



Preschool - November 1, 2020

Bible Story Focus: I can thank God for good things.

Every Good and Perfect Gift • *James 1:17; Genesis 1*

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.

The Giving Jar

Take a moment before the lesson begins to ask the children if they have anything for The Giving Jar this week. Quickly touch on the importance of giving back to God and the church. This is connected to MTC’s value of Greater: It’s so much bigger than us!

SOCIAL: Providing Time for Fun Interaction (10 - 15 Minutes)

Tree Making

What You Need: Wood blocks, cardboard blocks, or large LEGO® DUPLO® bricks

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Friends, do you like to play with blocks? Me, too! Let’s work together to make the shape of a tree with these blocks!”

After the Activity: “You made a tree! Great job. Who made the trees outside? (*Pause.*) That’s right! GOD made trees. We’ll hear all about the wonderful things God made in our Bible story today. Have the children help you clean up the blocks. Sanitize them and put them away.

Transition: Move to Worship and Story by pretending to be different kinds of trees responding to different kinds of weather. Examples: Let’s all be big strong oak trees—oh no, here comes a BIG rainstorm. Let’s all be weeping willow trees with leaves that hang way down to the ground. Here comes a strong wind!”

Worship: Inviting People to Respond to God

Use the full mix of the monthly song provided with the curriculum to lead your preschoolers in worship. Encourage children to be active during worship by incorporating the appropriate hand motions.

What You Need: Paperclip “Memory Verse Card” in your Bible at Psalm 107:1, NIV. You need a music player and this month’s worship song, “Special,” which is included in your monthly files.

LEADER: “Hello, friends! It’s time to worship. We worship God when we sing and tell Him how much we love Him! And guess what? We can worship God because He is GOOD. When I ask, ‘**Who is good?**’, you say, [*Bottom Line*] ‘**God is good.**’ **Who is good?**”



CHILDREN and LEADER: **[Bottom Line]** “God is good!”

LEADER: “Yes, He is! God made me and you, and He loves us. His love is special. Let’s sing this together.

LEADER: “That’s right! **[Bottom Line]** **God is good!** The Bible tells us to ‘Give thanks (*clap on each word*) to the Lord (*point up*) for he is good,’ (*two thumbs up*) *Psalms 107:1. (Open hands like a book.)* That means we can thank God for every good thing! Let’s learn our memory verse together. Are you ready? Say it with me.

“You know, we can be thankful to God for so many things He’s done. God gives us everything we need. Why? Because **[Bottom Line]** **God is good.**”

Weekly DVD: Present the weekly bible story by watching the DVD.

PRAY

Snack Fish crackers are stored in the lower righthand cupboard. Be sure to get a grey bin above the sink in the kitchen and place enough plastic cups and plates (cupboard above the microwave in the kitchen) for the number of preschoolers in your class. Each child gets a glass of water and fish crackers (un- less otherwise specified because of allergies) at the table."

LEADER: “Let’s tell God thank you for our good food. Dear God, thank you for our good snack. We love You, God! Amen.””

GROUPS: Creating a Safe Place to Connect (20 - 25 Minutes)

Dot to Dot Trees

What You Need: “Connect the Dot Trees” Activity Page, cardstock, and crayons

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Do you see the dots on your page? Let’s use our crayons to connect them.”

During the Activity: “What do you see? (*Pause.*) A tree! Do you see the leaves? I want you to think of some things you are thankful for. Then, I want you to draw pictures of those things inside the leaves. Maybe you’re thankful for your baby brother! Draw a picture of your baby brother in one of the leaves. Maybe you’re thankful for ice cream! Draw an ice cream cone inside one of the leaves.”

After the Activity: “These look great. And they’re all different, too. We have SO many things to be thankful for. God gave us all these good things because He is good. **Who is good? [Bottom Line] God is good!**”

Get Ready to Dismiss

Set any take-home creations where you or parents can get them easily. Greet parents at the door and tell them this this month Preschoolers are learning that **[Bottom Line]** **God is good** . Connect with parents as they arrive to pick up their children and send home any activities along with the memory verse card.