



WEEK 1 - November 2019 - PRESCHOOL

Bible Story Focus: I can thank God for my family.

Ruth, Naomi, and Boaz • *Ruth 1–2*

Memory Verse: “I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart.” Psalm 111:1, ESV

Key Question: Who can you thank for everything?

Bottom Line: I can thank God for everything.

Basic Truth: God made me.

Summary: Can you say thank you?” How many times will a child be asked that question in their preschool years? We ask them again and again because we want to help them learn to be thankful. This month is all about saying thank you. In fact, we are going to be bubbling over with thankfulness in the Bubble Factory, our theme for this month.

Throughout the month, preschoolers will learn to be thankful for their family, friends, and food. And, they’ll learn that saying, “Thank you” is just as important as being thankful.

9:00-9:10 | 10:30-10:40 | 12:00-12:10 - FREE PLAY

SFX: High-energy music from Spotify playlist “PreK Walk-in”

9:10-9:25 | 10:40-10:55 | 12:10-12:25 - MAKE IT FUN

SFX: Play low-energy music from Spotify playlist "PreK Small Groups"

9:25-9:45 | 10:55-11:15 | 12:25-12:45 - MAKE IT TRUE

LARGE GROUP SCRIPT:

Bible Story

What You Need: A Bible, two biblical-looking robes, a cowboy hat, some wheat, and a basket

Optional Story Images can be found in the Large Group Images folder. (02_LG35_Stage_Images) They can be used in conjunction with this script.

STORYTELLER: "Family IS the best, isn't it? Today I want to tell you about a very special family from the Bible. If you would like to hear this TRUE story, say, 'Let's hear it!'"

CHILDREN: "Let's hear it!"

STORYTELLER: "Awesome! First I need two volunteers to help me out.

(Select two older girls from the audience to come onstage. Give each volunteer a robe to put on.)

"Thanks for helping me out today, girls. Okay, everyone, *(stand next to one volunteer)* this is Naomi."

(Whisper in "Naomi's" ear to look sad.)

(Option: Story Image W1 01)

"Oh, no. Does Naomi look happy? *(Pause.)* No. She looks so sad. Naomi was sad because her husband and her sons had died. She had no family. She was all alone, so she decided to go back to the town where she grew up.

"But look! *(Motion to the other volunteer.)* It's Ruth! Ruth had married Naomi's son. Ruth said, 'I'll go with you, Naomi. I'll be your family.'

(Motion for Ruth to stand next to Naomi.)

(Option: Story Image W1 02)

“Isn’t that amazing? God sent Ruth to be Naomi’s family. Thank You, God! Can you say that with me?”

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: “Thank You, God!”

STORYTELLER: “So Naomi and Ruth walked to the town where Naomi used to live.

(Walk to the opposite side of the stage as the volunteers follow you.)

“Then Naomi and Ruth started to feel hungry. *(To the volunteers)* Can you show me how it would look if you were really hungry? *(Pause.)* So hungry! Ruth and Naomi didn’t have any money to buy food, so Ruth went to see if she could find something to eat.

(Motion for Ruth to follow you. Put on the cowboy hat.)

“Not far from where they lived, a man named Boaz had people working in his fields to gather grain.

(Begin throwing some wheat onto the stage.)

“The fields were big and the workers were fast. But as they went, sometimes they would leave grain on the ground behind them. Ruth saw this and wondered if she could pick up the leftovers on the ground and bring them home to Naomi so they would have food.

“Boaz saw her and found out that she was family.

(Hand Ruth the basket. Motion for Ruth to pick up the grain on the stage and put it in the basket.)

“Boaz let Ruth pick all the good food she needed. Wow! God sent family to help Ruth and Naomi. Thank You, God! Say it with me!”

(Option: Story Image W1 03)

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: “Thank You, God!”

(Motion for Ruth to follow you back to Naomi onstage.)

STORYTELLER: “Come on, Ruth! Let’s go show Naomi what you have. When Ruth went home, Naomi was SO surprised. *(To Naomi)* Let’s see your surprised face, Naomi.

(Pause.) Yes! Naomi was so surprised that she asked Ruth who had helped her. Ruth answered, 'A man named Boaz.' What do you think Naomi said? She said, 'Thank You, God!'

(Option: Story Image W1 04)

"Ruth and Naomi said thank you for the family who helped them. That's what families do, right? We take care of each other. *(Look up.)* Thank You, God, for giving us our family. How about a round of applause for our awesome volunteers? Thanks so much for helping out today!

(Take the robes from the two volunteers and send them back to their seats.)

"We can thank God for our families. **[Bottom Line] I can thank God for everything!** When I ask, 'Who can you thank for everything?' I want you to say, **[Bottom Line] I can thank God for everything.** Got it? Okay, here we go. **Who can you thank for everything?"**

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: [Bottom Line] "I can thank God for everything!"

STORYTELLER: "That's right! Boaz took care of Ruth and Naomi just like your family takes care of you. Let's pray and thank God for the families He's given us."

PRAYER

STORYTELLER: "Dear God, thank You for family. Thank You for moms and dads and brothers and sisters and aunts and cousins and grandparents and all of those in our lives who help take care of us. We want to thank You for everything. We love You. Amen."

(Host enters. Storyteller exits.)

CG: Bible Story Wrap-Up Video

Worship: Inviting People to Respond to God

Engage kids' hearts through dynamic and interactive worship in a Large Group setting.

WORSHIP LEADER: WORSHIP LEADER: "Hello, friends! Let me ask you a question: When someone does something kind for you, what should you say?"

CHILDREN: "Thank you!"

WORSHIP LEADER: "Yes! We should always say thank you. This month is all about giving thanks to God, who has given us everything! When I ask, 'Who can you thank for everything?' you say, **[Bottom Line] 'I can thank God for everything.'** Let's do it. **Who can you thank for everything?"**

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: [Bottom Line] “I can thank God for everything.”

WORSHIP LEADER: “Yes, we can thank God for everything! And one way we can say thank you to God is by singing songs to Him. Let’s sing our new song for this month, ‘Just Wanna Thank You.’

(Lead children in singing “Just Wanna Thank You,” this month’s worship song.)

“Beautiful job, friends. **[Bottom Line] I can thank God for everything. Who can you thank for everything?”**

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: [Bottom Line] “I can thank God for everything.”

WORSHIP LEADER: “Yes! **[Bottom Line] I can thank God for everything.** Our memory verse straight from the Bible says: *I will give thanks (thumbs to chest) to the LORD (both hands point up) with my whole heart (both hands over heart), Psalm 111:1. (Open hands like a book.)* Can you say it with me?”

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: *“I will give thanks (thumbs to chest) to the LORD (both hands point up) with my whole heart (both hands over heart), Psalm 111:1.” (Open hands like a book.)*

WORSHIP LEADER: “Way to go! Let’s sing one more song together.

(Lead children in singing “Fear Get Out of Here.”)

“Great job! We can thank God that He is with us so we don’t have to be afraid. **[Bottom Line] I can thank God for everything. Who can you thank for everything?”**

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: [Bottom Line] “I can thank God for everything.”

Dismiss children to small groups.

9:45-10:05 | 11:15-11:35 | 12:45-1:05 MAKE IT STICK

SFX: Play low-energy music from Spotify playlist “PreK Small Groups”