bible, His Word. Why are we thankful for the Bible and God’s Word? (*Allow time for answers.*) We thank God for sending us His Son, Jesus, so we can inherit eternal life. We thank God for his creation, which includes us and our families!

Psalm 100:4-5

Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.
For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.

We are part of those generations! Let’s pray, “Thank you God for everything! Amen.”

CHRIST CONNECTION

We can thank God for everything, every day, including sending His Son, Jesus, to save us. Give thanks to God; bless His name!

SNACK & CLOSING



Continue to engage children near the end of the morning

SNACK & DISCUSSION

Wash hands or use hand sanitizer. Serve a snack. Show children the Bible story picture as you ask the following questions and retell parts of the Bible story as needed.

1. What was your favorite part of today's Bible story?
2. What did you learn about God in today's Bible story?
3. What are some things you can thank God for?
4. Who are we most thankful for? *Jesus!*

CLOSING ACTIVITIES

Pick up toys and games from around the room and put them away. After the room is cleaned up, set out markers or crayons and let children work on today's Bible story coloring page or activity page until their parents arrive.

You can also choose a book to read to children as they work or for those who don't want to work. Please make the effort to have children quietly engaged in the last few minutes of the service. When parents arrive to pick up their child, share about something their child enjoyed doing or did well today.

BEFORE YOU GO...

Please clean up by doing the following:

1. Spray down toys with disinfectant
2. Spot sweep if needed
3. Return toys to closet, close door
4. Throw away any trash left on counters and in room
5. Return storage cubes to Room 108

THANK YOU FOR SERVING WITH US!