



Who Can Thank God For Everything?

I Can Thank God For Everything

Oyster Bay Small Group Guide

Week 1 • November 1/2/3

Side 1 • Small Group # 1 • 15 minutes



WELCOME

Welcome each kid by name.

Ask:

- Raise your hand if you like to eat chocolate!
- Raise your hand if you like to eat peanut butter!



BIBLE

Give each kid a Bible.

Say:

- Today's true story from the Bible is about a woman named Naomi. She went back to her hometown and had someone special go with her. That someone was family – and we're going to hear more about how they helped each other.

Read:

- Ruth and Naomi: Page 152

Review:

- Was Naomi thankful for Ruth? Who are you thankful for?



PRAY

Pray: Dear God, thank you for loving us and giving us friends and family who can help us! We are so thankful for them and for you. Amen.



ACTIVITY

Take out the Family Portrait Activity Page, Smiley Face Stickers, and Crayons. Help the kids use the stickers for the "faces" of their family - or friends who are like family. Keep in mind that all families can look different. Encourage kids to add details and color to their family portraits.

Say: Just like Naomi was thankful for Ruth, let's draw who we are thankful for! It can be your family - or friends who are like family! As we draw them, let's thank God for them!

Continue the activity until Large Group.



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SNACK TIME

Provide snack to kids while they are seated around a table.

- Review the Bottom Line
- Say the Memory Verse for your Group

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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)



PRO TIP

As you lead your group through today's activity, remember that each kid's family looks unique. Allow each kid to put their stickers on as they see fit. And no matter who they put on their family portrait, remind them that we can be thankful for all the people in our family!

**I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart.
Psalm 111:1**



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Week 2 • November 8/9/10

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WELCOME

Welcome each kid by name.

Ask:

- Raise your hand if you like to jump!
- Raise your hand if you like to run!



BIBLE

Give each kid a Bible.

Say:

- In today's true story from the Bible, we're going to hear about a woman named Ruth who collected grain to help feed her family. Let's read all about it!

Read:

- Ruth and Naomi: Page 152

Review:

- Did Ruth go with Naomi? Page 153
- Did Ruth help get grain to feed her family? Page 154



PRAY

Pray: Dear God, thank you so much for friends and for family. Thank you for the story of Ruth and how she helped her family. Help us to be kind and help our family and friends, too. Amen.



ACTIVITY

Take out the Fish or Food, and the Basket. Make sure each kid receives either one fish or one food. Allow each kid to take turns putting the fish/food into the basket and taking it out of the basket. Kids can receive different items on each turn. Point out the different kinds of food.

Say: Ruth and Naomi were hungry. Are you hungry sometimes too? Let's thank God for the food that we get to eat!

Continue the activity until Large Group.



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SNACK TIME

Provide snack to kids while they are seated around a table.

- Review the Bottom Line
- Say the Memory Verse for your Group

Remain seated around the table until Parent Pick Up.



TAKE HOME

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

Generosity Challenge Card (one per family who didn't receive previously, at the door)



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 the way they prayed with the group, encourage parents with what you share. This helps families to feel seen and known by their church and their kid's Leaders!

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Week 3 • November 15/16/17

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WELCOME

Welcome each kid by name.

Ask:

- *Raise your hand if you like monkeys!*
- *Raise your hand if you like elephants!*



BIBLE

Give each kid a Bible.

Say:

- *We are going to learn about a family. Their names were Naomi, Ruth and Boaz. Let's see Boaz helped Ruth and Naomi!*

Read:

- Ruth and Naomi: Page 152

Review:

- *Ruth, Naomi and Boaz became a new family. We can thank God for everything - even our family, and friends who are like family!*



PRAY

Pray: *Dear God, thank you for everything. Thank you for giving us friends and family. Thank you for the story of Boaz, Naomi and Ruth. Thank you for always helping us. We love you! Amen.*



ACTIVITY

Take out the Ruth And Naomi Coloring Sheet and Crayons.

Say: *Let's color this picture of Ruth, Boaz and Naomi! This picture reminds us that we can thank God for everything!*

As kids color, help them practice saying the Bottom Line and Memory Verse.

Continue the activity until Large Group.



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SNACK TIME

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TAKE HOME

Ruth And Naomi Coloring Sheet (in Small Group)

- *This picture of Ruth, Boaz and Naomi reminds us that we can thank God for Everything!*

Generosity Challenge Card (one per family who didn't receive previously, at the door)



PRO TIP

Toddlers 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 in the picture: animals, plants, even the feelings on the faces of the people in the story.

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Week 4 • November 22/23/24

Side 1 • Small Group # 1 • 15 minutes



WELCOME

Welcome each kid by name.

Ask:

- *Raise your hand if you like cookies!*
- *Raise your hand if you like cupcakes!*



BIBLE

Give each kid a Bible.

Say:

- *Let's read our true story from the Bible. Ruth, Naomi and Boaz became a family!*

Read:

- Ruth and Naomi: Page 152

Review:

- *Did Boaz help Ruth and Naomi? Page 154*



PRAY

Pray: *Dear God, thank you so much for loving us and giving us good things - like family and friends! We are so thankful for you and all that you give us. Amen.*



ACTIVITY

Take out the Parachute and Red Heart Squishies. Place the heart squishies on top of the parachute, and have each kid grab a side. Pump the parachute up and down with the heart squishes inside of it. Practice saying the Memory Verse and Bottom Line.

Continue the activity until Large Group.



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SNACK TIME

Provide snack to kids while they are seated around a table.

- Review the Bottom Line
- Say the Memory Verse for your Group

Remain seated around the table until Parent Pick Up.



TAKE HOME

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

Generosity Challenge Card (one per family who didn't receive previously, at the door)



PRO TIP

Kids in Oyster Bay love to move! Once you have read the Bible story- read it again! This time, ask kids to add a motion every time you say a specific word. This activates their brain in a new way to hear and understand the story and simple truths!

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Week 5 • November 29/30/December 1
Side 1 • Small Group # 1 • 15 minutes



WELCOME

Welcome each kid by name.

Ask:

- Raise your hand if you would like to swim like a fish!
- Raise your hand if you would like to fly like a bird!



BIBLE

Give each kid a Bible.

Say:

- We're going to read a story about a family who had a lot to thank God for. We can thank God, too!

Read:

- Ruth and Naomi: Page 152

Review:

- 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!



PRAY

Pray: Dear God, thank you for everything! Thank you for all that you have given us: food, friends, family and people who can help us when things are hard. Thank you for sending your son for us, too. We love you! 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. Kids can continue to add color to their plate.

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

Continue the activity until Large Group.



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SNACK TIME

Provide snack to kids while they are seated around a table.

- Review the Bottom Line
- Say the Memory Verse for your Group

Remain seated around the table 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!*

Generosity Challenge Card (one per family who didn't receive previously, at the door)



PRO TIP

Take advantage of this holiday week and 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!

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