



GOING ON A PICNIC | WEEK 2 | NOVEMBER 9, 2025

Preschool Lesson

Daniel's Friends Pray

Bible Story: *Daniel's Friends Pray* • I can thank God for friends • *Daniel 2*

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

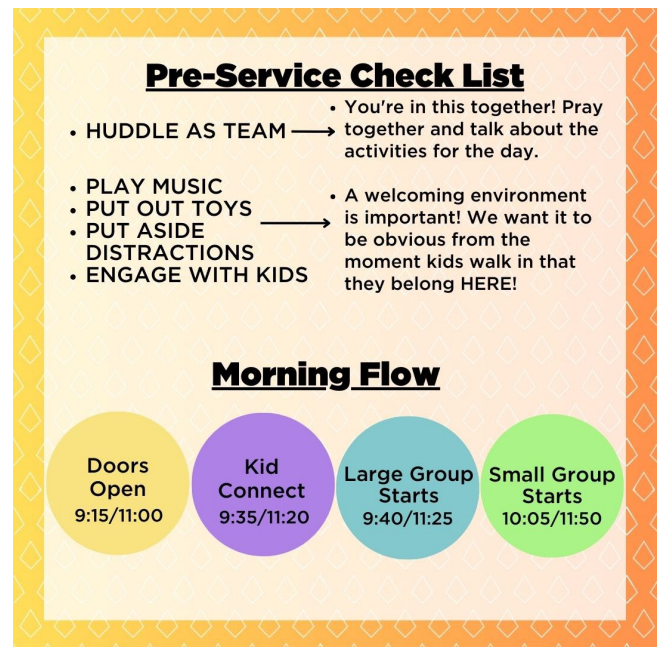
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LEADER BIBLE STUDY

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: Daniel and his friends Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego work for King Nebuchadnezzar. The king wants his wise men to help him understand a dream he had. But how were the wise men supposed to know what the king dreamed and what the dream meant? Daniel knew that only God could help so he asks his friends to pray. And they do! God answers their prayers and shows Daniel how to help the king. God gave Daniel really good friends who prayed for him. 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 friends. We can thank God for friends. We're going to hear

about three friends 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 our story today. Thank you, God! *(Pause for response.)* Yes, thank you God! God gives us friends. In our story today, Daniel's friends (Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego) prayed to God. We can thank God for friends. 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, friends. Thank You for helping Daniel and thank You for helping us. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen."

TRANSITION TO SMALL GROUP

SMALL GROUP

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THANKFUL TABLE TOPPER (2's-5's)

("Thankful Table Topper" Activity Page on Cardstock - 1 per child, Crayons, Stickers - 4-5 per child, Optional: Stamps - 1-2 per group, Clear Tape - 1 per group)

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy "Thankful Table Topper" on cardstock, one per child. Fold each paper on the designated lines, then lay flat. Write each child's name on their paper.

During the Activity: Encourage children to decorate their paper with crayons or markers and stamps. Help each child fold their paper into a triangular table tent then rub glue across the tab to secure it.

After the Activity: Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Friends! Come join me at the table. I have something for you to make that will help you remember today's true story from the Bible. You can place it on your table at home."

During the Activity: "Look at your paper and point to the section with Daniel and his friends, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. (Pause.) Daniel asked his friends to pray. The friends prayed and talked to God and asked God to help. (Daniel 2:17,18) Color that part of your paper. (Pause.) "This part (point) says, 'I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart.' Psalm 111:1. Decorate it with stamps and stickers. (Pause.) These are looking great! There is one more section and the words on this page say [Bottom Line] I can thank God for everything. Draw a picture of you and a friend on this part. (Pause.) Wow, fantastic!

"Now we get to fold it to make it stand. (Assist each child as needed.) Let's rub some glue along the tab and press it together to keep the ends together. (Assist each child as needed.) See how it stands? Turn it around to see all the sides!"

After the Activity: "In today's true story from the Bible, we learned about a wise man named Daniel. He worked for King Nebuchadnezzar helping the king know what to do.

"When the king had a dream that worried him, he asked his wise men to help him understand it. But they didn't know what it meant, and this made the king angry. Daniel knew that only God could help. So, he asked his friends, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to pray to God for help.

God showed Daniel how to help the king! (Daniel 2:19) Daniel told the king all about his dream and what it meant. (Daniel 2:27-45) The king was so thankful to know what his dream meant.

“God gave Daniel really good friends. God gives us friends too. We can pray for our friends and ask them to pray for us too. We can thank God for our friends, and for everything! **Who can thank God for everything? [Bottom Line] I can thank God for everything!**”

MIRROR ME (2's-5's)

(No Supplies Needed)

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Ask children to come and stand in front of you.

During the Activity: Encourage the children to mirror your actions as you retell the main points of the Bible Story. Repeat as time and interest allow.

After the Activity: Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Hey, everyone! Come stand in front of me! You are going to be my mirror!”

During the Activity: “Watch me and do what I do. Then, when I look at you, it will be like I am looking in a mirror. Ready? Do what I do!

- Daniel loved God. (*Hug yourself.*)
- Daniel’s job was to help the king. (*Put a pretend crown on your head.*)
- One night, the king had a dream. (*Pretend to go to sleep.*)
- When the king woke up, he needed help. (*Wake up and stretch.*)
- The king got angry when no one could help him. (*Make angry face.*)
- Daniel went to his friends, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. (*Walk in place.*)
- Daniel asked his friends to pray, and they did. (*Praying hands.*)
- God helped Daniel know how to help the king. (*Tap your pointer finger to side of head.*)
- Daniel prayed and thanked God for helping him. (*Praying hands.*)
- Then, Daniel ran to the king and helped him! (*Run in place.*)
- Yay, God! Yay, friends! (*Clap and cheer.*)

Great job, everyone!” (*Repeat as time and interest allow.*)

After the Activity: “God gave Daniel good friends, and God gives us friends too! We can thank God for our friends, because we can thank God for everything. **Who can thank God for everything? [Bottom Line] I can thank God for everything!**”

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)*
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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, You are SO good! Thank You for helping Daniel. Thank You for loving us and helping us. Please help us remember to say thank You. 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 a story about friends (Best Friends *David and Jonathan*, page #181) 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.