

First Look | November 16

Today's Bible Story: I can thank God for food.

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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. Picnic Story

What You Need:

- ☐ "Picnic Story" Activity Page
- ☐ "Picnic Story Cards" Activity Page
- ☐ A2-sized brown kraft envelopes
- ☐ Crayons
- ☐ Glue sticks
- ☐ Permanent marker

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy "Picnic Story" on cardstock, one per child. Copy "Picnic Story Cards" on cardstock and cut one set per child. Write each child's name on their paper.

During the Activity: Encourage children to glue their envelope to their paper connecting it to the "picnic basket handle," opening side facing out. Ask children to color their story cards. Review the Bible Story, then place the story cards in the envelope.

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 picnic basket and fill it with Bible Story cards."

During the Activity: "Look on your paper. Glue your envelope just below the basket handle on your paper. Make sure the flap of the envelope is facing out. (*Demonstrate.*) Look! You made a picnic basket!"

"Now color these story cards. (*Pause.*) They'll help us review today's true Bible Story.

"Find the card with the unhappy Israelites. (*Pause.*) The Israelites were walking in the hot desert for a long time and were tired and very hungry. God loved His people and wanted to take care of them. So He told their leader, Moses, that He would send meat at night and bread in the morning. Find the card with the Israelites in the nighttime. (*Pause.*) They're eating meat! Everyone was so happy to have food. Find the card with the Israelites in the daytime. (*Pause.*) The next morning, there were small pieces of bread all over the ground for the people to eat! You did it! You found all the story cards. There is one last card, it has a big heart on it. Hearts make us think of love. We can thank God for everything with our whole heart! Now place all your cards in the picnic basket."

After the Activity: "Every day, God made sure the Israelites had meat to eat at night and bread to eat in the morning. We can thank God for the food we eat too! We can thank God for

everything! **Who can thank God for everything? [Bottom Line] I can thank God for everything."**

EveryChild Tips:

- Create an example for children to see.
- Pre-assemble each child's picnic basket.

2. Pray

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."