Today's Suggested Schedule— November 1, 2026

Bible Story: Every Good Gift Is From God • James 1:17; Philippians 4:8
Bottom Line: I can thank God for everything.
Monthly Memory Verse: *Every good and perfect gift is from God. This kind of gift comes down from the Father who created the heavenly lights. These lights create shadows that move. But the Father does not change like these shadows.* • James 1:17 NIrV

Check out our Pinterest page here https://bit.ly/447HSZi for a visual on some of the activities.

ORDER OF SERVICE

OPENING SMALL GROUP (20 minutes)
SOCIAL: Providing Time for Fun Interaction
Early Arriver /
Opening Activity

LARGE GROUP (30-35 minutes)
WORSHIP: Inviting People to Respond to God
STORY: Communicating God's Truth in Engaging Ways
- Introduce Monthly Theme Poster
- Review Monthly Memory Verse Poster
- Review Weekly Bottom Line Poster
- Teaching (Video)
- Review Weekly Bottom Line Poster

SMALL GROUP (25-30 minutes)
GROUPS: Creating a Safe Place to Connect
Reinforcement Activity
Prayer Journal

TAKE HOME
Devotional Page

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Opening / Early Arriver Activity

What You Need:

- Small ball

What You Do:

During the Activity:

- Welcome kids by name with a high-five, fist bump, smile, or wave as they arrive.
- Say: “Let’s play a gratitude game! Form a circle. I’m going to toss the ball to someone, and they will answer the gratitude question. ‘What is something specific you can thank God for?’”
- After they answer the question, they toss the ball to someone else for them to answer the question.
- Keep tossing the ball until every kid has a chance to answer.

What You Say:

“You guys did an awesome job coming up with specific things to thank God for! Sometimes it’s easy to name good gifts, and sometimes we need a reminder to notice them. As you move through the week, you can thank God for things like the sunshine, the rain, your breakfast, the breath in your lungs, the music you hear, and the birds you see. Today, we’re going to learn that every good gift comes from God, and learn that ***[Bottom Line]*** **I can thank God for everything.** Let’s go!”

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LARGE GROUP

What You Need: TV, Pre-Loaded Video Content

What You Do:

1. Introduce/Remind kids about the
a. Monthly Theme
b. Monthly Memory Verse
c. Today's Bottom Line
2. Play Worship Songs
3. Allow kids to grab a snack
4. Play Teaching Video
5. Review Today's Bottom Line

Lead your group to the Small Group activity.

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1. Hunt and Freeze
Talk about God | Bible Story Review
Made to Play

What You Need:
- Bible
- "God's Good Gifts" Activity Page
- Cardstock
- Gift box
- Chisel-tip permanent marker
- Posterboard
- Scissors
- Painter's tape

What You Do:
Before the Activity:
- Print "God's Good Gifts" Activity Page on cardstock and cut, one set per Small Group.
- Place the "God's Good Gifts" cards inside the gift box.
- On the posterboard, write in large block letters: God Never Changes Station.
- Tape the "God Never Changes Station" sign in your designated area.

During the Activity:
- Ask the kids to line up single file.
- Tell them that today we are going to cheer for each other to see who can complete the challenge the fastest.
    - Instruct one kid at a time to draw a card from the box, then run as fast as they can to the "God Never Changes Station."
    - Ask them to say the following with you: "God never changes, and one good gift He gives is [read the gift listed on your card]!"
    - Instruct that kid to name one way they can thank God for that gift today. (e.g., I am thankful for my family because they take care of me.)
    - Encourage everyone to cheer.

What You Say:
"In our Bible Story, we learned that no matter who you are or where you live, God has given you something good to be grateful for. Anything in your life right now that's good comes straight from God. That means you can go through your day pausing to thank Him for every good thing: the warm sunshine or the friend who made you laugh.

"We also learned that God will never change. His deep love and care for us will last forever. His promises will never, ever fail because He never, ever changes. When you focus on being thankful for these good things, gratitude can actually shape your brain! But most importantly, God deserves our gratitude—because every single good thing in our lives comes straight from Him. And when we practice thanking Him every day, it changes our lives and shows His love to the people around us. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you make a habit of gratitude, even at times when you don't 'feel' grateful. So remember: ***[Bottom Line]*** **I can thank God for everything."**

Groups 2/4

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2. Matched Pair

Live for God | Application Activity
Made to Move

What You Need:

- ☐ "Matched Pair Gifts" Activity Page
- ☐ "Matched Pair Gratitude" Activity Page
- ☐ Cardstock
- ☐ Masking tape
- ☐ Scissors

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Print "Matched Pair Gifts" Activity Page on cardstock and cut, one set per Small Group.
- Print "Gratitude Cards" Activity Page on cardstock and cut, one set per Small Group.
- Have an example of a gifts and gratitude match ready as an example.

During the Activity:

- Say: "We know that all good gifts come from God. We want to make gratitude a habit. So our gratitude challenge today is to practice thanking God for His good gifts. Today we are going to have to use some detective skills to find our matched pair of good gifts to gratitude responses."
- Show your stack of cards. Say, "I am going to tape either a gift or a gratitude on your back, and you are going to have to use your detective skills to figure out what is taped on your back."
- Tape one card from the "Matched Pair Gifts" Activity Page to the back of half of the kids in your group. And tape one card from the "Matched Pair Gratitude" Activity Page to the back of the other half of the kids in your group.
- Say: "For example: If you have this card (show a card that says Bible or shows a picture of a Bible) you will walk around and ask one 'yes or no' question to someone else to try and figure out what you are: 'Am I a food?' or 'Am I a gratitude?' Move to the next person and ask another question. Once you figure out what you are, then you must find your match, and stand together."
- Walk around and help kids with small hints if needed.
- After all the matches are made, let the kids tell what they were.
- Say: "These are all good gifts from God. Today we practiced a gratitude challenge to help gratitude become a habit in our daily lives!"

What You Say:

"Practicing gratitude can help us grow closer to God. As a matter of fact, God created your brain in such an amazing way that when you choose to focus on what you are thankful for, it changes how you feel! It actually makes you more resilient and peaceful. Choosing to think about what's good doesn't mean that bad things don't happen or that it's not okay to be sad sometimes. But most importantly, God deserves our gratitude—because every single good thing in our lives comes straight from Him. You can thank God and ***[Bottom Line]*** **I can thank God for everything."**

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3. Memory Motions
Hear from God | Memory Verse Activity
Made to Move

What You Need:
- Bibles
- "Memory Motions" Activity Page
- Paper

What You Do:
Before the Activity:
- Print "Memory Motions" Activity Page on paper, one set per Small Group.

During the Activity:
- Give every kid a Bible, and direct them to look up James 1:17.
- Demonstrate how to look up the Memory Verse using the Bible Navigation Tips below:

  Finding verses for 2nd-3rd graders: *Guide them to open their Bibles to the front and find the table of contents. (Hold up a Bible opened to the table of contents to show the kids what the page looks like.) When the kids find the table of contents, lead them to find the name of the book in the list. When they find the book, lead them to look at the page number beside it. Explain that the number tells them on what page they can find that book. Help the kids find the page. When they find the book, explain that the big numbers on the page are the chapter numbers. Help them find the correct chapter. Then explain that the small numbers are verse numbers. Help them find the correct verse in that chapter.*

- Repeat the Memory Verse out loud together several times.
- Review any words that might be unfamiliar to the kids.
- Invite the kids to set their Bibles aside.
- Divide kids into five groups.
- Give each group a paper with part of the Scripture.
- Say: "Each group has a paper with part of the Memory Verse. Your challenge is to come up with a couple of easy motions to go with your part of the verse to help us memorize it."
- Say: "After you have come up with your motions, be ready to teach them to our group!"
- Have the kids teach their motions by moving through the verse in order.
- Keep building on the part they were just taught, repeat it before learning the next motions.
- Once all the motions have been taught, repeat the verse and motions all together multiple times.

What You Say:
"You guys did an amazing job coming up with motions that connected to the verse! When we moved and repeated the words, it became easier to remember them. It can work this way with the Bible too. As we practice reading and listening to God's Word, we can notice His good gifts more and more. And when we notice His gifts, thankfulness can become a more natural response. Let's thank God for giving us His Word and for helping us remember it. ***[Bottom Line]*** **I can thank God for everything."**

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4. Pray and Dismiss

Pray to God | Prayer Activity
Made to Reflect

What You Need:

- ☐ "Gratitude Challenge" Activity Page
- ☐ Paper
- ☐ Dice
- ☐ Sheets of smiley face stickers
- ☐ *Optional: There will be a Gratitude Challenge each week of this month's lesson. Have a small prize, such as candy or pencils, available for kids who complete the challenge (suggested: kids earn a prize by completing three out of five Gratitude Challenges)*

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Print "Gratitude Challenge" Activity Page on paper, one per kid.

During the Activity:

- Say: "We have been talking about being thankful for the good gifts God gives us. Today we are going to roll the dice to see what order you will get to thank God for a good gift."
- Hand a die to each kid.
- Have two kids roll the dice at the same time. The kid with the highest number gets to thank God first.
- Say: "When it is your turn, share something that you are going to thank God for every day this week. And then pray about that."
- Repeat the dice roll and sharing until each kid has shared.
- Say: "I have a "Gratitude Challenge" for each of you. I am going to give you a die to take home along with it. You can roll the dice at home and the number you get is the number of challenges you need to come up with for the week to help practice thanking God for His good gifts. You will write or draw these challenges on your sheet. When you complete a challenge, you can put a sticker next to it to mark that you did it!"

What You Say:

"Thank you so much for sharing your prayers and what you want to thank God for this week. Having a habit of gratitude helps us to focus on all of God's good gifts! We don't have to be at church or playing a gratitude challenge to thank Him—although this has been a lot of fun! Look around this week at the good gifts. Maybe it is the changing leaves, or that a friend stopped by to play. Whatever it is, thank God for it! Let's pray and ask God to help us remember to thank Him for every good gift!"

Prayer:

"Dear God, thank You for all Your good gifts. Thank You, too, for never changing, so we can count on You to always love us and not be like the changing shadows. Help us to always be full of thankfulness for who You are and for Your greatest gift of Jesus! We want to honor You with our gratitude. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

As adults arrive to pick up, remind the kids that they can thank God no matter what!

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