

Today's Suggested Schedule—November 2025, Week 5

Today's Bible Story: I can praise God.

David Praises God. • *2 Samuel 6:12-15*

Key Question: Who can thank God for everything?

Bottom Line: I can thank God for everything.

Memory Verse: *I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart.* (Psalm 111:1 ESV)

Social: Providing Time for Fun Interaction

Band Together

☐ Musical instruments

Lesson Activities

Memory Verse Activity- Praise Dance Party

☐ Floor tape

Bible Story Review- Praise Parade

☐ music

Application Activity- Thank God

Craft- Dancing Ribbons

☐ crayons

Social Activities

1. Band Together

What You Need:

- ☐ Musical Instruments

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Place the instruments out on a table or the floor.

During the Activity: Encourage children to pick an instrument and play it as you move and dance around the room.

After the Activity: Introduce the Bible Story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "I love to hear how all these instruments sound together. Would you like to play music with me?"

During the Activity: "Everyone, pick an instrument and let's start playing. You can walk around or dance while you play. *(Pause.)* Wow! We sound so great! You're doing such a good job playing those instruments!" *(Repeat as desired.)*

After the Activity: "Today in our true story from the Bible, we're going to learn about a man who loved to play instruments and praise God! I can't wait. Let's go!"

Transition

Move to Worship and Story by forming a line and pretending to play instruments in a marching band to the designated area.

Lesson Activities

1. Memory Verse Activities- Praise Dance Party

What You Need:

- ☐ Painter's tape

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Tape two parallel lines on the floor about three feet apart and six feet long to create a pathway. Ask the children to sit on the lines on either side of the path. Review the Memory Verse with the motions together.

During the Activity: Call on the children, one at a time, to walk down the path, dancing like David as you repeat the words of the verse together. Make sure each child has a turn as "David."

After the Activity: Connect the Memory Verse to the Bottom Line.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Friends, gather here and sit on either side of our pathway. Let's say our Memory Verse together with the motions. '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 everyone!"

During the Activity: "In our Bible Story today, we talked about how David danced and sang as a way to say thank you to God! When I call your name, I want you to dance all the way down this path as we say our Memory Verse together. [Child's name], show us your dance down the path. Friends, say it with me. 'I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,' Psalm 111:1. Great dancing! Sit down on the tape line. [Child's name], your turn! (*Continue with each child.*) Wow! I saw some pretty awesome dance moves! Everyone, clap for yourself. (*Pause.*) Super-duper!"

After the Activity: "David showed God that he was thankful by dancing and singing, and we can too! There are lots of ways we can say 'Thank You, God,' anytime and anywhere. **Who can thank God for everything? [Bottom Line] I can thank God for everything.**"

EveryChild Tips:

- Pair children up to do the activity together.
- For a version with less movement, encourage children to dance in place while standing or sitting.

2. Bible Story Review- Praise Parade

What You Need:

- ☐ Paper or toy crown
- ☐ Music player
- ☐ Praise music - use worship lists in APlay

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Gather children in an open area of the room.

During the Activity: Take turns wearing the crown and leading everyone around the room in a praise parade. Encourage children to dance, clap and make music with hand horns.

After the Activity: Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Let's have parade and praise God together!"

During the Activity: "In our Bible Story today, King David praised God! When we praise God, it's like a big THANK YOU to God!

"Hey! Let's take turns pretending to be King David leading a praise parade! [Child's name], you can be King David first and stand at the front of our parade. Everyone else can dance, clap, or toot a horn like this (*demonstrate*) while they follow King David!

(*Start the praise music.*) "Come on everyone! Let's have a praise parade and follow [child's name]! Woo-hoo! Now let's have a new king. [Child's name] it's your turn to be King David and lead our praise parade! (*Continue as time and interest allow.*) Great job friends!"

After the Activity: "I love praising God with you! We can praise God any time we want to thank Him for something like friends, a toy, people who help us, even for a bowl of cereal, because we can thank God for everything! **Who can thank God for everything? [Bottom Line] I can thank God for everything!**"

EveryChild Tips:

- Move with a buddy so everyone has an opportunity to participate.
- If a child prefers, allow them to carry the crown or lead without the crown.

3. Application Activity- Thank God

What You Need:

- ☐ No supplies needed

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Gather the children in an open area in the room.

During the Activity: Help children act out things we can thank God for.

After the Activity: Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Friends come over here and let's play a fun game to remember our Bible Story!"

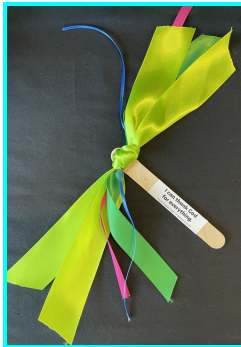
During the Activity: "I will say 'I can thank God for... spaghetti! Show me how you act out spaghetti. (Pause.) Whoa! Super fun! Okay next one. I can thank God for... family! Give yourself a big hug! (Pause.) Great job! I can thank God for... friends! Everyone go give a friend a high five! (Pause.) So good. I can thank God for... people to help me! Pretend to help someone carry a box or open a door. (Pause.) Great job! Now when I say 'praise God,' I want you to do a dance of praise! Ready? Praise God! (Repeat these as many times as you desire. It might be fun to go through them super-fast or super slow.) Great job everyone!"

After the Activity: "Praising God is a big thank you! Today in our Bible Story, David praised God to tell Him thank you. We can praise God to tell Him you too. **Who can thank God for everything? [Bottom Line] I can thank God for everything!** One more time. **Who can thank God for everything? [Bottom Line] I can thank God for everything!**"

EveryChild Tips:

- Pair children to act it out together.
- Assist children by quietly giving ideas or drawing picture cues.

4. Craft- Dancing Ribbons



What You Need:

- ☐ “Dancing Ribbons Label” Activity Page
- ☐ Ribbons on sticks
- ☐ Stickers
- ☐ Permanent marker

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Write each child’s name on a craft stick.

During the Activity: Encourage children to decorate their craft stick with their label and stickers.

After the Activity: Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Hooray! I’m so glad you’re here! 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!”

During the Activity: “Look at all these pretty colored ribbons! You can pick any five ribbons for your dancer. They can be all the same color or different. *(Count as the children pick their ribbons to make sure they get five.)* Great job! Now let’s thread them through the rubber band like this *(Demonstrate.)* Then we need to tie them in a knot. *(Demonstrate. Help as needed.)* Next, I’ll wrap the rubber band around your craft stick several times, so the ribbons stay put. *(Pause.)* Ta-dah! *(Shake the ribbon dancer.)* Put this sticker on your craft stick. It says, **[Bottom Line] I can thank God for everything.** Finish decorating your stick with any of these other stickers. *(Pause.)* Great job! Hold them still and we’ll use them after we review.”

After the Activity: “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 you thank for everything? [Bottom Line] I can thank God for everything.**”

EveryChild Tips:

- Create an example for children to see.