

SOCIAL 1/3

Tossing Bread

What You Need

- ☐ Umbrella
- ☐ Pom-poms



EveryChild Tips

For a version with less movement, sit with children around the umbrella and toss the pom-poms in.

Pair children up to do the activity.

① What You Do

Before the Activity

1. Scatter pom-poms on the floor in an open area of your room.

During the Activity

1. Open the umbrella and place it upside down on the floor in the middle of your area.
2. Ask the children to collect as many pom-poms as they can and throw them into the umbrella.
3. Once all the pom-poms have been collected and thrown into the umbrella, encourage the children to stand closely around you.
4. Then lift the umbrella over everyone's head and let the manna fall out.
5. Repeat as desired.

After the Activity

Introduce the Bible Story.

② What You Say

Before the Activity

"Friends, come stand over here with me. I have something super-fun for us to do today! See all the pom-poms on the floor? Let's pretend they are pieces of bread. When I say, 'bread,' I want you to collect as many as you can and put them in the umbrella."

During the Activity

"Ready? (OPEN THE UMBRELLA AND PLACE IT ON THE FLOOR UPSIDE DOWN.) Bread! When you have a pom-pom, throw it in the umbrella. (PAUSE.) Keep going until all the bread is collected and thrown into the umbrella. (PAUSE.) Okay, friends, come in close. (CAREFULLY LIFT THE UMBRELLA THEN TURN IT OVER ABOVE EVERYONE.) Whoa! Look at all the bread! That was so much fun!"

After the Activity

"Today in our true Bible Story, we're going to hear about a time when the Israelites were hungry and God gave them food to eat, bread in the morning and meat in the evening. Let's go hear all about it!"

Transition → Move to Worship and Story by asking children to pretend to pick up and toss the pom-poms.

3-5 Year-Olds

Small Group

November — Week 3

GROUPS 1/6

Memory Verse Hop

Memory Verse Activity

Faith Skills

Hear from God

Pray to God

Talk about God

Live for God

What You Need

- ☐ Heart cutouts
- ☐ Painter's tape



EveryChild Tips

Instead of jumping onto the heart, point to the heart when you say, "heart."

① What You Do

Note → You can find examples of hand motions in the "Memory Verse Hand Motions" PDF and video, included in the Prelude folder and on Pinterest.

Before the Activity

1. Space out the heart cutouts on the floor in a line and secure them with tape.
2. Make sure to have at least one heart per child and leader.
3. Say the verse as you do the motions with the children.

During the Activity

1. Ask children to jump onto their hearts when you say the word heart in the verse.
2. Repeat as desired.

After the Activity

Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

② What You Say

Before the Activity

"Hey friends, look at all the hearts on the floor. Hearts make us think of love! Everyone, go stand behind a heart and let's say our verse together as we do the motions. (PAUSE.) 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!"

During the Activity

"Now let's just say the words of our verse and when you hear the word heart, jump on your heart. Here we go! 'I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart.' Everyone jump! (JUMP ONTO YOUR HEART.) Psalm 111:1. (REPEAT AS DESIRED.) You did such a great job saying the Memory Verse and jumping onto the heart."

After the Activity

"We can thank God for everything with our whole heart! Who can thank God for everything? (BOTTOM LINE) I can thank God for everything!"

GROUPS 5/6

Picnic Story

Application Activity

Faith Skills

Hear from God

Pray to God

Talk about God

Live for God

What You Need

- ☐ "Picnic Story" Activity Page
- ☐ "Picnic Story Cards" Activity Page
- ☐ Light blue cardstock
- ☐ Cardstock
- ☐ A2-sized brown kraft envelopes
- ☐ Brown construction paper
- ☐ Crayons
- ☐ Glue sticks
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Permanent marker



EveryChild Tips

Create an example for children to see.

Pre-assemble each child's picnic basket.

① What You Do

Before the Activity

1. Copy "Picnic Story" on light blue cardstock, one per child.
2. Copy "Picnic Story Cards" on cardstock and cut one set per child.
3. Cut brown construction paper into ½-inch by 4-inch strips, two per child.
4. Write each child's name on their paper.

During the Activity

1. Encourage children to glue the construction paper strips on the lines on their paper.
2. Encourage children to glue their envelope to the rectangle on their paper, opening side facing out.
3. Ask children to color their story cards.
4. Review the Bible Story, then place the story cards in the envelope.

After the Activity

Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

② What You Say

Before the Activity

"Friends, come to the table and let's make a picnic basket and fill it with Bible Story cards."

During the Activity

"Look on your paper. Glue your brown strips on these lines **(POINT)** for the handles. Now glue your envelope at the bottom of your paper with the opening facing out. **(DEMONSTRATE.)** Look! You made a picnic basket!"

"Now color these story cards. **(PAUSE.)** They'll help us review today's true Bible Story."

"Find the card with the unhappy Israelites. **(PAUSE.)** The Israelites were walking in the hot desert for a long time and were tired and very hungry. God loved His people and wanted to take care of them. So He told their leader, Moses, that He would send meat at night and bread in the morning. Find the card with the Israelites in the nighttime. **(PAUSE.)** They're eating meat! Everyone was so happy to have food. Find the card with the Israelites in the daytime. **(PAUSE.)** The next morning, there were small pieces of bread all over the ground for the people to eat! You did it! You found all the story cards. There is one last card, it has a big heart on it. Hearts make us think of love. We can thank God for everything with our whole heart! Now place all your cards in the picnic basket."

After the Activity

"Every day, God made sure the Israelites had meat to eat at night and bread to eat in the morning. We can thank God for the food we eat too! We can thank God for everything! Who can thank God for everything?"
[BOTTOM LINE] I can thank God for everything."