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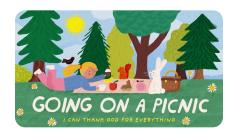
Small Group Leader Guide

Preschool Timetable









Today's Bible Story

I can thank God for family. Ruth, Naomi, and Boaz

Ruth 1-2

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

EveryChild Tips



This leader guide is designed to be inclusive of children with a special need, learning difference, or disability who attend a group with their peers. See highlighted sections below for additional inclusive protips. Check out the additional Special Needs resources included.





2-4 Year-Olds

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MOVE ACTIVITY

Sticky Grain





What You Need

Yellow sticky notes

EveryChild Tips



Cut pool noodles in half.

Offer for children to use a pool noodle to collect the sticky notes.

What You Do

Before the Activity

1. Spread sticky notes all over the floor, sticky side up.

During the Activity

- 1. Encourage children to move around the activity area collecting the sticky note "grains" as they walk.
- 2. Sit down together once all the grain has been collected and ask children to pull off the sticky notes and put them in a pile.
- 3. Reset and repeat as desired.

After the Activity

Introduce the Bible Story.

What You Say

Before the Activity

"Hello friends! Today we are going to move all around the room. You can walk on and around all these yellow papers. We can pretend they are pieces of grain."

During the Activity

"Ready, set, move! (PAUSE.) Look at that! The yellow papers are sticking to your feet as you walk on them. Keep them on your feet and keep walking! Let's see how many we can collect. (PAUSE.) I think we got them all! Come sit in a circle with me on the floor and let's see how many pieces we collected. Take all the yellow papers off and put them in a pile in the middle of our circle. (PAUSE.) Wow! Look how much grain we collected! Let's do it again! (RESET AND REPEAT. ADD NEW YELLOW STICKY NOTES AS NEEDED.) That was so much fun! Thanks for helping me collect all the grain!"

After the Activity

"In today's true story from the Bible, we're going to hear about a woman named Ruth who collected grain to help feed her family. Let's go hear all about it."

Transition -> Move to Story by putting a yellow sticky note on each child and ask them to try and keep it on them all the way to your designated area.

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Memory Verse with Motions

Faith Skills

Hear from God

Pray to God

Talk about God

Live for God

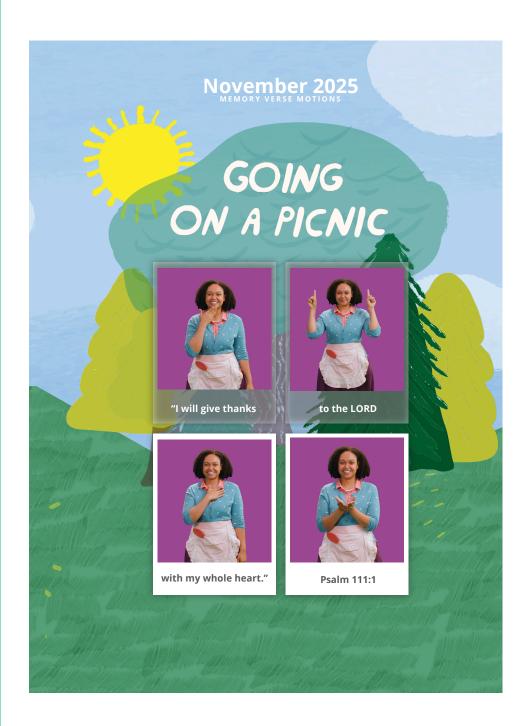


Inclusive Pro Tips

Invite children to say it with you or repeat words after you.

Set out the picture cutouts made from the "Memory Verse Hand Motions" PDF for children to hold up or point to as an alternative to saying or repeating the verse out loud.

If using this version, adjust wording in What You Say section accordingly.



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CREATE ACTIVITY

Thank God for Family



Application Activity

Faith Skills

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Create

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What You Need

- "Allergy Alert Poster""Thank God for Family" Activity
 - Page
- ☐ Yellow Circle Dot stickers
- Crayons
- Craft glue
- ☐ 3-ounce paper cups

EveryChild Tips



Create an example for children to see.

Use the adaptive Inclusive Optional Supplies.

If using this version, adjust wording in What You Say accordingly.

What You Do

During the Activity

Encourage children to color their paper then stick the yellow dot stickers.

After the Activity

Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

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What You Say

Before the Activity

"Friends, come to the table and let's make some story art to help us remember today's true story from the Bible."

During the Activity

"Look on your paper. I see Ruth in Boaz's field collecting grain for her and Naomi. Color your paper and then we'll add something special to it. (PAUSE.) Great job! Now let's stick the yellow dot stickers in the field and in a pile next to Ruth. (PAUSE.) Great job friends! "

After the Activity

"God gave Naomi family like Ruth and Boaz to help her. Ruth walked with Naomi to her hometown and found food for them to eat in Boaz's field. When Boaz found out that Naomi was part of his family, he decided to make sure they had plenty of food to eat. God gives us people to call family and all families can take care of each other. Thank You, God, for giving us family! Thank You, God, for everything! Who can thank God for everything? [BOTTOM LINE] I can thank God for everything."





What You Say

Dear God, Thank You for stories in the Bible that teach us about You and how we can thank You for everything. Today, we want to thank You for family.Please help us give thanks to You with our whole heart every day. We love You, God! In Jesus' name. Amen."

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