



WEEK
THREE
NOVEMBER 2023

SMALL GROUP
3-5 YEAR
-OLDS

PRELUDE SOCIAL WORSHIP STORY GROUPS HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO MOVE

an activity that uses a preschooler's natural desire to move to help them learn



4. MANNA TOSS

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Umbrella and pom-poms

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Scatter pom-poms on the floor in an open area of your room.

BIBLE STORY

I can thank God for food.

**MANNA AND QUAIL
EXODUS 16**

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Open the umbrella and place it upside down on the floor in the middle of your area. Ask the children to collect as many pom-poms as they can and throw them into the umbrella. Once all the pom-poms have been collected and thrown into the umbrella, encourage the children to stand closely around the leader. Then the leader will lift the umbrella over everyone's head and let the manna fall out. Repeat as desired.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Review the Bible story.

MEMORY VERSE

"Always give thanks to God."

EPHESIANS 5:20, NIRV

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Friends, come stand over here with me. I have a super-fun activity for us today! See all the pom-poms on the floor? Let's pretend they are manna like in our Bible story. When I say, 'Manna,' I want you to collect as many as you can and then put them in the umbrella."

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "Ready? Manna! (*Open the umbrella and place on the floor upside down.*) When you have the manna, throw it in the umbrella. (*Pause.*) Keep going until all the manna is collected and thrown into the umbrella. (*Pause.*) Okay, friends, come in close. (*Carefully lift umbrella above everyone.*) Whoa! Look at all the manna! Thank You, God! Say it with me. Thank You, God! (*Repeat as desired.*) That was so much fun!"

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "God knew that the Israelites were hungry and needed food to eat. God told Moses that He would send meat at night and bread in the morning. And that's what God did! There was plenty of meat to eat for dinner. In the morning, there was plenty of bread to eat. Every day, God made sure the people had meat to eat at night and bread to eat in the morning. God gave the Israelites food. God is so good! Let's say, 'Thank You, God!' Thank You (*move flat hand forward from lips*), God, for our food. Thank You (*move flat hand forward from lips*), God, for everything! **Who can you thank for everything? I can thank God for everything.**"

KEY QUESTION

Who can you thank for everything?

BOTTOM LINE

I can thank God for everything.

BASIC TRUTH

God loves me.



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MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that encourages personal application and prayer



6. JOURNAL AND PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Memory Verse Card" from Week One in Bible, journal, and a fun-shaped pen

BIBLE STORY

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Now we can sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. Since our Bible story was about God giving the Israelites food, we'll make a list of our favorite foods! When I say your name, tell me one of your favorite foods, and I'll write it in our prayer journal." *(Remember to print as you write in the journal so the children can recognize their names and the letters.)*

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "This list is making me hungry! Let's thank God for all of these yummy foods! Would anyone like to pray before I pray? *(Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.)*

MEMORY VERSE

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"Dear God, You are so good! Thank You for creating so many yummy foods to eat like *(read the list the children made)*. I pray You will help *(name each child)* and me remember to thank You for our food. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."

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