



GOING ON A PICNIC | WEEK 1 | NOVEMBER 2, 2025

Preschool Lesson

Ruth, Naomi, and Boaz

Bible Story: *Ruth, Naomi, and Boaz* • I can thank God for family • *Ruth 1-2*

Memory Verse: “I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart.” Psalm 111:1 ESV

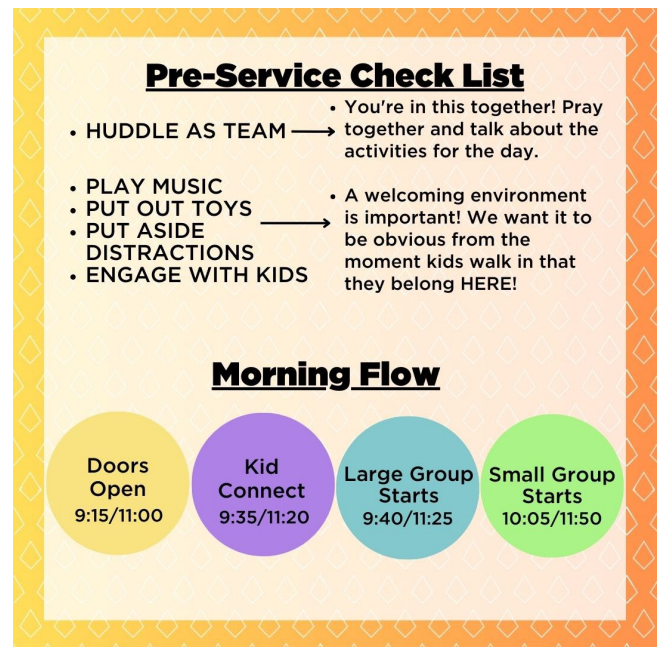
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LEADER BIBLE STUDY

Have you ever noticed that being thankful is something we have to practice? But complaining about what we have and don't have, well, that just seems to come naturally. It's true for all of us, which is why we are taking our preschoolers on a picnic this month! We want to help our preschoolers see that the whole world is like a gigantic picnic filled with countless things we can thank God for, because we can thank God for EVERYTHING! Imagine if our preschoolers began seeing everything around them as an opportunity to thank God— people, Creation, food, toys, home, help—all of it! They can thank God for everything with their whole heart! And so can we. So please join us this month as we pray for our preschoolers and parents, as well as those of us who lead them. Pray that we will take time to look at the world around us and practice thanking God for all we see, because we can thank God for everything.



Story Focus: Naomi's husband and two sons died, so she decided to go back to her home in Bethlehem. Ruth, one of her daughters-in-law, goes with her, and Ruth and Naomi take care of each other. Ruth picks grain in a field that belongs to a man named Boaz, and Boaz decides to take care of Ruth and Naomi. God gives us people to call family, and we can thank God for family. Who can I thank for everything? I can thank God for everything.

KID CONNECT

WELCOME TIME

(VIDEO: ARRIVAL MUSIC)

Play intro music in the background as you greet preschoolers and follow the KidCity check-in procedures. Set out a few favorite theme-related toys, such as puzzles and blocks.

OPENING ACTIVITY

(No Supplies)

Kid Connect time is spent building relationships with the kids. Gather your Small Group together for some intentional connecting time before Large Group. You can do small activities while you chat together (like coloring or building with blocks) or just sit and listen to each other. Ask your kids relationship-building questions like:

- How old are you?
- Do you have a favorite stuffed animal?
- Do you have a brother, sister, or pet? What are their names?
- What do you like to play at home?
- What's your favorite food/color/animal/ice cream flavor?

Transition to Large Group...

LARGE GROUP

COUNTDOWN

(VIDEO: COUNTDOWN)

Show the countdown video as the children clean up and transition to Large Group.

SETTING UP FOR SUCCESS

(CG: EXPECTATION SLIDE, BASIC TRUTHS SLIDE, MEMORY VERSE VIDEO; BIBLE)

LGL: "Hello my friends! How are you today? Come and sit with me. I am so glad you are here! My name is [your name]. I'm excited to spend time with you today! We are getting ready to sing and dance and hear a true story from the Bible. Before we do let's go over our rules and truths.

"Here in KidCity we have three rules. How many rules do we have? (*Kids respond.*) That's right! Three rules. Let's go over our rules now. (*List rules while counting on fingers*)

1. **Be kind.** We can be kind by using our indoor speaking voices, by staying on our blankets (or whatever space you have), and by obeying our leaders.
2. **Be safe.** We can be safe by walking around the classroom and keeping our hands to ourselves.
3. **Have fun!** We are going to have SO much fun, and that's because you are here!

"Can everybody follow those rules today? (*Kids respond.*) Great! KidCity is a place where we learn

about God and Jesus! And there are three big truths that we want you to know. Let's say them all together! Are you ready?

1. **I am made by God.** What is it? *(Kids repeat.)*
2. **I am loved by God no matter what.** What is it? *(Kids repeat.)*
3. **I am made for a purpose!** What is it? *(Kids repeat.)*

"It's time for our memory verse. Let's watch our memory verse motions and do it along with them!"

Show memory verse motion video and then practice without it.

'I will give thanks *(move flat hand forward from chin)*
to the LORD *(point up)*
with my whole heart,' *(tap heart twice)*
Psalm 111:1." *(Open hands like a book.)*

"Ok, now let's sing and worship God!"

WORSHIP

(VIDEO: ALL I WANNA DO, ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE)

Sing the worship songs together.

INTRO SKETCH

(Story Box with Beginner's Bible, Stuffed Ollie the Owl, "Thank You Card" Activity Pages (11x17 Flip on Short Edge) for Current Week (W1 Family, W2 Friends, W3 Food, W4 People Who Help Me))

LGL brings the story box with the Bible to the center of the room.

"I have my story box ready. I'm SO excited to see what we are learning about God today. Let's see what I have in here..."

Pull out the Bible

What is this? *(Pause for responses.)* Yes, it's the Bible! The Bible is God's word and God's word is always true. The Bible has many stories that make one BIG story, and we (you and me) are part of that story.

There is something else in our story box today. Let's see what it is!

Pull out Ollie and the "Thank You Card" for Current Week

Hello Ollie! Can everyone say, "Hello Ollie!" *(Pause for responses.)* What does Ollie have today? Do you know what this is? *(Pause for responses.)* It's a THANK YOU CARD! A thank you card is a way to say "thank you" with a picture or note. *(Hold up the thank you card.)* This is a thank you card to God. Should we open it up and see what we are thanking God for today? *(Pause for responses then open the card to reveal the pictures.)* What's inside? What are these pictures of? *(Pause for responses.)* Yes, they are pictures of families. We can thank God for family. We're going to hear

about a family in our story today. Let's get ready to watch!

Let's click on our listening ears (tug on each ear, one at a time, as you make a click, click sound), let's put on our looking eyes (bring your hands, one at a time, to your eyes like binoculars as you say shook, shook) and let's put our hands that have been move and praising Jesus quietly in our laps.

Now we are ready. Let's watch today's true Bible story."

WATCH THE BIBLE STORY

(VIDEO: BIBLE STORY, BOTTOM LINE)

"What a great story! Let's thank God for today's story. Thank you, God! *(Pause for response.)* Yes, thank you God! God gives us people to call family. In today's story, God gave Naomi family. God gave her Ruth and Boaz. We can thank God for family. This month we are learning that we can thank God for everything.

When I ask you, 'Who can thank God for everything?' I want you to say, *[Bottom Line]* 'I can thank God for everything.' Are you ready? *(Pause for responses.)* **'Who can thank God for everything?' [Bottom Line] 'I can thank God for everything.' YES! [Bottom Line] 'I can thank God for everything.'**

SAY THE BASIC TRUTH

(CG: BASIC TRUTH SLIDE)

Let's look at our Basic Truth for today. It says, 'I am made by God to worship Him (to live in a way that shows Him love and honor). We worship God by being thankful, having an attitude of gratitude for everything God does. Let's say thank you God one more time. Ready? *(Pause for responses.)* Thank you, God!

PRAY

"Let's get our hands ready to pray. *Open them, close them, open them, close them, give a little clap. Open them, close them, open them, close them, fold them in your lap.*

Dear God, thank you for giving us families that take care of us. Help us to take care of others too. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen."

TRANSITION TO SMALL GROUP

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GRAIN MOVERS (2's-5's)

(Yellow Pom Poms – 2 or 3 per child, Spoon – 1 per group, “Story Bottles” Activity Page – 1 set per group attached to mondo blocks.)

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy “Story Bottles” on copy paper, one set per Small Group. Tape each picture to a mondo block.

During the Activity: Ask children to line up behind “Ruth”. Take turns “picking the grain” (one yellow pom pom). Balance pom pom on the spoon as they walk it to “Naomi”. Ask children to pour the “grain” from their spoon on the floor in front of Naomi. Encourage children to come back to the line and pass the spoon to the next child.

Repeat as desired.

After the Activity: Retell the Bible Story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Let’s play a game to bring food to Naomi. Friends, come stand with me behind Ruth. Let’s help Ruth pick the grain and take it to Naomi.

During the Activity: “[Child’s name], take a spoon and scoop up a pom pom. Now carry it to Naomi and pour it in on the ground in front of her. Ready? Set, go! *(Pause.)* You made it! Pour the pom pom on the ground. *(Pause.)* Hooray! Come back to the line and hand your spoon to the next friend. [Child’s name] scoop and carry some grain. *(Continue with each child.)* Wow, we had fun gathering the grain! You did such a great job helping each other.”

“Hey, come sit with me. We’re going to use these blocks *(hold up blocks)* to help us review today’s true Bible Story”

(Put Naomi in front of you and Ruth and Boaz behind you.) “One day, Naomi was getting ready to go back to her hometown. *(Put Ruth by Naomi.)* A woman named Ruth said, ‘I will be your family and go with you.’ *(Walk Naomi and Ruth back and forth in front of the children. Then put Naomi behind you and Ruth in front of you.)*

“When Naomi and Ruth made it to Bethlehem, Ruth worked in a field picking grain so they would have food to eat. *(Slowly walk Ruth back and forth in front of the children. Make Ruth bow down a few times like she is picking up grain. Then put Ruth and Boaz in front of you.)* Later, Ruth married a man named Boaz and they became family! *(Put Naomi, Ruth, and Boaz in front of you and make them dance)*

around.) Naomi, Ruth, and Boaz were so thankful for their family! Thank you, God, for family!" (Repeat and invite the children to take turns holding the bottles.)

After the Activity: "Naomi, Ruth, and Boaz were thankful for family, and we can be thankful for family too, because we can thank God for everything! **Who can thank God for everything? [Bottom Line] I can thank God for everything!** Again! **Who can thank God for everything? [Bottom Line] I can thank God for everything!**"

THANK GOD FOR FAMILY (2's-5's)

("Family Portraits" Activity Page – 1 per child, Crayons)

What You Do:

During the Activity: Encourage the children to help you make a list of people they call family. Guide them through coloring their family portraits.

After the Activity: Guide children to pray for one of the people in their family portrait.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Today we're going to draw something special: your family! Family is a gift from God, and our families may look different from one another. Let's draw them inside this picture frame!" Do you think Naomi, Ruth, and Boaz thanked God for family? (Pause.) Yes! Naomi, Ruth, and Boaz thanked God for family, and we can thank God for family too, because we can thank God for everything!

After the Activity: "These are very special drawings of the people we call family. Let's pray and thank God for them. I am going to start, and we will go around the circle taking turns thanking God for someone in our family. Dear God, thank you for teaching us that we can thank you for everything. Today, we want to thank you for family. Thank you for [name someone in your family]." Now we are going around our circle. Guide the child next to you to say, "Thank you God for... (someone they drew in their family portrait)." Continue around the circle until each child gets to thank God for one person in their family.

MEMORY VERSE WITH MOTIONS

(Memory Verse Motions Poster – 1 per group)

Say the memory verse using motions from the Memory Verse Motions poster. Repeat several times and encourage children for their efforts.

'I will give thanks (move flat hand forward from chin)
to the LORD (point up)
with my whole heart,' (tap heart twice)
Psalm 111:1." (Open hands like a book.)

PRAY

"Let's pray together. (Have kids "put both hands up in the air, clap them together once [keep hands clasped], and then lower them down to their lap.")

Dear God, thank you for giving Naomi family. Thank you for giving us family, too! Thank you for

loving us, God. We love you too. In Jesus' name. Amen."

PARENT PICK UP ACTIVITY - READ THE STORY

(The Beginner's Bible)

What You Do:

- Open up the Beginner's Bible to today's story (Ruth and Naomi, page #152) and read it to your small group.

CONNECT WITH PARENTS/INFLUENCERS

(First Look Placemats - 1 per child)

Hand out placemats and encourage parents/influencers to review the Preschool lesson with their child this week.