Kids | November - Week 1

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Today's Suggested Schedule—November 2026, Week 1

Small group : 10:00-10:25 / 11:45-12:10

Greeting & Prayer (5 minutes)

The leader greets the children and asks how they are doing. After a brief time of sharing, the group participates in a short prayer activity to prepare their hearts for the lesson.

Small Group Activity (15 minutes)

Activity One
Activity Two

Pray & Dismiss (5 minutes)

After small group time, the leader closes in prayer. Then the children are dismissed.



Bible Story

Every Good Gift Is From God • James 1:17; Philippians 4:8

Bottom Line

I can thank God for everything.

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

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Greeting & Prayer

- Choose a child to spin the wheel.
- Each color matches a prayer prompt on the chart.
- After spinning, the child finds the matching prompt, reads it, and prays.
- Let a few more children take turns spinning the wheel and praying.

5 min

Activity One

Creating a Safe Place to Connect

5 min

K1 - Nesting Box Surprises

What You Need

Bible	1
"Nesting Box Surprises" Activity Page	1
Set of four nesting boxes	4
Fun wrapping papers	Several
Colorful bows	Several
Sheets of stickers	Several

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Print "Nesting Box Surprises" on cardstock and cut, one set per Small Group.
- Place the story cards in the bottom of each box in order. (Largest box gets the first story card, smallest gets the last story card.)
- In the smallest box, place the sticker sheets under the story card.
- Wrap the smallest box in a fun paper, then place it inside the next box and wrap it. Continue until the largest box is wrapped with the smaller boxes inside.
- Place the gift in your Small Group area.

During the Activity:

- Instruct the kids to sit in a circle. Hold up the wrapped box.
- Explain that this is a special gift, but inside of it, there are more gifts!
- Choose a kid to unwrap the first box. Inside, they will find the next box and a story card. Read the card aloud to the group:
  - Box 1 (Largest): "Our brains are amazing! Sometimes it's easy to focus on negative thoughts, but God helps us choose to think about what is true, good, and worthy of praise."
- Have the next kid unwrap this box to reveal the third box and the next card:
  - Box 2: "The Bible says that every good and perfect gift comes from God! That means everything good in your day comes straight from Him."
- Choose another kid to unwrap this box to find the fourth box and card:
  - Box 3: "God is the Father who created the sun, the moon, and the stars. And guess what? Unlike shadows that move and change, God's love for you never changes!"
- Have a final kid unwrap the smallest box to find the final card and the surprise:
  - Box 4 (Smallest): "No matter what your life looks like right now, God has given you something good to be grateful for—like your breath, your food, and people who love you! Most of all, He gave us Jesus!"
- Hand a sticker sheet to each kid to celebrate!

What You Say:

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"It is so much fun to open gifts! God is the ultimate giver of good gifts. He gives us so many wonderful things because God loves us more than we can imagine. When we look around, we can see His goodness everywhere. No matter who you are or where you live, God has given you something good to be grateful for. Remember, every good thing comes from Him, and ***[Bottom Line]*** **I can thank God for everything!"**

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5 min

Activity Two

Creating a Safe Place to Connect

5 min

K1 - Memory Verse with Motions | Made to Move *Uses Minimal Supplies*

What You Need

Bibles marked at James 1:17	1
"Verse Motions" Activity Page	1

What You Do:

Before the Activity:
- Print "Verse Motions" on cardstock, one set per Small Group.

During the Activity:
- Give each kid a Bible marked at James 1:17.
- Demonstrate how to look up the Memory Verse using the Bible Navigation Tips below:

Finding verses with kindergartners: *Guide children to open their Bibles to the marked page. Point to the book name at the top of the page as you say it aloud. Then, guide children to find the big number on the page—this is the chapter number. Finally, guide them to look under the big number for the little number; this is the verse number. Tell them to leave their finger on the verse as you read it aloud. Then, lead everyone to say the verse together.*

Finding verses with 1st 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. You can help by pointing out the first few letters of the book's name. When the kids 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 right 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.
- Teach the kids the following motions to help them learn the Memory Verse.
  - *"Every good and perfect gift* (pretend to hold a big present)
  - *is from God.* (Point both pointer fingers up.)
  - *This kind of gift comes down* (hold pretend gift over your head, then bring it down)
  - *from the Father* (point both pointer fingers up)
  - *who created the heavenly lights.* (Wiggle them like twinkling stars.)
  - *These lights create shadows that move.* (Stop twinkling hand and move slowly across in the air.)
  - *But the Father does not change* (shake your head no)
  - *like these shadows."*
  - James 1:17 (Open hands like a book.)
- Practice saying the verse with the motions all together several times.

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"Great job! You memorized those motions so quickly. This verse is a beautiful reminder of where all our blessings come from. Not only does God give good gifts, but 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 we choose to focus on these good things and thank God for them every day, it changes the way that we live. Because He is so good to us, ***[Bottom Line]*** **I can thank God for everything!"**

5 min

Prayer

Creating a Safe Place to Connect

5 min

K1 - Pray and Dismiss

What You Need

No supplies needed

Prayer:

"Dear God, thank You for the warm sunshine, our friends, and our families. Thank You for our breath and our hearts that pump blood. Most of all, thank You for Jesus! Help us to choose positive, thankful thoughts this week. We know that every good gift comes from You. We love You. In Jesus' name, amen."

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Supplies

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