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Small Group Leader Guide

Preschool Timetable







PLEASE MAKE SURE KIDS TAKE THEIR CRAFT HOME.





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.





3-5 Year-Olds

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MOVE ACTIVITY

Tossing **Bread**





What You Need

- Umbrella
- Dom-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.

What You Do (1)

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
- 5. Repeat as desired.

After the Activity

Introduce the Bible Story.

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.

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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.



2 Year-Olds

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CREATE ACTIVITY

Thankful for Food



Application Activity



Faith Skills

Hear from God Pray to God Talk about God

Live for God

What You Need

☐ "Thankful for Food" Activity

Page

Cardstock

☐ Yellow and brown tissue

paper

Crayons

Scissors

Glue sticks

Permanent marker

EveryChild Tips



Create an example for children to see.

Use yellow and brown dot markers in place of tissue paper.

Offer adaptive scissors.

What You Do (1)

During the Activity

1. Encourage children to glue the tissue paper squares or confetti onto their picture

After the Activity

Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

What You Say (2)

Before the Activity "Friends, come to the table and let's make some story art to help us remember God's people, the Israelites. They walked in a hot desert for a long time, they were unhappy and hungry."

During the Activity

"Look! This side (POINT TO THE NIGHT SCENE) shows the Israelites at nighttime, and this side (POINT TO THE DAY SCENE) shows Israelites in the daytime. Color your pictures. (PAUSE.) God loved His people and wanted to take care of them. God knew they needed food so He told their leader, Moses, that He would send meat at night and bread in the morning. Wow, God is so good! That night they had plenty of meat to eat for dinner! Everyone was so happy to have food. Scrunch up some brown tissue and glue it to the nighttime picture. (PAUSE.) The next morning, there were small pieces of bread all over the ground for the people to eat! Glue some yellow pieces of paper to the ground on the daytime side. (PAUSE.) Great job! Every day, God made sure the people had meat to eat at night and bread to eat in the morning. Wow, God gave the Israelites food to eat!"

After the Activity

"Friends, we can thank God for all kinds of food! We can thank God for everything! Let's thank God together. 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."





Faith Skills

Hear from God Pray to God

Talk about God Live for God

What You Say

Dear God,

Thank You for making so many kinds of foods for us to eat. Please help us remember to thank You for the food we eat, because we can thank You for everything! We love You, God! In Jesus' name. Amen."

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SAMPLE

I can thank God for everything.

Manna and Quail • Exodus 16





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