

LESSON SNAPSHOT

BOTTOM LINE:

Praise God for what we have.

OBJECTIVE:

We can thank God for everything he has given us.

KEY PASSAGE:

1 Kings 17:7-16, Elijah Learns that God Takes Care of Us

MEMORY VERSE:

"I will sing praise to the Lord. He has been so good to me." Psalm 13:6 (NIRV)

SUMMARY:

God deserves our praise. God is so good to us. God provides every good thing that we have.

SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Thank you for everything you have given us.

Amen

MEMORY VERSE

"I will sing praise to the Lord. He has been so good to me." Psalm 13:6 (NIRV)

LARGE GROUP MV ACTIVITY:

Say the verse several times together. Start by saying it in a whisper, then a little less softly. Keep repeating it until you are shouting the verse together. Continue to use the hand motions from week 1.

Hand motions: "I will sing praise" (Place your hands near your mouth. Move your hands in small circles as you lift your arms up above you.) "to the Lord" (Stop making the small circles. Extend your arms fully up to the sky.) "He" (With arms still extended, point up-ward with your index fingers.) "has been so good" (Bring your arms down and embrace yourself.) "to me." (Point to yourself with both hands.)

SMALL GROUP MV ACTIVITY:

Ask for little ones to raise their hands if they think they know the verse. Select several kids with raised hands to recite the verse.

SKIT OR PUPPET SHOW

TITLE: Set for the Party

ITEMS NEEDED: *Party hats*

CHARACTER BREAKDOWN: 1M, 1F

CHARACTERS: Mike, Sara

Mike is on stage. He looks towards the audience into an invisible mirror. He is adjusting his party hat. Sara enters.

SARA: Hi, Mike.

MIKE: Hi, Sara. What do you think: better like this or better like this?

Mike demonstrates two possible ways to wear the hat.

SARA: The first one. I like your hat.

MIKE: Thanks.

SARA: It looks like you're getting ready for a party.

MIKE: I am. It's a Praise Party.

SARA: A Praise Party? Didn't we have one of those last week?

MIKE: We sure did. We were celebrating God and thanking him for giving us families and friends.

SARA: So why are you having a Praise Party today if you already had one?

MIKE: Because there is so much we can praise God for.

SARA: There is?

SKIT OR PUPPET SHOW

MIKE: If we had a party every minute of every day for a hundred years, we'd never run out of things to thank God for.

SARA: Wow, that's a really long time.

MIKE: Why, God has given me food to eat, and a place to live. God made my pet gerbil, Spike and my pet iguana, Henrietta.

SARA: God's given me good health. He gave me a strong arm for throwing a baseball and good eyes for seeing a long way away.

MIKE: God gave us the sunshine that keeps us warm and lets us see during the day.

SARA: God gave us the stars in the sky that are so pretty to look at each night.

MIKE: Every breathe I take (*demonstrates*) is a gift from God.

SARA: Wow, you're right, Mike. God has given us so much.

MIKE: That's why we should thank him and give him praise.

SARA: God deserves a big party every day.

MIKE: You can praise God wherever you are, whenever. You don't even need a party hat.

SARA: Good. Because I don't have one.

MIKE: I've got an extra. Would you like it?

SARA: Yes, please.

Mike gives Sara a party hat. She tries it on in several different positions.

SARA: Better like this or better like this.

Mike considers. End.

SNACK

ITEMS NEEDED:

Pretzels

ADVANCED PREPARATION:

Post a sign outside the preschool area that says: "Today's snack is pretzels. Please let your child's teacher know if it is not ok for your child to have this snack."

CONNECTION:

Give each child only one pretzel. When they complain, remind them of the poor woman in the story who thought she only had a little bit of food. But God made sure she had enough food so that she and her son never went hungry. Pass out more snack. Thank God for giving us all that we need.

CRAFT

ITEMS NEEDED:

Toilet paper rolls, tissue paper, rubber bands, crayons

ADVANCED PREPARATION:

Cut the tissue paper into four-inch squares.

DIRECTIONS:

We are in the middle of a Praise Party for God. Every party needs horns. Give each kid a toilet paper roll to decorate. (If you do not have toilet paper rolls, roll up a piece of construction paper into a tube and tape it secure.) Place several squares of tissue paper over one end. Secure with rubber bands. Remind little ones that the purpose of the party is to celebrate God and thank him for everything he has done for us. (Keep the horns in your room so you will have them on hand for the big celebration on week 4.)

HANDS-ON ACTIVITY

ITEMS NEEDED:

Building blocks

ADVANCED PREPARATION:

None

DIRECTIONS:

Remind kids that we can praise God for everything he has given us and everything he has done for us. Ask them to make something they can praise God for. Let their imaginations and creativity run wild. Celebrate all of the varied creations and praise God together for all he has given us.

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WORSHIP TIME:

Prior to the lesson, sing one or two songs with the kids. Use CDs or live lyrics of songs that the kids are familiar with.

LESSON:

Today's story comes to us from the Bible. (Hold up a Bible.) The Bible is God's Word to us, so we know that everything it says is true. (Open the Bible and set it down in front of you as you give the lesson.)

Elijah was a prophet. A prophet is someone who points people to God.

One day, he met a poor woman. She had only enough flour and oil at home to make one small loaf of bread for her and her son to eat.

Elijah said, "Go home and make a small loaf of bread for me. And then make another one for you and your son. God will take care of you. God will give you what you need."

The woman went home and made a loaf of bread for Elijah. When she was done, she still had flour and oil left, so she made bread for her and her son. The next day, there was still enough flour and oil to make bread for herself, her son and Elijah."

Day after day, she made bread. And every day there was still enough flour and oil to make more. God gave her all that she needed.

Every good thing we have comes from God. We can praise God for stuff. When we eat, when we play with our toys, when we put on clothes, we can tell God thank you for everything he has given us.

LESSON

SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Thank you for everything you have given us.

Amen

MAIN LESSON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

WIGGLE TAMER: Play some worship music. Cut paper streamers into four-foot lengths and give two to each kid. Have kids wave the streamers as you sing along to the music.

SMALL GROUP MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY: Ask for little ones to raise their hands if they think they know the verse. Select several kids with raised hands to recite the verse.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Was Elijah a prophet?

What did Elijah ask the poor woman to give him?

Did the poor woman run out of flour and oil?

Who can we thank for everything that we have?

SMALL GROUP GAME OR ACTIVITY: Join hands as you stand in a circle. Go around the circle, each kid saying something they are thankful for. After each item, have everyone lift their hands in unison and say together, "We praise you God."

1 PAGE LESSON FOR 1-2 YEAR OLDS

PLAY TIME: Spend the first 15 minutes on the floor playing with the kids. Cars, dolls, blocks, and simple puzzles are great for this time.

BIBLE TIME: Seat the kids in the place they will be having snack. Hold up a Bible or Illustrated Kids' Bible and say, "This is the Bible. God wrote the Bible. Everything in the Bible is true." Then allow each child to pat the Bible with his hand.

LESSON: The poor woman had a little bit of flour and a little bit of oil. She made some bread for her and her son. The next day she saw she still had a little bit of flour and a little bit of oil. She made more bread. Day after day, she had a little bit more flour and a little bit more oil. God took care of the poor woman. God takes care of you.

MAKE IT REAL: After the lesson say, "God loves you, and he wants you to love him too." Then point to each child and say, "God loves you (child's name)."

PRAYER TIME: Ask the children to fold their hands and bow their heads. Say, "Let's pray before our snack. Thank you God for our mommies and our daddies. Thank you for loving me. Thank you for this snack we get to eat. Amen."

SNACK TIME: Wash each child's hand with a wet wipe and then serve the snack. At this age crackers or goldfish with water are generally best, but you always want to be mindful of any food allergies.

POTTY BREAK: After snack is a great time to ask those who are potty trained if they need to use the bathroom, or change diapers of those who are not yet potty trained.

PLAY TIME: Finish the day with more playtime until it's time for dismissal.



MAKE IT STICK

4 Simple Ways You Can Make This Lesson Stick With your Kids

Praise Party Preschool Lesson 2

THIS WEEK'S LESSON: PRAISE GOD FOR STUFF

Use these four common times in a preschooler's day to reinforce this week's lesson:



DRIVING:

In the car, play some kids' praise and worship music together. Celebrate God for all the good things he has provided.



PLAYING:

Have a Praise Party. Decorate one room in your home for a party. Have your little ones draw pictures to adorn the walls. Blow up balloons. Bake a cake, or just put together a simple snack. Celebrate God and all that he has given you.



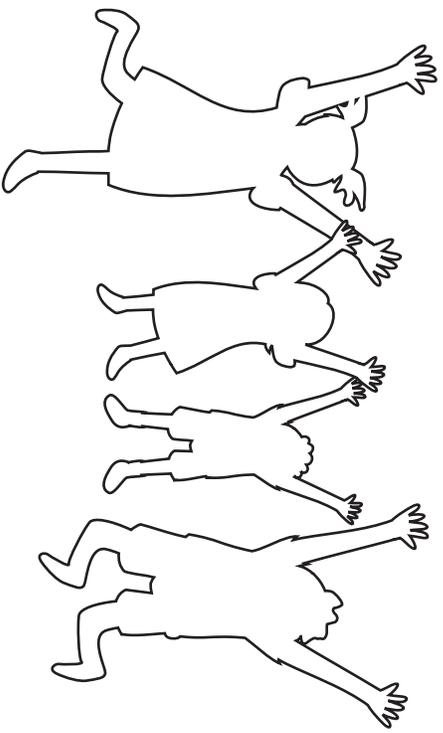
EATING:

As you eat your meal, thank God for all of the good food that he has provided. Pray for those who do not have enough to eat; ask God to provide for them.

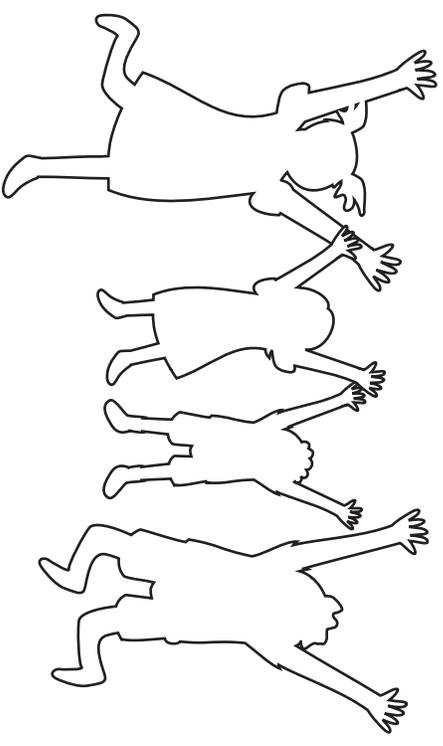


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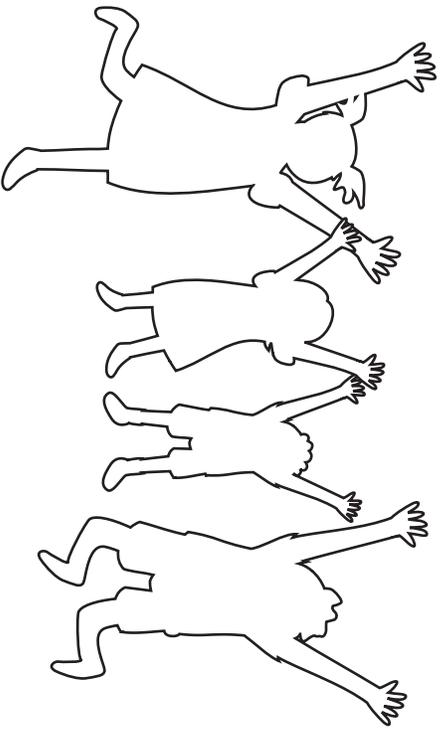
Hold your little ones close. Remind them of all the ways God has provided for you and to your family. Ask if they have anything they want to thank God for.



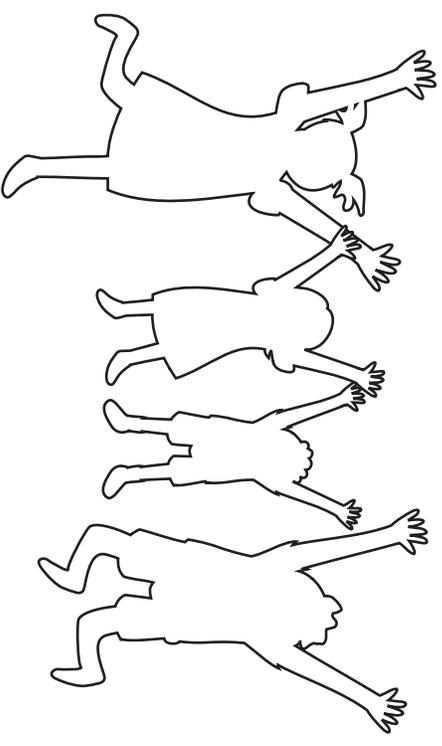
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