2-4 Year-Olds

**Small Group** 

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### **Small Group Leader Guide**

### Preschool Timetable











### Today's Bible Story

### Elisha's Room

I can thank God for people who help me.

2 Kings 4:8-17

### **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.





3-5 Year-Olds Small Group

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### **MOVE ACTIVITY**

# Match the Helpers



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### What You Need

| "Match the | Big | Helpers" | Activity |
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- "Match the Small Helpers" Activity Page
- Cardstock
- Scissors
- Painter's tape
- Chairs

### **EveryChild Tips**

If any child has limited mobility, modify by bringing the chairs closer or having children point instead of walking.

Use simple, repeated language for comprehension (e.g., "Find the same helper. Match it. Sit!")

### What You Do

### Before the Activity

- Space the chairs around the room and position them with the backs facing the open area.
- 2. Tape one big helper picture to the back of each chair.
- 3. Give each child one small community helper card.

### During the Activity

- 1. Encourage children to look for the big helper who matches their small helper card.
- 2. When they find the matching chair, ask them to sit in it.
- 3. Celebrate once all children are seated.
- 4. Collect all the cards, shuffle, and repeat as desired.

### After the Activity

Introduce the Bible Story.

### ② What You Say

### Before the Activity

"Friends, come play a fun game with me! These chairs have big pictures of community helpers. These are people who help us every day, like doctors, firefighters, and mail carriers. I'm going to give you a card with a picture of a small community helper that matches the big pictures."

(GIVE EACH CHILD A SMALL CARD.)"

### During the Activity

"Look at your cards and go find the big match. (PAUSE.) Sit down in the chair with the matching picture. (PAUSE.) Hooray! Everyone is sitting, which means that we matched all the helpers! Hop up and bring me your card, and we'll play again! (REPEAT AS DESIRED.) That was awesome!"

### After the Activity

"God gives us people to help us, and today we're going to hear a true story from the Bible about someone who helped a man named Elisha. He traveled around telling everyone about God! Let's go hear more about Elisha and the people who helped him!"

Transition -> Move to Worship and Story by asking children if they found the firefighter to line up. If they found the police officer, line up. Repeat until all the children are in line.

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## Memory Verse with Motions

### Faith Skills

Hear from God

Pray to God

Talk about God

Live for God

What You Need

☐ No Supplies Needed

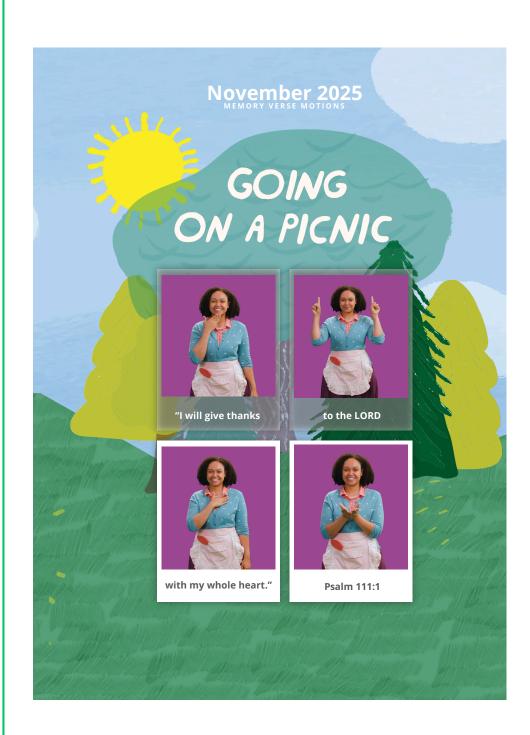


### Inclusive Pro Tips

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**

### A Room for Elisha

**Application Activity** 



#### Faith Skills

Hear from God Pray to God

Talk about God Live for God

#### What You Need

"A Room for Elisha" Activity Page
Cardstock
Crayons or washable markers
Glue sticks & Tape
Adhesive felt sheets
Flower stickers
Light bulb stickers

### EveryChild Tips



Create an example for children to see.

### What You Do

#### Before the Activity

- 1. Copy "A Room for Elisha" on cardstock, one per child.
- 2. Fold each child's picture and cut along the dotted lines.
- 3. Write each child's name on their paper.

### **During the Activity**

- Encourage children to decorate their picture of Elisha's room with stickers and felt sheets, just like the example shown in the picture.
- 2. Ask children to rub glue on the two tabs and attach them to the sides.

After the Activity

Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

### What You Say

### Before the Activity

"Friends, come to the table and let's make a room for Elisha."

### **During the Activity**

"Look! Do you see the bed, the table and chair, and the lamp the woman and her husband put in the room they made for Elisha? Let's decorate the room and the furniture in it. (PAUSE.) Great job! Now rub some glue on this part (POINT TO ONE TAB) and this part (POINT TO THE OTHER TAB) then fold it up like this and press the tabs to each side. (HELP AS NEEDED.) Wow! Look at the cool room you created for Elisha!"

### After the Activity

"Elisha loved God. He was a prophet and walked around from town to town, giving people messages from God. In one town, there was a woman who wanted to help Elisha. So, the woman and her husband would have Elisha come to their house to eat. One day, the woman told her husband she wanted to help Elisha even more. So they made a room on the roof of their house so Elisha would have a place to rest when he came to their town. She put things in Elisha's room that she thought he would need, like a chair, a table, a lamp, and a bed. Elisha was so thankful that God gave him people to help him. God gives us people to help us too! We can thank God for the people who help us because we can thank God for everything! Who can thank God for everything? [BOTTOM LINE] I can thank God for everything."





### Faith Skills

Talk about God

Hear from God Pray to God

Live for God

### **What You Say**

Dear God, thank You for giving us people who help us, because we all need

help sometimes. Thank You for people like (READ THE LIST CHILDREN MADE). You're the best, God, and we love You. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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