



WEEK
FOUR
NOVEMBER 2023

LARGE GROUP
3-5 YEAR
-OLDS
STAGE

PRELUDE SOCIAL **WORSHIP** STORY GROUPS HOME

10 MINUTES

BIBLE STORY

I can thank God
all the time.

DAVID PRAISES GOD
2 SAMUEL 6:12-15;
PSALM 149:1-5

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 "Attitude of Gratitude," available on the Very Big Things 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 "Attitude of Gratitude," available from OrangeKidsMusic.com

Worship Leader enters.

WORSHIP LEADER: "Friends, I'm SO excited to see you today! My name is [your name]. What a FUN month we've had worshipping and giving thanks to our awesome God! He gives us so many good things. **I can thank God for everything! 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.**

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

"That's right! **I can thank God for everything!** Do you remember our memory verse for this month? Let's say it together.

"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.)

Lead children to say the memory verse with the motions.

"Great job, friends! We should always give thanks to God because God is so, so good to us! Let's sing about having an attitude of gratitude!

Lead children in singing "Attitude of Gratitude."

"Thanks for worshipping with me today! **[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: Streamers or confetti, a kazoo, and a tambourine

Host enters, marching and playing the kazoo and tambourine, with streamers or confetti in pocket.

HOST: "Hi, friends! Welcome to [your environment's name or story time]! My name is [your name]. We just finished our Parade of Thanks.

Throw a streamer in the air.

"And it was AWESOME! There was singing.

Sing a line from a popular preschool song or worship song.

There was dancing.

Do a silly dance like the Cabbage Patch or Sprinkler or simply twirl in a circle.

"There was even a band playing fun music!

Play the kazoo and tambourine at the same time.

"It was SO fun! I wish we could have a Parade of Thanks all the time!

Throw streamers or confetti in the air.

"See you later, friends!"

Storyteller enters as Host exits, marching and playing.

STORY

WHAT YOU NEED: "All I Wanna Do," trumpet sound effect, and Bible; *Optional Story Images and cardstock*

Storyteller enters, carrying a Bible.

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.

"Today's true story from the Bible begins with a man named David.

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"What was his name?"

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: "David."

STORYTELLER: "Yes, David! David was King of Israel, and he loved God. David liked showing God that he was thankful. Let's see if you can guess how David said thank you to God. Watch this.



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Do a silly dance like the Cabbage Patch or Sprinkler.

"What do you think David did? (Pause.) He danced! That's right.

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"David danced because he was SO thankful to God. Let's dance to thank God too. Stand up and dance with me.

Play "All I Wanna Do" or another fun worship song.

AUDIO: "All I Wanna Do," this month's worship song

Lead children to dance for a few seconds of the song, then fade out the music.

AUDIO: Fade music out as the dance ends.

STORYTELLER: "Great dancing, everyone! You can stop and have a seat. I saw some very cool dance moves!

"Okay, let's see if you can figure out what else David did to say thank you to God. Shout it out if you know what I'm doing.

Sing a few lines from one of this month's worship songs.

"Yes, I'm singing!

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"David sang and used music to thank God. Do you like to sing, friends? (Pause.) Me too! Oh, listen to this!

Play the trumpet sound effect.

AUDIO: Trumpet

"What did you hear? I heard a trumpet! Let's play our pretend trumpets together.

Hold pretend trumpet to mouth.

"Doo, doo, doo! Great job, friends. Your trumpets sound great.

"David danced and used music to tell God thank you. And so can we! We can thank God anytime and anywhere. Do what I do, friends.

Lead children to lay their heads on their hands as if going to sleep.

"We can thank God in the evening when we go to bed. We can thank God in the morning when we wake up. Stand up and stretch with me.

Lead children to yawn and stretch as if waking up.

"We can thank God when we're driving in the car. Vroom-vroom!



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Lead children to pretend to drive a car.

"We can thank God when we go to the park. Pretend to climb a ladder with me.

Lead children to pretend to climb.

"Now let's go down the slide. (*Throw your arms up and rock back.*) Weeeeeeee! Great job! Have a seat.

"We can thank God in so many different ways, any time, and anywhere. We can thank God ALL the time! Like right now! On the count of three, let's do the sign for thank you (*Move flat hand forward from lips.*) and say, 'Thank You, God!' Ready? One, two, three . . ."

CHILDREN AND STORYTELLER: (*Move flat hand forward from lips.*) "Thank You, God."

STORYTELLER: "Tell me, **who can you thank for everything?**"

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

STORYTELLER: "Yes, **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, we love You! We want to say thank you all the time, everywhere, for everything! Thanks for loving us and giving us so many good things. 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: No supplies needed

Host enters.

HOST: "Wow! David sang and danced and played music to tell God thank you! And we can, too, all the time. Because **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! Even though our parade is over, I can still thank God for everything because I can thank God ALL the time! Thanks for being such great listeners today. [Transition] And now it's time for more Bible fun. There's more to learn. Come on, everyone!"

Host dismisses small groups and exits.