Kids | November - Week 4

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COLLIDE — November(Week Four)

9:15AM Service

9:25 - 9:40 AM: Arrival and Game Time
- Kids arrive and engage in a fun game to help them settle in and socialize.

9:40 – 9:45 AM: Worship
- Dedicated to worship time.

9:45 - 10:05 AM: Bible Story
- Bible story time varies anywhere from 10-17 minutes.

10: 05ish - 10:25 AM: Small Group Time
- Kids break into small groups for discussion, activities, or crafts that relate to the Bible story or theme of the day.

10:25 AM: Dismissal

11:00AM Service

11:10 - 11:25 AM: Arrival and Game Time
Kids arrive and engage in a fun game to help them settle in and socialize.

11:25 - 11:30 AM: Worship
- Dedicated to worship time.

11:30 - 11:50 AM: Bible Story
- Bible story time varies anywhere from 10-17 minutes.

11:50ish - 12:10 PM: Small Group Time
- Kids break into small groups for discussion, activities, or crafts that relate to the Bible story or theme of the day.

12:10 PM: Dismissal



Bible Story

Feast of Booths • Nehemiah 8:13-18 (supporting: Leviticus 23:33-34)

Conversation Starter

How can you celebrate what God has done?

Bottom Line

Make time to celebrate God.

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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Large Group Opener

LARGE GROUP

Optional Video: Countdown
Optional Video: Theme Loop

OPENER
HOST: “Hey, everybody! I'm so glad you're here today! We've been in a series called The Great Gratitude Challenge. We've been discovering that every good thing comes from God, that we can thank Him no matter what.

“Before we get started, I want you to turn to someone near you and tell them your favorite thing to celebrate. Maybe it's your birthday, Christmas, the last day of school, winning a game, or something else. You have 20 seconds...go!

“Alright, I heard some great answers! I think we can all agree that celebrating is a lot of fun. Go ahead and find your spot because it’s time for today's challenge!”

GAME SLIDE 1: Operation: Steady Hands!

AUDIO: Upbeat music

“Has anyone ever played the old game Operation? You have to be super careful using small tweezers to remove tiny objects. Well, today, we’re putting a twist on it!

“I need eight volunteers!

(Choose volunteers and divide them into two teams.)

“Here's how this game works. Each team has a tray filled with different objects and one pair of chopsticks.

“When I say 'Go,' the first player in line will use the chopsticks to carefully pick up ONE object, carry it to the empty tray on the other side, and then hand the chopsticks to the next teammate. Here's the catch, if you drop the object at any point, you have to leave it where it fell, run to the back of your team's line, and let the next player take a turn. You'll have three minutes to move as many objects as possible. When the timer runs out, we'll count how many objects each team successfully transferred. The team with the most wins!

“Audience, your job is easy. Cheer for your team and encourage them the whole time! Is everybody ready? GO!”

3-Minute Timer

“Keep those steady hands! Nice job! Don't rush too much! Ooh, we've got a few drops! Keep going! And stop!

(Count the objects and announce the winning team.)

“Let's hear it for both teams! You all did an awesome job! Give our volunteers a huge round of applause as they head back to their seats.

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(Continue with more rounds if time allows.)

“That was a blast! Makes me want to break out the old Operation game again

“Let's check out our Bible Verse.

SLIDE: Memory Verse

HOST: “‘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).

“Now let’s all say it together!”

KIDS AND HOST: “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).

HOST: “James reminds us of something incredible. God doesn't change like shifting shadows. Think about it.
The weather changes. Seasons change. Trends change. Even our feelings can change from one day to the next.
But God never changes. He's always loving. He's always faithful. He's always good.

“And when you know that about God, it changes the way you live. You don't have to wonder if He'll stop loving you or stop being faithful to you. You can trust Him every single day because His character never changes.”

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Worship

WORSHIP
HOST: “Hey, everyone! I want to ask you a question. What's the last thing you celebrated? Maybe it was your birthday.
Maybe your team won a game. Maybe you finished a big project at school or someone in your family had something exciting happen.
Whatever it was, chances are you didn't celebrate by sitting quietly.
You smiled, laughed, cheered, maybe even had cake! Celebration is something we're created to enjoy.

“Throughout Scripture, we see God's people gathering together to celebrate who He is and everything He's done.
Worship is one of the greatest ways we celebrate God. When we sing, we're not just listening to music or reading words on a screen. We're choosing to celebrate His greatness, His goodness, and His faithfulness.

“So let's stand together and celebrate our awesome God!”

VIDEO: “(Lyric Video)”

“Great time worshiping God together!
Let’s go ahead and sit down and hear our true story from the Bible today!”

VIDEO: Bible Story W4

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After Bible Story

AFTER BIBLE STORY
HOST: "Today, we discovered that God gave His people celebrations to help them remember His faithfulness. They weren't just traditions to keep.
They were opportunities to stop, look back, and celebrate everything God had done.

"And that's what our Bottom Line today is all about! Let's check it out.

SLIDE: Bottom Line

***[Bottom Line]* "Make time to celebrate God.** Can you say that with me?"

KIDS AND COMMUNICATOR: *[Bottom Line]* "Make time to celebrate God."

HOST: "Nice job! So here's the question I want you to think about, not just right now, but all week.

SLIDE: Conversation Starter

***[Conversation Starter]* "How can you celebrate what God has done?**

"Celebrating God doesn't have to look the same for everyone. For some people, it might be spending time in worship. For others, it could be thanking God with family over a meal, sharing a story about His faithfulness with a friend, or taking time to pray and remember how He's worked in your life.

"As you talk together today, think about the different ways you've seen God at work. Then brainstorm some creative ways you could celebrate His faithfulness, not just on special occasions, but throughout the year.

"Let's take a moment to pray together, friends."

PRAYER
HOST: "Dear God, thank You for always being faithful. Thank You for all the ways You've worked in our lives, and most of all, thank You for sending Jesus to rescue us and bring us close to You.
Help us not to rush past the good things You've done. We want to pause and thank You, and celebrate Your faithfulness all the time. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

(Dismiss kids to Small Groups.)

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Small Group Activity

Creating a Safe Place to Connect

What You Need

Bibles	1
"Blank Pennant" Activity Page	1
Coloring supplies	Several
Hole punch	1
Yarn	Several
Scissors	1

EveryChild tips

- *Give extra support to kids who need help with thinking of something personal that they can thank God for.*

SMALL GROUP
The **B**LESSED lifestyle
Begin with prayer
Take a few minutes to pray with your small group
We want to encourage the kids to start with prayer.
Lead them by praying for the group.
Ask if there are any prayer requests.
To make them more comfortable you can start praying then ask if anyone would like to pray after you.
You can also use the **Bottom line** or monthly theme as key prayer points.

Made to Create

Take a Snapshot

What You Do:
During the Activity:

- Say, "In today's Bible Story, we learned that God gave His people special feasts to help them stop, remember, and celebrate what He had done. One of those celebrations was called the Feast of Booths. During the Feast of Booths, God's people remembered how God rescued them from Egypt and cared for them in the wilderness. God knows it is important for us to pause and remember what He has done. When we take time to reflect on God's goodness, it helps us trust Him and celebrate Him with joy. Today, we're going to take time to remember things God has done in our own lives. Then we'll put those memories together to create a celebration banner."
- Give each kid a blank pennant.
- Encourage kids to think of something God has done in their lives that they can celebrate or thank Him for.
- Have kids draw a picture or write a few words on their pennant that represent what God has done.
- Help kids punch a hole in each top corner of their pennant.
- Thread the pennants onto a piece of yarn to create a celebration banner.
- Starting at one end of the banner, invite kids to share the story behind their pennant and explain what they chose to celebrate.
- Encourage the kids to take the banner home to Encourage themselves this week to celebrate something God has done in their lives

What You Say:

"Look at this banner! Each pennant reminds us of something God has done or a good gift He has given.

"Celebrating God does not have to be complicated. Sometimes it looks like stopping long enough to notice His goodness and say, 'God, thank You.' When we remember what God has done, it helps our hearts become grateful and joyful. Remember this week to ***[Bottom Line]*** **make time to celebrate God.**

[Make It Personal] (Share a kid-friendly time when you chose to reflect and celebrate what God did for you. For example, if you live where Thanksgiving is celebrated, you can share how your family

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celebrates or share another tradition your family has to celebrate what God has done."

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Discussion Questions

DISCUSSION

- **Ask these questions and discuss:**
- ***[Conversation Starter] How can you celebrate what God has done?***
- Why do you think God made celebrating part of His law for the Israelites?
- What do you think God's people realized as they listened to God's Word? Why did that make them weep?
- Share a time when you or your family celebrated God's goodness.

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Supplies

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1.	Bibles	1
2.	“Blank Pennant” Activity Page	1
3.	Coloring supplies	Several
4.	Hole punch	1
5.	Yarn	Several
6.	Scissors	1

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