

First Look | November 23

Today's Bible Story: I can thank God for people who help me
Elisha's Room • 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)

1. Fingerprint Hearts

What You Need:

- ☐ "Fingerprint Hearts" Activity Page
- ☐ Washable ink pads
- ☐ Baby wipes
- ☐ Permanent marker

Inclusive Optional Supplies:

- ☐ Heart stamps and stickers

Note: You can find examples of hand motions in your leader binder.

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy "Fingerprint Hearts" on cardstock, one per child. Write each child's name on their paper. Say the verse and do the motions together with the children.

During the Activity: Encourage children to say the verse and add fingerprints to their heart. Repeat as desired. Clean hands as needed.

After the Activity: Connect the Memory Verse to the Bottom Line.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Hello friends! Let's do the motions as we say our Memory Verse together. Ready? 'I will give thanks (*move flat hand forward from chin*) to the LORD (*point up*) with my whole heart,' (*tap heart twice*) Psalm 111:1. (*Open hands like a book.*) Great job everyone! Now let's sit down at the table to fill the whole heart on your paper with your sweet fingerprints."

During the Activity: "See the big heart on your paper? It has words inside it. Those words are our Memory Verse. Let's say it together as you add your fingerprints. Tap your finger on the ink pad and then on your paper. Ready? 'I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,' Psalm 111:1. Nice job! Keep adding to your heart as we continue to say our verse together. (*Repeat as desired.*) Look! You filled your whole heart! They look so good."

After the Activity: "The Bible teaches us that we can thank God for family, friends, food, and people who help us because we can thank God for everything with our whole heart! **Who can thank God for everything? [Bottom Line] I can thank God for everything!**"

EveryChild Tips:

- For children with sensory sensitivities, allow children to use stamps or stickers instead of their fingers.

2. Pray

Dear God, thank You for giving us people who help us, because we all need help sometimes. You're the best, God, and we love You. In Jesus' name. Amen."