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Small Group Leader Guide

Preschool Timetable











Today's Bible Story

I can thank God for friends.
Daniel's Friends Pray

Daniel 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



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.





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Move

MOVE ACTIVITY

Tissue Dance

What You Need

☐ Facial tissues

Inclusive Optional Supplies

☐ Sheets of tissue paper



EveryChild Tips

Assist children in wheelchairs or walkers as needed so everyone can participate.

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

What You Do

Before the Activity

1. Ask children to stand in a single line on one side of the room.

During the Activity

- 1. Place a single tissue on each child's head.
- 2. Instruct the children to walk across the room, one at a time, while trying to keep the tissue on their heads.
- 3. When tissues fall off, encourage children to help each other put the tissues back on each other's heads and continue.

After the Activity

Introduce the Bible Story.

2 What You Say

Before the Activity

"Friends, line up beside me. I have a fun game for us to play today."

During the Activity

"Do you think this tissue will stay on your head as you walk to the other side of the room? Watch me. (DEMONSTRATE.) When it's your turn, I'll place this tissue on your head, and you'll walk to the other side of the room. Try to keep the tissue on your head, just like I did. [CHILD'S NAME], let's give it a try. (PAUSE.) Remember, it's okay if the tissue falls off. We can ask our friends to help us place it back on our head and keep going. (PAUSE.) Wow! What great friends you are to help each other keep the game going!" (REPEAT AS DESIRED.)

After the Activity

"Raise your hand if your tissue fell off while you were walking. (LOOK FOR RESPONSES.) Yes, we lost our tissues a lot, but we had friends to help us put them back on, didn't we? In our Bible Story today, we're going to hear about some friends that helped each other by praying for each other. Let's go hear all about these friends."

Transition -> Move to Worship and Story by continuing the activity and let the leader walk with the tissue on their head. The children can help put it back if it falls off.

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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.

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CREATE ACTIVITY

Thankful Table Topper

Application Activity



Faith Skills

Tape

Permanent marker

Hear from God Pray to God

Talk about God Live for God

What You Need

"Thankful Table Topper"

Activity Page

Washable markers or crayons
Self-inking heart and smiley face stamps
Heart Stickers



Create an example for children to see.

Provide support for each step, offering gentle guidance as needed.

What You Do

Before the Activity

- 1. "Thankful Table Topper" on cardstock, one per child.
- 2. Fold each paper on the designated lines, then lay flat.

During the Activity

- 1. Encourage children to decorate their paper with crayons or markers, stickers, and stamps.
- 2. Help each child fold their paper into a triangular table tent then tape across the tab to secure it.

After the Activity

"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 you thank for everything? [BOTTOM LINE] I can thank God for everything."



Prayer

What You Say

Dear God,

Thank You for our friends. And thank You for giving us the best friend ever...Jesus! You're the best, God! In Jesus' name. Amen."

Faith Skills

Talk about God

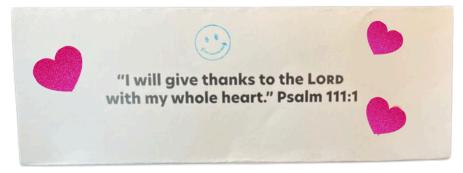
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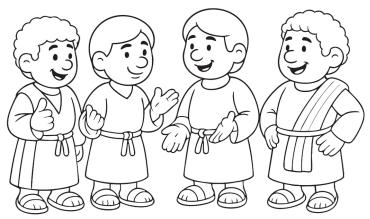
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