



Who Can Thank God For Everything?

I Can Thank God For Everything

Treasure Cove Small Group Guide

Week 1 • November 1/2/3

Side 1 • Small Group # 1 • 10 minutes



PRO TIP

Take advantage of today's topic by sharing with the kids in your group the things you are thankful for. Model gratitude by sharing the people, animals, and things you are thankful for in your life. Then, encourage kids to continue to share what they are thankful for at home, too!



WELCOME

Welcome each kid by name.

Ask: Would you rather be a happy dog or a sleepy cat?



BIBLE

Give each kid a Bible.

Say:

- The Bible teaches us that we can thank God for everything with our whole heart. That means family, friends, food, and people who help us. We can thank God for everything. We're going to read a story about a family who had a lot to thank God for, too!

Read:

- Ruth and Naomi: Page 152

Review:

- Ruth told Naomi she was going to go with her wherever she went (Page 153)
- Ruth went to gather grain every day to help Naomi (Page 154)
- Ruth, Boaz and Naomi became a new family (Page 155)

Continue to review and discuss until Large Group.

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PRAY

Pray: *Dear God, thank you so much for family and friends who are like family! Thank you for giving us so much to be thankful for. We love you. Amen.*



ACTIVITY

Take out the Family Portrait Activity Page and Crayons.

Say: *We are going to be drawing our family! All families look a little different, and that's ok! Draw a picture of your family or your friends who are like family.*



DISCUSSION
QUESTIONS

Ask:

- *How do you think Naomi felt when Ruth decided to stay with her?*
- *Who are some people in your family that you love?*
- *What are you thankful for today?*

Remain in Small Group until Parent Pick Up.



TAKE HOME

Family Portrait Activity Page (in Small Group)

- *These portraits are of family, and friends who are like family. They are the people we are thankful for. We can thank God for everything, and our family is one thing we are thankful for!*

kid Dedication Post Card (one per family, at the door)

Generosity Challenge Card (one per family, at the door)

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PRO TIP

Kids feel proud when sharing what they know! You can help kids have a voice and make the most out of the Bible story by asking them to identify things they see as you read today's Bible stories: animals, plants, even the feelings on the faces of the people in the story.



WELCOME

Welcome each kid by name.

Ask: *Would you rather go down a big slide or swing on a high swing?*



BIBLE

Give each kid a Bible.

Say:

- *Today we are thankful for our friends. One thing we can do for our friends is to pray for them. Let's find pictures of people in the Bible who are praying!*

Read:

- Look through the Bible with kids to find images of people praying. Practice putting hands together and bowing heads when you find an image.
 - Noah, page 31
 - Abraham's Servant, page 54
 - Hannah, page 157
 - David, page 186
 - Anna, page 284
 - Jesus, page 421

Review:

- *Friends help each other and one way we can do that is to pray for them!*

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PRAY

Pray: *Dear God, thank you so much for good friends who help us. Thank you that we can pray and talk to you every day. We are so thankful for the friends you've given us! Amen.*



ACTIVITY

Take out the Pipe Cleaners. Give 3 to each kid. Help kids twist the pipe cleaners together to make a Prayer Bracelet.

Say: *These bracelets can help us to remember to pray for our friends. Choose three friends- one friend for each color- and pray for them every day this week!*

Help kids twist the bracelet around their wrist, without making it too tight.



DISCUSSION
QUESTIONS

Ask:

- *How does it make you feel when a friend is kind to you?*
- *What is one way you can be a friend this week?*
- *Who are you going to pray for this week?*

Remain in Small Group until Parent Pick Up.



TAKE HOME

Prayer Bracelet (in Small Group)

- *These bracelets will help remind us to pray for our friends this week!*

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Week 3 • November 15/16/17

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PRO TIP

This week, make it a priority to connect with one kid's parent. Share with them something positive you see in their child. Whether it is their sweet laugh, willingness to share a toy, adorable dance moves during worship, or a way they prayed with the group, encourage parents with what you share! This helps families to feel seen and known by their church and the kid's Leaders!



WELCOME

Welcome each kid by name.

Ask: Would you rather play in the sunshine or play in the rain?



BIBLE

Give each kid a Bible.

Say:

- In today's true Bible Story, we're going to learn about some people who were really hungry and needed food- and God gave it to them!

Read:

- Food From Heaven: Page 116

Review:

- God loved the Israelites, and God knew they needed food. So, God told Moses that he would send meat at night and bread in the morning. And God did!

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PRAY

Pray: *Dear God, thank you so much for everything you have given us - including all the food we eat. Thank you for giving us food to fill us up and food that is yummy! Thank you that we can be grateful for everything you have given us - big things and small things. We love you. Amen.*



ACTIVITY

Take out the Bucket and Pom Poms. Have the kids stand close to you and each other as you carefully tip the bucket over and spill the pom poms out all around you. Then have the kids collect the pom poms and add them back to the bucket. Continue to spill out and collect as many times as you'd like!

Say: *Let's pretend this is manna from heaven - just like the Israelites had! Let's collect it together.*



DISCUSSION
QUESTIONS

Ask:

- *What kind of food did God give the Israelites in the desert?*
- *How can we thank God for our food?*
- *What's your favorite food?*

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Share the Bottom Line or Memory Verse with grown-ups during Pick Up

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Week 4 • November 22/23/24

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PRO TIP

Memorizing scripture can be difficult for young kids. Help them to remember the memory verse in today's activity by putting actions to each word. The physical movement paired with the words help kids remember the words beyond the gathering!



WELCOME

Welcome each kid by name.

Ask: Would you rather have a fluffy tail like a bunny or a long trunk like an elephant?



BIBLE

Give each kid a Bible.

Say:

- God gives us people to help us, and today we're going to hear a true story from the Bible about someone who helped a man named Elisha. He traveled around telling everyone about God. Let's hear more about Elisha and the people who helped him!

Read:

- Elisha's Room: Page 226

Review:

- The couple built a room for Elisha in their own house (Page 227)
- Elisha was thankful for his friends and prayed for them to be happy (Page 228)
- They wanted to have a baby - and God gave them a baby boy! (Page 229)

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Week 4 • November 22/23/24

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PRAY

Pray: *Dear God, thank you for giving us people who can help us! We are so thankful for all that you've given us. We love you so much. Amen.*



ACTIVITY

Take out the Red Heart Squishy. Pass the heart around to each kid while you help them say the Memory Verse. You can have each kid say one word of the verse or let a kid try to say the whole verse if they'd like. You can also pass the squishy around while saying the Bottom Line.



DISCUSSION
QUESTIONS

Ask:

- *How did the couple show kindness to Elisha?*
- *Who is one friend that has helped you? What did they do?*
- *How can you be a good friend and help someone else?*

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Week 5 • November 29/30/December 1
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PRO TIP

Help kids apply what they see in today's Bible stories to their own lives! As they finish the thankful activity, discuss some of the opportunities they have to praise God each day. Talk about thanking God in prayer, singing and dancing in worship, and sharing about him to our friends and family!



WELCOME

Welcome each kid by name.

Ask: Would you rather have fur like a tiger or scales like a snake?



BIBLE

Give each kid a Bible.

Say:

- God has given us so much to be thankful for - we can praise him for everything!

Read:

- Let's find pictures in the Bible of people praising God! Examples:
- Look through the Bible with kids to find images of people praising God. Practice raising your hands in praise when you find an image.
 - Noah, page 33
 - Israelites, page 115
 - Jacob, page 65
 - Israelites, page 200

Review:

- We can praise God for everything. You can praise God by playing an instrument, singing, or dancing. There are all kinds of ways we can praise God and say: Thank you, God, for everything. The Bible teaches us that we can thank God for everything with our whole heart!

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Week 5 • November 29/30/December 1

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PRAY

Pray: *Dear God, we praise you and thank you. You are a good God! We praise you for who you are and what you have given us. Amen.*



ACTIVITY

Take out the Paper Plates, Feathers, Tape and Crayons. Help each kid trace their hand on the plate to make a "turkey." Add the feathers with the tape. Then have each kid talk about what they are thankful for and write it on the plate.

Say: *Let's talk about all that we are thankful for! We can thank God for everything!*



DISCUSSION
QUESTIONS

Ask:

- *What is something that God has made that you are thankful for?*
- *Why do you think it's important to say thank you to God?*
- *What is one way you can praise God this week?*

Remain in Small Group until Parent Pick Up.



TAKE HOME

Thankful Turkeys (in Small Group)

- *Today we learned that we can be thankful for family, friends, food and people that help us. We can thank God for everything!*

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