

## November 2020, Week 1

**Today's Bible Story:** I can thank God for good things.

Every Good and Perfect Gift • *James 1:17; Genesis 1*

**Memory Verse:** "Give thanks to the Lord for he is good." Psalm 107:1, NIV

**Key Question:** Who is good?

**Bottom Line:** God is good.

**Basic Truth:** God made me.

### My Thankful Tree

#### Live for God | Application Activity

**What You Need:** "Sticker Tree," and "Good Things Stickers" Activity Pages, labels or glue sticks, cardstock, scissors, and crayons.

#### **What You Do:**

*Before the Activity:* Copy "Sticker Tree" on cardstock, one per child. Copy "Good Things Stickers" on label paper or regular paper and cut apart, several stickers per child.

*During the Activity:* Give each child a copy of "Sticker Tree." If you chose the black and white version, allow the children to color their tree first. Next, talk about the "Good Things Stickers" and encourage the children to choose stickers to put on their tree. Each time they add a sticker, prompt them to say, "Thank you, God, for [ object's name]."

#### **What You Say:**

*Before the Activity:* "Who wants to make a thankful tree to take home? Come sit with me, and I'll show you how!"

*During the Activity:* "First, you need a tree. (*Pass out the 'Sticker Tree' pages.*) Now, you need some good things to put on your tree. Look at all the stickers of good things God made! We have (*name some of the objects on the stickers*). God made all of these good things because **[Bottom Line] God is good! Who is good? [Bottom Line] God is good.** Pick some good things to go on your tree. All you have to do is peel and stick!"

*After the Activity:* "Everyone, hold up your thankful tree. Wow! They look great! You can take them home to remind you that God made good things because **[Bottom Line] God is good! Who is good? [Bottom Line] God is good.**"

## **Journal and Prayer**

**What You Need:** Paperclipped “Memory Verse Card” in your Bible at Psalm 107:1, journal, and a fun-shaped pen

**LEADER:** “Our Bible story today was about all the good things God made. God filled the world with all kinds of good things, like birds, food, flowers, and rainbows! It’s like God put gifts for us to find all over the world! Everywhere we look, we can see that **[Bottom Line] God is good. Who is good? [Bottom Line] God is good!**”

“And the new Bible verse we’ll learn will help us remember to thank God for all the good things because **[Bottom Line] God is good!** The Bible verse says “*Give thanks to the LORD for he is good*, Psalm 107:1.

“Let’s stand up and say that together with the motions. Just say what I say and do what I do.”

**CHILDREN and LEADER:** “*Give thanks (clap on each word) to the LORD (point up) for he is good, (two thumbs up) Psalm 107:1.*” (*Open hands like a book.*)

*(Repeat the verse with motions a few times.)*

**LEADER:** “Way to go! **[Bottom Line] God IS good**, and we should thank Him! **Who is good?**”

**CHILDREN and LEADER:** **[Bottom Line] “God is good!”**

**LEADER:** “Today, we’re going to make a list of good things God made. Think about how God made the world and everything in it—kangaroos, rain drops, strawberries, sunshine, snowflakes, people . . . there are A LOT of things to think about! Pick one of the things God made. When I say your name, tell me your one thing. I will write it in our prayer journal.”

*(Say each child’s name and write down what they say. Remember to print the names so the children can recognize their names and the letters.)*

**LEADER:** “Wow! This is a great list! **[Bottom Line] God is good!** Let’s use it when we talk to God. Would anyone like to pray before I pray?”

*(Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.)*

### **Prayer**

**LEADER:** “Dear God, You are so good! You made a wonderful world for us to live in and filled it with so many good gifts for us to enjoy. We want to thank You for some of those good things. [Child’s name] wants to thank You for (*read what they listed*). [Child’s name] wants to thank You for (*read what they listed*). [Child’s name] wants to thank You for . . . (*continue with each child*). And I want to thank You for [one thing]. I pray we will thank You for Your goodness every day. We love You, God. In Jesus’ name, amen.”