



GOING ON A PICNIC | WEEK 4 | NOVEMBER 23, 2025

Preschool Lesson

Elisha's Room

Bible Story: *Elisha's Room* • I can thank God for people who help me • **2 Kings 4:8-17**

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

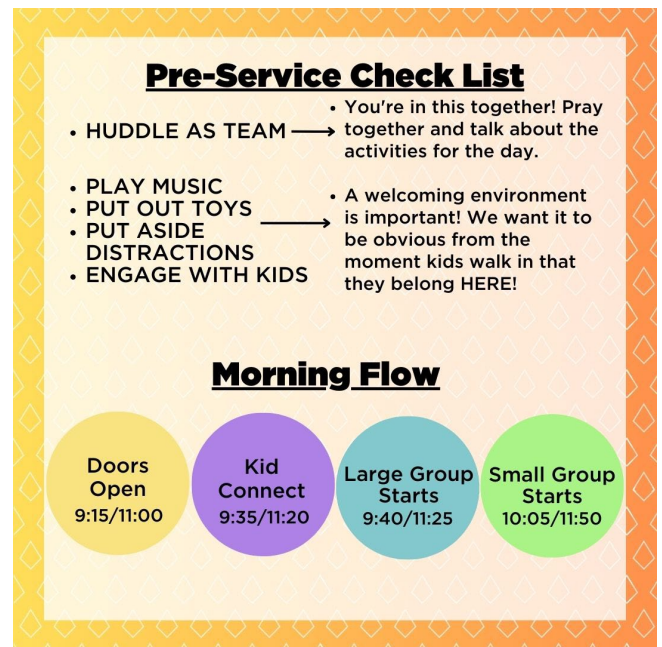
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LEADER BIBLE STUDY

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: Elisha is a prophet which means Elisha tells people messages from God. In one town, there is a woman who wants to help Elisha. So, when Elisha is in her town, the woman and her husband have Elisha eat dinner at their house. One day, the woman tells her husband she wants to help Elisha even more. So, they make a room on the roof of their house, so Elisha has a place to rest when he comes to their town. We can thank God for the people who help us. 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 people helping. We can thank God for people who help us.

We're going to hear about a woman who helped a man named Elisha 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 moving 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 people to help us. In our story today, a woman and her husband made a room in their house for Elisha to rest. We can thank God for people to help us. 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 giving us people who help us. You love us and take care of us. We love You, God. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen."

TRANSITION TO SMALL GROUP

SMALL GROUP

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A ROOM FOR ELISHA (2's-5's)

("A Room for Elisha" Activity Page – 1 per child, Crayons, Clear Tape – 1 per group)

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy "A Room for Elisha", one per child. Fold each child's picture and cut along the dotted lines. Write each child's name on their paper.

During the Activity: Encourage children to decorate their picture of Elisha's room. Help each child fold the two tabs on each side and tape them to hold in place.

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

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Friends, come to the table and let's make a room for Elisha."

During the Activity: "Look! Do you see the bed, the table and chair, and the lamp the woman and her husband put in the room they made for Elisha? Let's decorate the room and the furniture in it. (Pause.) Great job! Now rub some glue on this part (point to one tab) and this part (point to the other tab) then fold it up like this and press the tabs to each side. (Help as needed.) Wow! Look at the cool room you created for Elisha!"

After the Activity: "Elisha loved God. He was a prophet and walked around from town to town, giving people messages from God. In one town, there was a woman who wanted to help Elisha. So, the woman and her husband would have Elisha come to their house to eat. One day, the woman told her husband she wanted to help Elisha even more. So, they made a room on the roof of their house so Elisha would have a place to rest when he came to their town. She put things in Elisha's room that she thought he would need, like a chair, a table, a lamp, and a bed. Elisha was so thankful that God gave him people to help him. God gives us people to help us too! We can thank God for the people who help us because we can thank God for everything! **Who can thank God for everything? [Bottom Line] I can thank God for everything.**"



LET'S BUILD A HOUSE (2's-5's)

(Popsicle Sticks (Various Sizes) - 50-80 per group)

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Set out popsicle sticks in the center of your group where the children can gather and build.

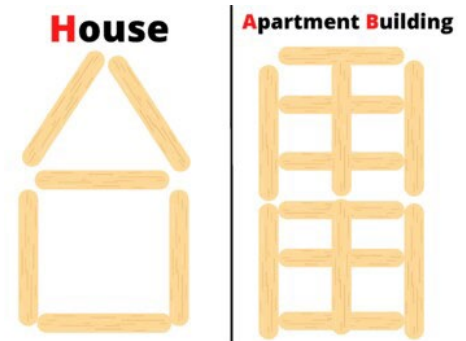
During the Activity: Invite children to work together to build a house using popsicle sticks. As they build, talk about the different rooms they might include: a kitchen, a bathroom, a place to eat, a bed to sleep in, or a place to sit. Encourage children to describe what each room is for and how it helps people. Guide the children to build a special room.

After the Activity: Connect story to Bottom Line.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Hello friends! Come join me over here at the blocks. Today we're going to use the blocks to build a house."

During the Activity: "Let's think about all the rooms a house might need. A house needs a kitchen to make food in. Can you build a kitchen? (Pause.) What other rooms? (Pause for responses.) Oh yes! A house needs a bedroom to sleep in. Can you build a bedroom? (Pause.) What about a bathroom to wash your hands or take a bath in? Can you build a bathroom? (Pause.) You're doing such a great job building! Can you add a bed to your bedroom to sleep in? (Pause.) What about a table to eat at in your kitchen? (Pause.) And maybe a chair in another room so you can sit and rest. (Pause.) Now can you build another room on top of your house? (Pause.) Great job friends!"



After the Activity: "You built a wonderful house and added a special room. In today's true Bible Story we heard about a woman who built a room on her house for a man named Elisha so he would have a place to rest. She was a kind friend. The Bible teaches us that we can thank God for family, friends, food and people who help us because we can thank God for everything with our whole heart! **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)
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 the people who help us. You give us mommies and daddies, grandmas and grandpas, and other adults. You love us so much, and you take care of us. Thank you, God. 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 (Elisha's Room, page #226) 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.