



WEEK  
**THREE**  
NOVEMBER 2023

LARGE GROUP  
**3-5** YEAR  
-OLDS  
STAGE

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

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HOME

10 MINUTES

## BIBLE STORY

I can thank  
God for food.

**MANNA AND QUAIL**  
**EXODUS 16**

## MEMORY VERSE

"Always give thanks to God."

**EPHESIANS 5:20, NIRV**

## KEY QUESTION

Who can you thank  
for everything?

## BOTTOM LINE

I can thank God  
for everything.

## BASIC TRUTH

God loves me.

## LARGE GROUP

ENGAGE CHILDREN'S HEARTS THROUGH A DYNAMIC AND INTERACTIVE WORSHIP, BIBLE STORY, AND PRAYER EXPERIENCE IN A LARGE GROUP SETTING.

## WORSHIP

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Memory Verse Card" from Week One in Bible; instruments or music player; this month's worship song, "All I Wanna Do," included in your monthly files; and "God Is Good," available on the Amazing album on OrangeKidsMusic.com; Optional Dance Moves Video for "All I Wanna Do," available in the Media Package if you subscribe or from OrangeKidsMusic.com, and "God Is Good," available from OrangeKidsMusic.com

*Worship Leader enters.*

**WORSHIP LEADER:** "Friends, it's so good to be together today! My name is [your name], and I love that we get to worship God together! We can sing and dance and have a great big parade of thanks for all the amazing and awesome things God has done! God gives us everything we need. What a good, good God! Tell me, **who can you thank for everything?**"

**CHILDREN AND WORSHIP LEADER: "I can thank God for everything."**

**WORSHIP LEADER:** "Yes, **I can thank God for everything** because everything comes from God! All I wanna do is worship Him with you! So, stand up and sing this out with me.

*Lead children in singing "All I Wanna Do," this month's worship song.*

"What a great song! Remember, **I can thank God for everything**. And the Bible teaches us that 'Always (*draw large circles with index finger*) give thanks (*move flat hand forward from lips*) to God (*hold open palm with thumb to forehead and pull down*),' Ephesians 5:20. (*Open hands like a book.*) Let's say our memory verse together!

*Lead children to say the memory verse with the motions.*

"Great job, friends! God is so so good to us! So, let's sing this together.

*Lead children in singing "God Is Good."*

"God is strong and kind and good! He made everything! Thanks for worshipping with me today, friends. **[Transition]** And now it's time to turn around, sit down, and shake the wiggles out (*wiggle hands*) so we can hear (*cup hands behind ears*) what the story's all about!"

*Host enters as Worship Leader exits.*



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## INTRO SKETCH

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Box or bin, fruit snacks, Goldfish® cracker packs, lollipops, and bubblegum

*Host enters.*

**HOST:** "Hi, friends! Welcome to [your environment's name or story time]! My name is [your name]. I'm getting ready for our big PARADE OF THANKS! I can't wait for the parade. Raise your hand if you've been to a parade before. *(Pause.)* Awesome! You can put your hands down.

"I am so excited! I'm going to ride on a float and wave to the crowd.

*Stand up tall and wave to the children.*

"But my FAVORITE part of a parade is when people throw treats to the crowd from the parade floats.

*Pull out a pack of goldfish crackers and hold them up.*

"We're going to throw out some goldfish crackers. *(Toss the pack from hand to hand.)* Yummy! Let's see. We'll also throw out some . . .

*Pull out a pack of fruit snacks.*

"Fruit snacks! I love these things.

*Dig through the bin.*

"Man, all these snacks are making me hungry! But I can't eat them because we have to save them for the parade. I better go find something quick, so I don't eat all these treats. See you later, friends."

*Storyteller enters as Host exits with the snacks.*

## STORY

**WHAT YOU NEED:** "Night and Morning" and "Meat and Bread" Activity Pages, copy paper, cardstock, oatmeal canisters, index cards, scissors, tape, crickets chirping and rooster crowing sound effects *(provided)*, small table, and a Bible; *Optional Story Images and cardstock*

*Preset the table in your storytelling area.*

*Storyteller enters, carrying a Bible and the Morning and Night canisters.*

**STORYTELLER:** "Hello, friends! I'm [your name], and I can't wait to tell you a true story from the Bible.

*Open Bible for children to see, then set it down on the table.*

"Today's true story from the Bible begins with some people called the Israelites.

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"Can you say that with me?"



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**CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER:** "Israelites."

**STORYTELLER:** "You've got it. Now, the Israelites were pretty unhappy. They were walking in a desert. Deserts are HOT! There are no trees to sit under in a desert. There's no cool water to swim in. There are no grocery stores or restaurants for food.

"And the Israelites had been walking in a hot desert for a very long time. They walked and they walked and they walked. They were hot. And tired. And they were HUNGRY!

"Their tummies were growling. Can you make a tummy-grumbling sound with me?

*Grab your tummy and make a rumbling sound with the children.*

"When someone's tummy is growling, what does that mean? (Pause.) Yes! They're hungry. The Israelites were very hungry because they didn't have any food! God knew that the Israelites needed food.

(Option: Display Story Image W3 02)

"So, God told their leader Moses that he would send food.

"At night . . .

*Open "Night" canister. Play "Crickets Chirping" sound effect.*

**AUDIO:** Crickets Chirping (provided)

". . . when the moon and stars were in the sky and the crickets chirp, God sent meat to eat.

(Option: Display Story Image W3 03)

*Pull meat cutout from container, close container, and place in the slit at the of the index card.*

"They had plenty of meat to eat! Everyone was so happy to have food. Wow! Let's tell God thank you. Can you do the sign for 'thanks' with me?

*Make the ASL sign for 'thanks:' Touch fingertips to lips and move forward and down.*

"Yes, let's say thank you to God together.

**CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER:** (Make the ASL sign for 'thanks.')

**STORYTELLER:** "Then, in the morning . . .

*Open "Morning" canister. Play "Rooster Crowing" sound effect.*

**AUDIO:** Rooster Crowing (provided)



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“. . . when the rooster crowed and the sun was in the sky, there were small pieces of bread all over the ground for the people to eat!

(Option: Display Story Image W3 04)

*Pull bread cutout from container, close container, and place in the slit at the of the index card.*

“Again, everyone was SO happy. Let’s say, ‘Thank you (make the ASL sign for ‘thanks’), God!”

**CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER:** (Make the ASL sign for ‘thanks.’) “Thank you, God.”

**STORYTELLER:** “Every day, God made sure the people had meat to eat at night (point to ‘Night’ canister) and bread to eat in the morning. (Point to ‘Morning’ canister.)

“Wow! God is SO good! God gave the Israelites food to eat. We can thank God for our food too! Thank You (make the ASL sign for ‘thanks’), God, for our food. Tell me, **who can you thank for everything?**”

**CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER:** **“I can thank God for everything!”**

**STORYTELLER:** “You’ve got it! **I can thank God for everything!** [Transition] Our story time is over (pick up and close Bible), but we’re not through. Let’s talk to God because God loves you!”

## PRAYER

**STORYTELLER:** “God, thank You for giving the Israelites the food they needed! Thank You for the food You give to us. We are so so thankful! We love You. In Jesus’ name, we pray, amen.

“I’ll see you next time. Bye!”

*Host enters as Storyteller exits, carrying Bible.*

## OUTRO SKETCH

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Box of snacks from Intro Sketch

*Host enters, carrying the box of snacks.*

**HOST:** “Wow! God gave the Israelites bread and meat to eat every day. God can give us food, too! Thank You, God. (ASL sign for “thank you.”) **I can thank God for everything!**”

“I think I (point to self) got the story. Did you (point to children) get it? If you did, say, ‘Got it!’ Get it?” (Cup one hand behind ear.)

**CHILDREN AND HOST:** “Got it!”

**HOST:** (Give two thumbs-up) “Good! I’m so thankful God gives us food. I can’t wait to share all these treats at the parade. (Hold up the box.) [Transition] And now it’s time for more Bible fun. There’s more to learn. Come on, everyone!”

*Host dismisses small groups and exits.*