



PSALM OF THANKSGIVING

BIBLE PASSAGE PSALM 136; JOHN 6:1-15

Summary: *His steadfast love endures forever.* This line repeats numerous times throughout Psalm 136 as a reminder to give thanks to God for His faithfulness in all He has done. The psalmist walks through the history of Israel, from creation to God's rescue in the Promised Land. We can thank God for his eternal goodness and His never-failing love.

Today's Brite Idea is: God does good things for His people.



MONTHLY *Memory Verse*

The Lord is good to all.
(PSALM 145:9)



BIG QUESTION

How do I know God is good?
Through His love for us.



LEADER TRAINING: MEET THE NEEDS

Before a preschooler can fully engage with Gospel teaching, their physical needs should be met. It may sound simple, but when kids are tired, hungry, thirsty or need to use the bathroom, it's hard for them to focus or absorb anything beyond their immediate discomfort. When a kid is fidgeting, acting out or struggling emotionally, it's worth checking these basic needs. A quick snack, a drink of water or a few minutes to rest can make a huge difference. Sometimes it's the simple things that help kids feel settled enough to be open to hearing about Jesus and understanding the love He offers. It's so important to be attuned to these needs and respond with patience and care. Once these physical needs are addressed, kids are much more likely to be ready to engage spiritually and emotionally with the lesson.

NAVIGATING A BROKEN WORLD: IS GOD EVEN REAL?

Eighty-one percent of surveyed American adults indicated they believe in God.* While this is encouraging, kids may have experiences or influences that may cause them to doubt if God is real. This belief may be one they don't openly express in a church environment. Don't assume that kids are coming from the same place of belief as you are. In today's lesson, kids will learn that we can thank God for all He has done and for His steadfast love. Look for ways to reinforce to your group what God is doing in your life and their lives. Encourage kids to name ways they see God working.

*For more resources on this topic, check out: britecurriculum.com/resources.

PRESCHOOL GLOSSARY:

Eternal: to always exist;
to last forever

Pharaoh: a king in
ancient Egypt

Lesson ROADMAP

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BELONG

Small Group (15 MINUTES)

GOAL: For kids to experience God's love through a welcoming community

**TELEPHONE:
GOD IS GOOD!**
SUPPLIES: None

OR

**HOW CAN
YOU HELP?**
SUPPLIES: None

2

BIBLE TEACHING

Large Group (20 MINUTES)

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(PSALM 136; JOHN 6:1-15)

SUPPLIES: Bible, teaching slides, teaching pictures (printed/shown from teaching slides), video player, music player

3

BELIEVE

Small Group (10 MINUTES)

GOAL: For kids to discover who God is by engaging with the Bible

**MEMORY VERSE
FREEZE TAG**

SUPPLIES: Music player, Memory Verse Song

OR

**HIS LOVE
LASTS FOREVER**
SUPPLIES: None

4

BECOME

Small Group (15 MINUTES)

GOAL: For kids to learn to follow Jesus by applying faith to their lives

VICTORY FLAG

SUPPLIES: Take-Home page, coloring supplies, printable page, stickers (3 per kid), craft stick (1 per kid), tape, scissors (prep)

OR

PARACHUTE: BRITE IDEA
SUPPLIES: Take-Home page, coloring supplies, parachute, soft ball or stuffed animal (optional)



TELEPHONE: GOD IS GOOD!

SUPPLIES:

None

PREP:

Clear a space for kids to sit in a circle.

ADAPTATION FOR DIFFERENT LEARNERS:

Kids with sensory needs might not like getting close to whisper to someone else. Let them be first or last to limit the need for closeness.

ACTIVITY INTRO:

Welcome, everyone! My name is _____. Can you each tell us your name?

Welcome each kid by name and welcome any new kids to the group.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **Say:** Today we will play a fun game called "Telephone," and we'll use it to remind each other that God is good!
2. **Say:** In this game, we will pass a special message from one kid to the next.
3. *Have kids sit in a circle.*
4. *Whisper or quietly say, "God is good" to the first kid.*
5. *Encourage them to say it to the next kid beside them, using a soft voice.*
6. *Keep passing it along until it comes back to you.*
7. *At the end, say the phrase out loud together: "God is good!"*
8. *Repeat a few times, saying different phrases about who God is: "God is greater than anything," "God loves you," "God does good things," etc.*
9. **Ask:** Who can you tell that God is good?

ACTIVITY WRAP-UP:

You did your best to pass the message. Each of these messages was about who God is. God is good, He's greater than anything, He loves you and He does good things for His people. Today we will learn more about who God is and about His goodness.



HOW CAN YOU HELP?

SUPPLIES:

None

PREP:

None

ADAPTATION FOR DIFFERENT LEARNERS:

Have small, quiet fidgets for kids who need extra opportunities for movement.

ACTIVITY INTRO:

Welcome, everyone! My name is _____. Can you each tell us your name?

Welcome each kid by name and welcome any new kids to the group.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. *Gather kids and sit in a circle.*
2. **Say:** I will tell you something that might happen. Then we will all talk about a way we could help.
3. *Example situations:*
 - Your friend is crying. How can you help?
 - A kid drops their toy. How can you help?
 - Someone is sad because they miss their mom. How can you help?
 - A friend is hurt. How can you help?
 - Someone has a bad day. How can you help?
 - Someone is afraid. How can you help?
4. *Encourage each kid to share one idea when it's their turn. Give suggestions as needed, such as giving someone a hug, praying for them, encouraging them, etc.*
5. **Ask:** Is it kind to help others?



ACTIVITY WRAP-UP:

Helping others shows love, and God loves when we care for each other. Today we will learn how God does good things for His people.

INTRO:

Play the Countdown Video and guide kids to sit together for large group teaching time.

WELCOME:

Say: Welcome, everyone! I'm so happy to see you here today. Before we learn more about today's Bible story, let's review what we have learned so far.

RECAP FROM *Last Week*

Say: First we learned about Psalm 19 and how it teaches us about wisdom. God's Word helps us to be wise. God's Word and His creation show us how good and amazing God is.
Show teaching illustration: God's Word (Image 06).

Say: Then we learned about a psalm filled with lots of feelings. No matter how we may feel—sad, angry or even hurt—we can always go to God. His goodness stays the same no matter how we might feel. God is holy and He gives us hope.
Show teaching illustration: David's Feelings (Image 07).

Say: After that, we learned from Psalm 23 how God is our Good Shepherd. God guides, protects, provides and comforts us. God's goodness will be there all the days of our lives.
Show teaching illustration: Good Shepherd (Image 08).

Say: Today we will learn a true story from the Bible about God's faithfulness and goodness.

Say: Let's take a look at this month's Big Question. Can you help me do a drumroll? Ready?
One, two, three ... drumroll!

? **BIG QUESTION**

Show the Big Question Teaching Image.

Say: How do I know God is good? We will learn more about God's goodness and how we can know for sure God is good from our Bible story.

Play the "Find It in the Bible" song.

Hold up a Bible.

SUPPLIES:

Bible, teaching slides, teaching pictures (printed/shown from teaching slides), video player, music player

PREP:

None

LEADER TIP:

Some kids may struggle with the truth of God's goodness depending on what they are going through at home. Show compassion and help kids understand that no matter what they may be going through, God's love will last forever and His goodness will never end.



Say: Who can tell me the name of this book? *Allow kids to respond.*

Say: Yes! This book is called the Bible. The Bible is the most important book of all. The Bible is full of true stories about how God takes care of His people and loves them. Today we will hear a story from the books of Psalms and John. The Old Testament is filled with lots of stories about the very beginning, God's people and God's promises. The New Testament is filled with stories about Jesus' birth, life, and what happens afterward.

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Say: Have you ever had something really good happen to you? On the count of three, tell me what it was! One, two, three! *Cup your ear like you're listening.* Wow! I loved hearing some of those good things.

Say: Let's put on our pretend thinking caps and think of some Bible stories where God did something good. *Pretend to put a hat on your head.* Maybe it was when God saved Noah and his family on the ark. Or when God split the Red Sea and saved the Israelites. Or when God fed more than 5,000 people with just a little boy's lunch!

Say: Many people had been following Jesus to hear Him teach because they wanted to learn more about God. There was a huge crowd of people filled with grown-ups and little kids, too. Everyone was getting hungry, but there was no food nearby. *Rub your belly.* A little boy gave his lunch to Jesus. Five loaves of bread and two fish would not be enough to feed everyone.

Say: But Jesus did an amazing miracle! He blessed the food and handed it out for everyone to eat. And there was enough to feed more than 5,000 people! Wow! God is so good! Everyone say, "God is good!" *Repeat with the kids.* God met everyone's needs as He filled their bellies with yummy food. There were even leftovers! Everyone was thankful for what God had done!

Say: Today's psalm is a psalm of thanksgiving. It celebrates all the good things God has done. The psalm says, "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good." Let's clap our hands and celebrate together how good God truly is! *Clap and cheer along with the kids.* Next, the psalm says God's love lasts forever. These words about God's love are repeated over and over again in the psalm. We can celebrate and thank God, knowing His love will never end!





Say: Then the psalm shares what God has done, starting with the very beginning—God’s creation! God created everything. He made the heavens, Earth, the sun and the moon. We can thank God for His creation. Everyone say, “Thank You, God!” *Repeat with the kids, “Thank You, God!”*

Show teaching illustration: God’s Creation (Image 09).

Say: God’s love lasts forever because He is **eternal**. This means He will always be there. God will always love and care for His people, just like He did in the Old Testament stories and just like when Jesus did great miracles on Earth. We can say thank You to God because His love never ends!

Show teaching illustration: Everlasting Love (Image 10).

POINT TO JESUS:

Say: Jesus died on the cross and rose again. Because of this, we can forever celebrate His never-ending love. Jesus shows His goodness and love to us, and He will one day come again to make all things new.

Say: Let’s close in prayer as we wrap up our Bible story time together. Reach your hands up really high.

Reach hands up high.

Say: Now clap them together like this.

Clap hands together.

Say: Let’s pray.

Pray: Dear God, thank You for Your never-ending love. We can celebrate Your goodness and love. Thank You for always loving us. Amen.



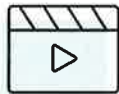
BIG QUESTION

Say: Now it's time to answer our Big Question. Can you all help me do a drumroll?
Ready? One, two, three ... drumroll!

Show the Big Question Teaching Image.

Say: How do I know God is good? Through His love for us.

Say: That's right! The Bible teaches us that God's love will last forever.



VERSE VIDEO

*Play Memory Verse Motion
Video after the verse is read.*

MEMORY VERSE MOTIONS:

*Help kids recite and retain the memory
verse by teaching it with motions. Before
you teach the verse, be sure to explain
what it means.*

- The Lord (*place L hand on your shoulder
and carry down to hip*)
- is good (*thumbs up*)
- to all. (*point around the room*)
- Psalm 145:9 (*open hands like opening
a book*)



MONTHLY

Memory Verse

The Lord is good to all.
(PSALM 145:9)



REVIEW:

Say: It's been so great being with you today, friends! Before we end our teaching time, let's review what we have learned. Let's all point up really high and say, "God's love will last forever."

Have the kids point up and say, "God's love will last forever."

Say: Now let's reach our hands out to the side and say, "God will always love us."

Have the kids reach out and say, "God will always love us."

Say: Now let's point to ourselves and say, "God will always love me."

Have the kids point to themselves and say, "God will always love me."



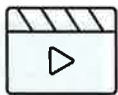
God's love will last forever.



God will always love us.



God will always love me.



* Consider showing the Bible Review Video as kids eat snack, are waiting for pick-up, or another time that fits your church's schedule.



MEMORY VERSE FREEZE TAG

SUPPLIES:

Music player, Memory Verse Song

PREP:

None

ADAPTATION FOR DIFFERENT LEARNERS:

If kids cannot run to tag, let them use a small, soft object they can throw to "tag" people.

ACTIVITY INTRO:

The Bible teaches us true stories about God. Today we learned that God showed His love would never end.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **Say:** Let's play "Freeze Tag," but with our Memory Verse Song! I will play the song. While the music plays, you can walk, hop or wiggle around our space.
2. **Say:** If the "tagger" tags you, then freeze! You're frozen! But good news: Anyone else can "unfreeze" you by tagging you and saying the memory verse with you. Our memory verse is: *The Lord is good to all.* (Psalm 145:9)
3. *Select a kid to be the first tagger and play the Memory Verse Song.*
4. *Repeat the game as time allows, selecting a different tagger each round.*
5. **Ask:** Who is good to all?



ACTIVITY WRAP-UP:

Great job playing and remembering our verse! You can always know that God is good to all, and that means God is good to you!



HIS LOVE LASTS FOREVER

SUPPLIES:

None

PREP:

None

LEADER TIP:

Use silly voices, big motions and whisper tones to keep kids engaged. Repetition builds confidence and memory.

ACTIVITY INTRO:

The Bible teaches us true stories about God. Today we learned that God's love lasts forever! Let's play a fun game to remember how God's love lasts forever!

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **Say:** When I say, "His love lasts forever," you say it back to me! Let's try it.
 - *Leader says: His love lasts forever!*
 - *Kids repeat: His love lasts forever!*
2. **Repeat in different fun ways:**
 - *Whisper voice*
 - *Loud voice*
 - *Clap and say it*
 - *Stomp your feet and say it*
 - *Jump up high and say it*
 - *Silly voice*
 - *Spin around and say it*
3. **Keep it playful and repeat several times. Let kids suggest fun ways to say it, too!**
4. **Ask:** Whose love lasts forever?

ACTIVITY WRAP-UP:

Every time you say, "His love lasts forever," remember that God always loves you and He'll never stop loving you. God's love will never end. It will last forever!



VICTORY FLAG

SUPPLIES:

Take-Home page, coloring supplies, printable page, stickers (3 per kid), craft stick (1 per kid), tape, scissors (prep)

PREP:

Print the Take-Home page (1 per kid). Print the printable page and cut out (1 flag per kid).

LEADER TIP:

Before the craft, wave your own victory flag and cheer, "God's love lasts forever!" to model what they'll be doing and build excitement.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **Say:** The Bible says: Give thanks to the Lord, because He is good. *His faithful love continues forever.* (Psalm 107:1) Let's make victory flags to help us celebrate how good God is!
2. **Say:** Our flags say, "God's love lasts forever!" Let's be creative and color and decorate them to remember this truth about God and His love.
3. *Give each kid a printable page and coloring supplies.*
4. *Encourage kids to color their flags however they want to. Then pass out the stickers for kids to add more decorations.*
5. *When they're finished, help each kid tape the flag to a craft stick.*
6. **Say:** Now wave your flag and say, "God's love lasts forever!"
7. *Do a mini parade or march around your space, waving the flags and saying the phrase together: "God's love lasts forever!"*
8. *Write each kid's name on their paper and set aside for parent pickup.*

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Is God good to everyone?
- What does forever mean?
- How does it make you feel that God's love lasts forever?
- How do we know God is good?

PRAY TOGETHER:

Dear God, thank You that Your love lasts forever! We can trust in You and know that You are good. In Jesus' name, amen.

ACTIVITY WRAP-UP:

Give each kid a Take-Home page. With remaining time, kids can play in centers or color the Take-Home page.



PARACHUTE: BRITE IDEA

SUPPLIES:

Take-Home page, coloring supplies, parachute, soft ball or stuffed animal (optional)

PREP:

Print the Take-Home page (1 per kid). Clear a large, open space where kids can safely gather around the parachute.

LEADER TIP:

If you don't have a parachute, use bedsheets instead.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Spread out the parachute on the ground. Have kids gather around it and grab onto the parachute's edge.
2. **Say:** Let's all grab the parachute and hold on tight. When I say something good that God has done, we'll lift the parachute up high and say: "God does good things for His people!"
3. Repeat lifting the parachute high and moving it back down as you repeat, "God does good things for His people."
4. Then repeat the activity as you lead kids to do different movements with the parachute, such as waves, calling out a color for those kids to swap with someone else, moving the parachute super-fast and then slow again, etc.
5. Optional: Place soft balls or a stuffed animal in the middle and bounce them up and down as you say the Brite Idea together.
6. Once kids are done, have them sit down on the parachute and review the discussion questions.

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CENTERS:

Set up 3–4 centers around the room for kids to explore and learn as they play. While kids explore the centers, leaders can work with individuals or small groups to make the craft. Set up each center in a separate part of the room, making sure all kids are visible at all times. Show the whole group what is in each center and give simple instructions on what kids should do in each center.

- **Dramatic Play:** Set out toy people. Encourage kids to play freely with the people, acting out scenes of helping, sharing, resting or celebrating.
- **Music Play:** Set out a variety of musical instruments and encourage kids to make joyful sounds together.
- **Modeling Dough:** Set out modeling dough, along with circle and heart-shaped cookie cutters. Remind kids that a circle never ends, just like how God's love will never end.

BONUS SCRIPT:

Preschoolers learn best through repetition. Use the script below to review the story at any opportunity. You could review the story while kids play in centers, while they work on their craft, during snack time or while waiting for parents.

Say: God's love and goodness will always be there. The Bible is filled with stories showing God's goodness, from the very beginning of creation to God's rescue in the promised land to God providing food for more than 5,000 people from a little boy's lunch. We can thank God for His goodness. Psalm 136 reminds us to give thanks to God for His faithfulness and for all He has done.

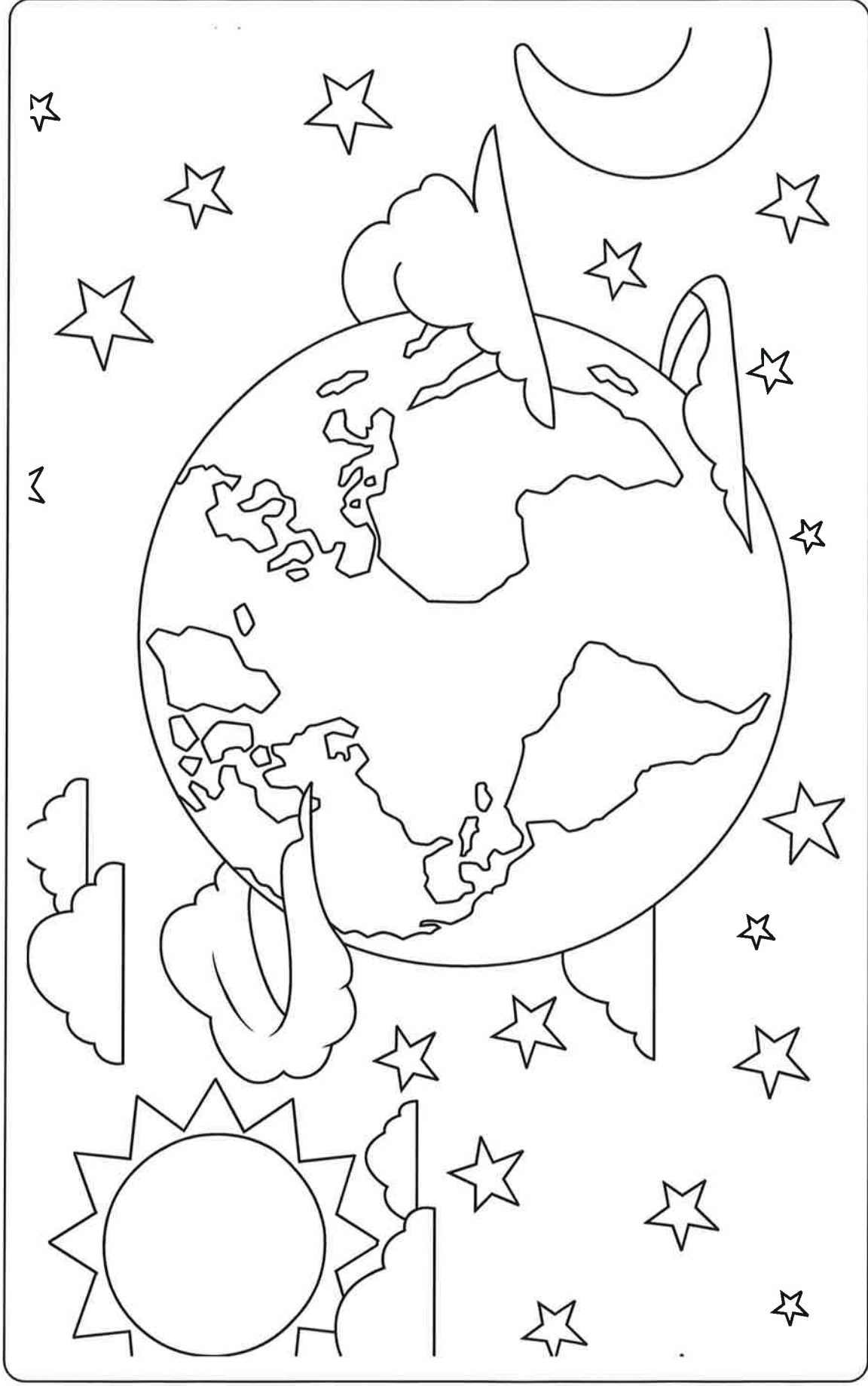


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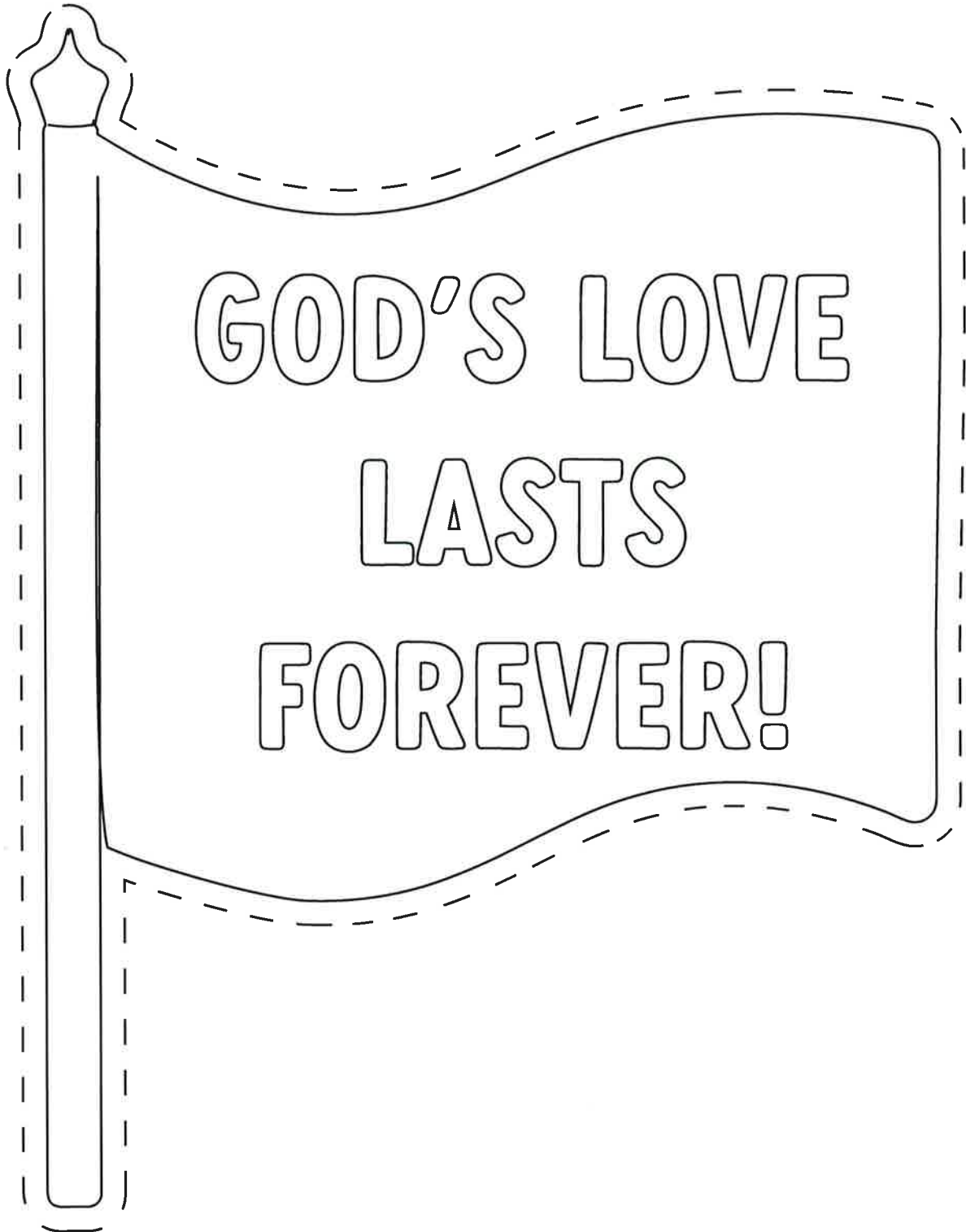


VICTORY FLAG

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PREP: Print the printable page (1 per kid) and cut out.



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BRITE Idea

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SCAN ME!
FOR AT-HOME
DISCUSSION

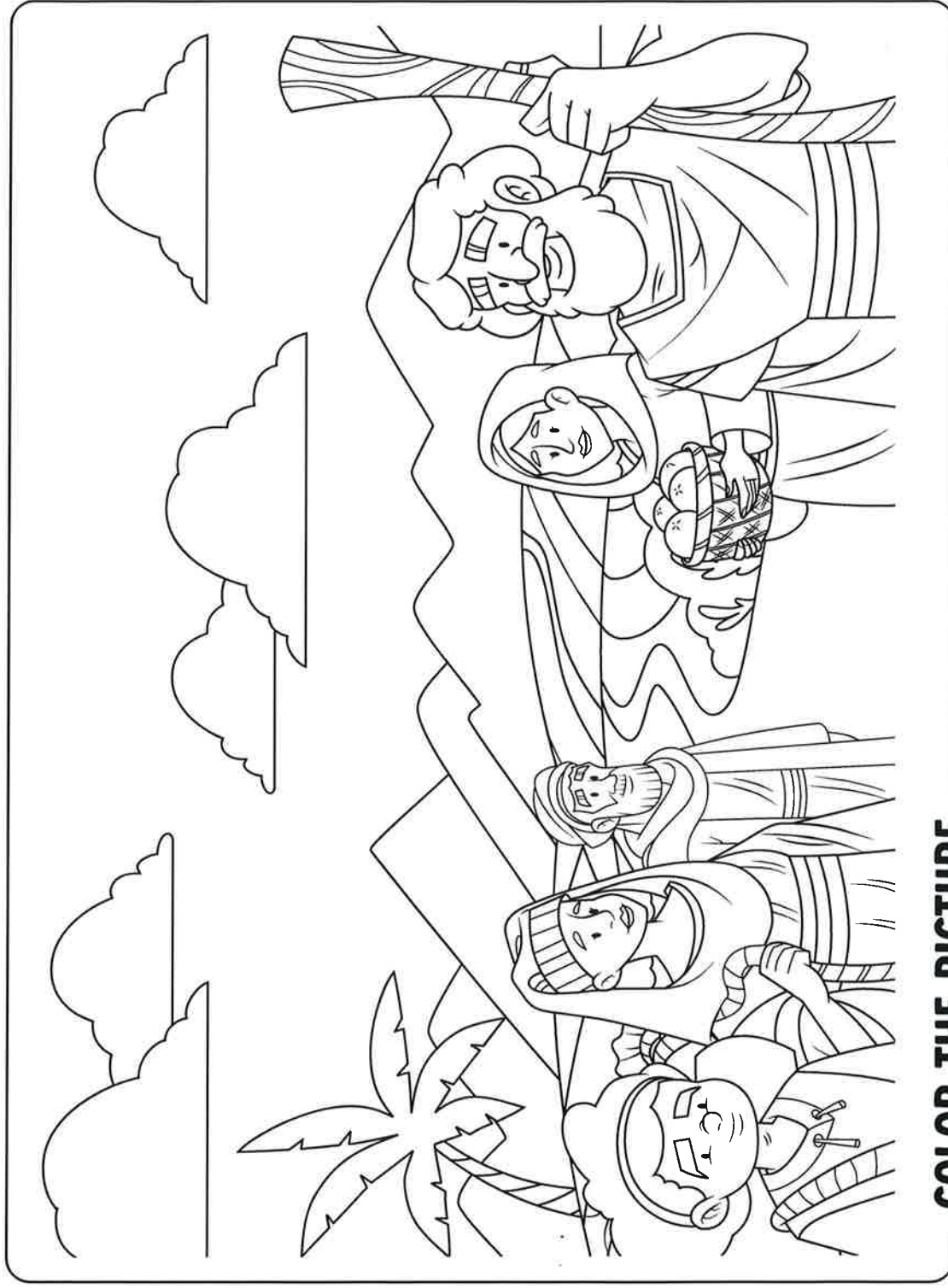


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Take-Home Page



COLOR THE PICTURE

PSALMS OF THANKSGIVING

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I AM THANKFUL FOR...

The form consists of a large rectangular frame with a decorative border of stars. Inside the frame, there is a central circle. The text "I AM THANKFUL FOR..." is written in a large, bold, sans-serif font at the top of the frame. The frame is designed for a child to draw or write inside.