

First Look | November 9

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)

1. Story Puzzle

What You Need:

- ☐ "Story Puzzle" Activity Page
- ☐ Cardstock
- ☐ Adult scissors x3 (will be in an art tray on top of the art shelf)

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy "Story Puzzles" on cardstock

During the Activity: Invite children to color their 4 piece puzzles. Review the Bible Story as the children color. Talk about how God gave Daniel friends who prayed for him. God gives us friends too! We can thank God for our friends, because we can thank God for everything!

After the Activity: Cut the puzzle for the kids. They can put their puzzle together. When they are finished, put their puzzles into a Ziploc bag labeled with the child's name and send home.

What You Say:

During the Activity: "Do you all remember today's bible story? (allow for responses) Yes! The king had a dream and needed help. He was angry because no one could help him. Daniel went to the king and said he could help him if he would give him some time, and the king said yes.

Our activity page today shows us a picture of Daniel and his friends! Daniel went to his friends Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and asked them to pray for him. And they did!

Daniel thanked God for telling him how to help the king. Then Daniel went to the king and helped him understand what his dream meant.

After the Activity: "Great job working on your puzzle friends! Daniel had good friends who helped him when he needed prayer. We can thank God for our friends, because we can thank God for everything. **Who can thank God for everything? [Bottom Line] I can thank God for everything!"**

2. Pray

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."