



WEEK 5 - Nov 2020 - PRESCHOOL

Today's Bible Story: I can praise God because He is good.

We Can Praise God • *Psalm 149:1-5*

Memory Verse: "Give thanks to the Lord for he is good." Psalm 107:1, NIV

Key Question: Who is good?

Bottom Line: God is good.

Basic Truth: God made me.

Make it Fun

Activities to help kids transition into the classroom and set up the bible story.

-Marching

Make it True

Captivate kids with a bible story and help them understand how it connects to their world

-Large group time

Make it Stick

Activities and crafts that help kids personalize the story and apply the truths to their life.

-Sticker verse
-Thanks
-Parachute phrase
-Journal and prayer

First 15 min - MAKE IT FUN

1. Marching Music

Made to Move: An activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn

What You Need: Preschool-safe musical instruments

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Lay the instruments in the activity area.

During the Activity: Encourage the children to play with the instruments and march around the room as they play. Repeat as desired. Sanitize between uses.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Yay! Let's make some music!"

During the Activity: "Everyone, play together and make some music! We can march as we play!"
(*Do activity.*)

After the Activity: "Great job! These instruments are so cool. We can use instruments to praise God! Today in our Bible story, we'll hear ways we can praise God!"

Transition: Move to Worship and Story by pretending to play a musical instrument as you walk to the story area.

Large group - MAKE IT TRUE

Large Group Overview:

Story Focus: I can praise God because He is good. Grab your shakers for week five, because we are having a praise party! We want to lead our preschoolers in praising God, because God is good! It will be a special time when we read all of the leaves on our Thankful Trees, praise God for all He has done, and remember that God is good.

Last 20 min- MAKE IT STICK

1. Sticker Verse

Hear from God | Memory Verse Review

Made to Move: An activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn

What You Need: "November Memory Verse Stickers" Activity Page and Avery® #5294 labels or equivalent

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy the "November Memory Verse Stickers" on the label paper, one label per child.

During the Activity: Lead the children to say the memory verse with motions. Then, call on each child to say the verse along with you. As each child finishes, give them a sticker.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Friends, come gather with me!"

During the Activity: "Let's say our memory verse with the motions. Ready?"

"Give thanks (*clap on each word*)
to the Lord (*point up*)
for he is good, (*two thumbs up*)
Psalm 107:1 (NIV). (*Open your hands like a book.*)

"Great job! Now, let's say it one at a time. I will call on you and say the verse with you."

After the Activity: "Your sticker says, 'God is good!' We can give thanks to God because **[Bottom Line] God is good. Who is good? [Bottom Line] God is good.**"

2. Thanks!

Talk about God | Bible Story Review

Made to Move: An activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn

What You Need: "Four Good Things" Activity Pages, cardstock, and tape

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy of "Four Good Things" on cardstock, one set per small group. Tape one picture in each corner of the room where the children can easily see them.

During the Activity: Play the "Four Corners" game using the "Four Good Things" images. Ask all of the children to stand in the middle of the room. Each time you call out one of the pictures, all of the children must walk quickly to stand under that image.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Everyone come stand with me. I have a fun game for us to play!”

During the Activity: “Look at the pictures on the wall with me. (*Point to the pictures as you talk about them.*) That is a picture of food. We can thank God for food. That is a picture of family. We can thank God for family who helps us. That is a picture of people in our community. We can thank God for people who help us. And that one is some of the good things God made in the world. We can thank God for good things.

“When I say the name of one of these pictures, you walk really fast to stand under that picture and say, **[Bottom Line] ‘GOD IS GOOD!’** Ready? I can thank God for . . . FOOD! (*Give children time to walk to the food picture.*) **[Bottom Line] GOD IS GOOD!** I can thank God for . . . FAMILY who help me! (*Give children time to walk to the family picture.*) **[Bottom Line] GOD IS GOOD!** I can thank God for . . . GOOD THINGS! (*Give children time to walk to the creation picture.*) **[Bottom Line] GOD IS GOOD!** I can thank God for . . . PEOPLE who help me! (*Give children time to walk to the people picture.*) **[Bottom Line] GOD IS GOOD!”** (*Continue calling out different pictures as long as the children are interested in playing.*)

After the Activity: “That was fun! God gives us food, family, people, and a world full of good things because **[Bottom Line] God is good! Who is good? [Bottom Line] God is good!”**

3. Parachute Praise

Live for God | Application Activity

Made to Move: An activity that uses a preschooler’s natural desire to move to help them learn

What You Need: A parachute and artificial leaves

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Lay a parachute out flat on the floor of your activity area.

During the Activity: Have the children gather around the edge of the parachute. Instruct the children to bend down, grab the edge of the parachute with both hands, then lift to waist height. Encourage the children to slowly move their arms to wave the parachute. Then, add the leaves for the children to bounce along the surface of the parachute.

After the Activity: Have the children lower the parachute to the ground. Collect the leaves and gather the parachute for clean-up.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Will you come stand with me, friends? Let’s gather around the parachute.”

During the Activity: “Now, everyone bend down and grab the edge with both hands. Is everybody holding on? Now, stand up! Awesome. Let’s wave our arms to make the parachute move like this. (*Demonstrate.*) You know, we can say thank you to God for all the good things He’s made. Like trees with so many beautiful leaves! (*Add the leaves.*) As you watch the leaves bounce, think about all the good things God has made!”

After the Activity: “Okay friends, hold your arms still. *(Pause.)* Now, let’s set the parachute on the floor. That was fun! I’m so thankful to have a praise party with you. God has given us so many good things to enjoy. Why? Because **[Bottom Line] God IS good. Who is good? [Bottom Line] God is good.**”

4. Journal and Prayer

Pray to God | Prayer Activity

Made to Reflect: An activity that encourages personal application and prayer

What You Need: Paperclipped “Memory Verse Card” in your Bible at Psalm 107:1, journal, a fun-shaped pen, and reward stickers or a handstamp

SMALL GROUP LEADER (SGL): “It’s Small Group time! Today, we’ll say a special cheer for God while we walk to our small group spot. Let’s clap and cheer, ‘I can praise God because He is good!’ Let’s practice while we stand here.”

CHILDREN and SGL: *(Cheer and clap)* “I can praise God because He is good!” *(Repeat.)*

SGL: “You sound wonderful! Let’s praise God and cheer for Him while we walk to our spot. Follow me and cheer for God! *(Cheer as you lead the children to your small group spot.)*

“Yay, God! *(Clap with the children.)* Let’s sit down and talk about today’s Bible story. One, two, three, sit down with me! *(Open the Bible and lay it in front of the children.)*

“Our Bible story today was about how we can praise God because He is good! We can praise Him for this amazing world He made, for food, for family, and for people who help us. Everywhere we look, we see good gifts from God because **[Bottom Line] God is good. Who is good? [Bottom Line] God is good!**

“The Bible verse we have learned will help us remember to thank God because **[Bottom Line] God is good!** It says . . . *(Turn the pages of your Bible to the Memory Verse Card.)*

“*Give thanks to the LORD for he is good, Psalm 107:1. (Close Bible and lay it down.)*

“Let’s stand up and say it together with the motions, one more time. Then, anyone who wants to can try to say it!”

CHILDREN and SGL: “*Give thanks (clap on each word) to the LORD (point up) for he is good, (two thumbs up) Psalm 107:1.*” *(Open hands like a book.)*

SGL: “You sound great! I know you can do this. Let’s sit down. When it’s your turn to say the Bible verse, you can stand up and try it. I have my stickers/handstamp ready!”

(Say each child’s name. Make sure to give each child the opportunity to say the verse on his/her own. Have your stickers/handstamp ready to give when they say it.)

SGL: “You did it, [child’s name]! Here is your sticker/handstamp! *(Repeat with each child as they try to say the Bible verse.)*

“Okay, when I count to three, I want everyone to show me their sticker/handstamp. One, two, three! Yay, I see them!” *(Clap and cheer for the children.)*

“Okay, let’s sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. *(Hold journal and fun-shaped pen.)*

“Today, I will write the words GOD IS GOOD in our journal like this . . . *(Write the words for the children to see.)*

“Now, we’ll pray together. When I say your name, you to tell God, ‘I praise You because You are good.’ Let’s say that together a few times then we’ll pray.”

CHILDREN and SGL: “I praise You because You are good.” *(Repeat until you think the children have it.)*

SGL: “Sounds like we’re ready. Listen for your name. When I say your name, tell God, ‘I praise You because You are good.’”

Prayer

SGL: “Dear God, We praise You because You are good! [Child’s name] . . . *(prompt child to say, ‘I praise You because You are good!’)* [Child’s name] . . . *(Continue with each child.)* We love You, God. In Jesus’ name, amen.”

