



WEEK
THREE
NOVEMBER 2023

SMALL GROUP
3-5 YEAR
-OLDS

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

WORSHIP

STORY

GROUPS

HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO MOVE

an activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn



4. MANNA TOSS

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Umbrella and pom-poms

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Scatter pom-poms on the floor in an open area of your room.

BIBLE STORY

I can thank
God for food.

MANNA AND QUAIL
EXODUS 16

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Open the umbrella and place it upside down on the floor in the middle of your area. Ask the children to collect as many pom-poms as they can and throw them into the umbrella. Once all the pom-poms have been collected and thrown into the umbrella, encourage the children to stand closely around the leader. Then the leader will lift the umbrella over everyone's head and let the manna fall out. Repeat as desired.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bible story.

MEMORY VERSE

"Always give thanks to God."

EPHESIANS 5:20, NIRV

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, come stand over here with me. I have a super-fun activity for us today! See all the pom-poms on the floor? Let's pretend they are manna like in our Bible story. When I say, 'Manna,' I want you to collect as many as you can and then put them in the umbrella."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Ready? Manna! (*Open the umbrella and place on the floor upside down.*) When you have the manna, throw it in the umbrella. (*Pause.*) Keep going until all the manna is collected and thrown into the umbrella. (*Pause.*) Okay, friends, come in close. (*Carefully lift umbrella above everyone.*) Whoa! Look at all the manna! Thank You, God! Say it with me. Thank You, God! (*Repeat as desired.*) That was so much fun!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "God knew that the Israelites were hungry and needed food to eat. God told Moses that He would send meat at night and bread in the morning. And that's what God did! There was plenty of meat to eat for dinner. In the morning, there was plenty of bread to eat. Every day, God made sure the people had meat to eat at night and bread to eat in the morning. God gave the Israelites food. God is so good! Let's say, 'Thank You, God! Thank You (*move flat hand forward from lips*), God, for our food. Thank You (*move flat hand forward from lips*), God, for everything! **Who can you thank for everything? I can thank God for everything.**"

KEY QUESTION

Who can you thank
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BOTTOM LINE

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BASIC TRUTH

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MADE TO CREATE
an activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible story, bottom line, or memory verse by creating a craft to take home



5. HOORAY FOR FOOD
[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Hooray for Food" Activity Page, cardstock, crayons or washable markers, toy food, jumbo craft sticks, glue sticks, scissors, baby wipes, and a permanent marker

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Hooray for Food" on cardstock and cut, one per child. Write each child's name on their paper. Place toy food in the center of the table in groupings.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Encourage children to draw a picture of the food they see in front of them. Help children glue the craft stick to the backside of their pennant. Clean hands as needed.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bible story.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "We heard a great story about how we can thank God for giving us food. Thank You, God, for giving us food to eat."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Today, we'll be artists and draw the food you see on the table. Your paper is special. It's a triangle shape that we'll make into a pennant for you to use as we review our story. You can use crayons or markers to draw a picture of the food. (Pause.) Wow! You are great artists! Let's flip your papers over and on this side (point to the short edge) glue your craft stick. (Pause.) Great job! Let's review."

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "In our story today, we heard about when the Israelites were walking a long way in the desert. They were unhappy! They were hot, tired, and HUNGRY! God knew that the Israelites needed food. So He told their leader Moses that He would send meat at night and bread in the morning. Wow, God is so good! That night, they had plenty of meat to eat for dinner! Everyone was so happy to have food. Hold up your pennants and say, 'Hooray! Hooray!' (Repeat.) Let's say, 'Thank You (move flat hand forward from lips), God!' Thank You (move flat hand forward from lips), God!"

"Then the next morning, there were small pieces of bread all over the ground for the people to eat! Hold up your pennants and say, 'Hooray! Hooray!' (Repeat.) Let's say, 'Thank You (move flat hand forward from lips), God!' Thank You (move flat hand forward from lips), God! Every day, God made sure the people had meat to eat at night and bread to eat in the morning. God gave the Israelites food. Wow, God is so good! We can thank God for food. Thank You (move flat hand forward from lips), God, for our food. Thank You (move flat hand forward from lips), God for everything! **Who can you thank for everything? I can thank God for everything.**"

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6. JOURNAL AND PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Memory Verse Card" from Week One in Bible, journal, and a fun-shaped pen

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: If you do not have the "Memory Verse Card" in your Bible, copy "Memory Verse Card" on

cardstock and cut, one per small group. Place one card in your Bible at Ephesians 5:20. Keep this card in your Bible all month.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Pretend to walk through a hot desert while you lead the children to your Small Group spot. Sit down and gather the children around you. Review the memory verse and motions, then encourage children to help you make a list of their favorite foods.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Pray with the children using the list you made in the journal.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "It's Small Group time! Today, we'll pretend to walk through a hot desert to our Small Group spot. Whew! It's hot in this desert! (*Fan yourself with your hand.*) Follow me! (*Walk slowly and fan yourself as you lead the children to your Small Group spot.*) Finally! We're here! Let's sit down so we can talk about today's Bible story. One, two, three, sit down with me!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: (*Open the Bible to the "Memory Verse Card" and lay it open in front of the children.*) "In today's Bible story, God's people, the Israelites, had been walking in a desert and were so hungry. God knew they needed food. So God gave the Israelites bread in the morning and meat at night. Yum! The Israelites were so happy to have food to eat! They thanked God for food, and we can thank God for food too. We can thank God for everything! **Who can you thank for everything? I can thank God for everything!**"

"The Bible verse we're learning tells us when we can thank God. It says, 'Always (*draw large circles with index finger*) give thanks (*move flat hand forward from lips*) to God (*flat hand with thumb to forehead, pull down*);' Ephesians 5:20. (*Open hands like a book.*) Did you hear that? When should we thank God? (*Pause.*) Always! Let's stand up and say that Bible verse together! Just say what I say and do what I do. 'Always (*draw large circles with index finger*) give thanks (*move flat hand forward from lips*) to God (*flat hand with thumb to forehead, pull down*);' Ephesians 5:20. (*Open hands like a book.*)"

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(6. JOURNAL AND PRAYER, CONTINUED)

"That was fantastic! (*Give high fives.*) Now we can sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. Since our Bible story was about God giving the Israelites food, we'll make a list of our favorite foods! When I say your name, tell me one of your favorite foods, and I'll write it in our prayer journal." (*Remember to print as you write in the journal so the children can recognize their names and the letters.*)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "This list is making me hungry! Let's thank God for all of these yummy foods! Would anyone like to pray before I pray? (*Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.*)

"Dear God, You are so good! Thank You for creating so many yummy foods to eat like (*read the list the children made*). I pray You will help (*name each child*) and me remember to thank You for our food. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."