



WEEK
ONE
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. JOIN THE FAMILY

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Scarves or bandanas in a variety of colors

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Help children to stand in a large circle. Give each child a scarf, spreading the colors out among the group.

BIBLE STORY

I can thank God for family.

RUTH, NAOMI, AND BOAZ
RUTH 1-2

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Call out a color and have all the children holding that color scarf join you in a line by holding the end of the scarf of the friend in front of them. Move about the inside of the circle then stop and call out another color and ask them to come join you, joining at the end of the first color. Continue until all children have joined. Move throughout the room.

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, join me over here and spread out into a big circle. (Pause.) Great job! We're going to play a game with these scarves. (Pass out the scarves, naming the color as you hand it to the child.) Everyone, hold your scarves up and give them a shake. (Pause.) Awesome!"

KEY QUESTION

Who can you thank for everything?

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "I'd like everyone that has a [color] scarf to join me in the middle of the circle. Make a big line by holding onto each other's scarves. Now [child's name] is behind me, and they'll hold the other end of my scarf. The friend behind them will hold the other end of their scarf. (Help all the children grab an end of a scarf.) Keep holding on to the scarves, and let's walk in a line. (Pause.) Nice job [color]s! Thank you for joining my color family. Now all my [next color] scarves, come join us. (Continue until all children have joined.) All right! Now that all my friends are in my family, let's go! (Walk around slowly with everyone attached.) That was so much fun, working together!"

BOTTOM LINE

I can thank God for everything.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: "Our activity reminds me of the Bible story we learned today about Ruth, Naomi, and Boaz. Ruth told Naomi that they were family, and she would go wherever she went and live wherever she lived. God gave Naomi family to help her. So Naomi and Ruth traveled together to the town Naomi grew up in. They were hungry when they got to the town so Ruth went to look for food. She found a field that belonged to a man named Boaz. The workers in the field would leave some food for people who needed it. Ruth saw the grain and gathered some to take home for her and Naomi to eat.

BASIC TRUTH

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“When Boaz found out that Naomi was a part of his family, he decided to take care of Ruth and Naomi and make sure they had plenty of food to eat! God sent more family to help. Thank You, God. When Ruth went home to Naomi with food to eat, Naomi was so thankful! Thank You, God. God gives us people to call family. All families can take care of each other. Thank You, God, for giving us family! **Who can you thank for everything? I can thank God for everything.**”



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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" Activity Page, cardstock, scissors, Bible, journal, and a fun-shaped pen

BIBLE STORY

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for family.

RUTH, NAOMI, AND BOAZ
RUTH 1-2

"Now let's sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (Pause.) Naomi, Ruth, and Boaz were family. We have people we call family too. When I say your name, tell me one person in your family, and I'll write their name 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: "Thank you for making this list with me. 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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EPHESIANS 5:20, NIRV

"Dear God, thank You for giving (say each child's name) people like (read the list the children made) to call family. Please help us love and take care of our families the way Naomi, Ruth, and Boaz did. We love You, God. In Jesus' name, amen."

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