



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)

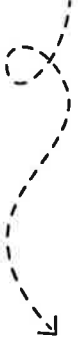


BIG QUESTION

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.

PRESCHOOL GLOSSARY:

Eternal: to always exist;
to last forever

Pharaoh: a king in
ancient Egypt

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

1 **BELONG**
Small Group (10 MINUTES)
GOAL: For kids to experience
God's love through a
welcoming community

**TELEPHONE:
GOD IS GOOD!**

SUPPLIES: None

2 **BIBLE
TEACHING**
Large Group (15 MINUTES)

**PSALM OF THANKSGIVING
(PSALM 136; JOHN 6:1-15)**

SUPPLIES: Bible, Bible story cards

3 **BELIEVE**
Small Group (10 MINUTES)
GOAL: For kids to discover
who God is by engaging
with the Bible

**GOD'S LOVE
NEVER ENDS**

SUPPLIES: 12 plastic
ball, 2 buckets

4 **BECOME**
Small Group (10 MINUTES)
GOAL: For kids to learn to
follow Jesus by applying
faith to their lives

**THANKSGIVING
CARD**

SUPPLIES: Take-Home
page, printable page,
coloring supplies, stickers
(4 per kid)



TELEPHONE: GOD IS GOOD!

SUPPLIES:

None

PREP:

Clear a space for kids to sit in a circle.

LEADER TIP:

Young kids may not be able to fully whisper or understand the concept of passing a message yet. Focus on fun repetition and participation more than accuracy.

ACTIVITY INTRO:

Welcome everyone! My name is _____. *Greet each kid by name as you welcome them to your 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. The message is: "God is good!"
3. *Sit with the kids in a circle.*
4. *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 around until it comes back to you.*
7. *At the end, say the phrase out loud together: "God is good!"*
8. *Repeat a few times and cheer when they finish the message.*
9. **Ask:** Who can you tell that God is good?

**ACTIVITY WRAP-UP:**

You did such a great job passing the message! God is good all the time, and we can remind each other of His goodness and love. Today we will learn more about how God does good things for His people.

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Use the Bible story cards to teach the Bible story or read the script to the kids.

Say: Today's true Bible story comes from the books of Psalms and John. God is so good! 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! This one is so good, let's review it!

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, and everyone was getting hungry. But there was no food nearby. Can you rub your belly? *Demonstrate for the kids.* 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 5,000 people! 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 of 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.

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. Because Jesus died on the cross and rose again, we can forever celebrate God's never-ending love. Jesus will one day come again to make all things new.



WRAP-UP:



BIG QUESTION

HOW DO I KNOW GOD IS GOOD?
THROUGH HIS LOVE FOR US.



God's love will
last forever.



God will always
love us.



God will always
love me.



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)



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



GOD'S LOVE NEVER ENDS

SUPPLIES:

12 plastic balls, 2 buckets

PREP:

Set out the buckets—one close and one a little farther—for the kids to throw the balls into. Place the plastic balls nearby.

LEADER TIP:

If you have a large group, divide the kids into smaller groups of 3-4 kids and give each group a few balls and a bucket.

**ACTIVITY INTRO:**

The Bible teaches us true stories about God. Today we learned about how God's love lasts forever. That means it never ends, kind of like a circle does not end.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **Say:** God's love never ends. This is like a circle that does not end. Hold up one of the balls. It just keeps going around and around. Can you hold out your finger and trace an imaginary circle with me?
2. *Demonstrate tracing a circle in the air.*
3. **Say:** We will play a game of tossing these balls into the buckets. When you make it into the bucket, we will all cheer and say, "God loves us!" and "God is good!"
4. *Have kids stand in a line behind the first bucket. Select the line leader to go first, giving them three balls to try to toss into the buckets.*
5. *As each kid takes their turn, lead the other kids to cheer them on. When a ball lands in the bucket, say "God loves us!" or "God is good!"*
6. *Repeat rounds as time allows.*
7. **Ask:** What lasts forever?

**ACTIVITY WRAP-UP:**

God's love is good and it lasts forever. That means His love will never end. God loves us and He always will. That is a very good thing!



THANKSGIVING CARD

SUPPLIES:

Take-Home page, printable page, coloring supplies, stickers (4 per kid)

PREP:

Print the printable page and fold in half (1 folded printable page per kid). Print the Take-Home page (1 per kid).

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **Say:** Today we learned about how God does good things for His people. We can be thankful for all the good things God does! Let's make a card to remember all the good things God does.
2. *Pass out a card and coloring supplies to each kid.*
3. **Say:** We will color a special card to say thank You to God for all the good things He does!
4. *Encourage kids to color the front and inside of the card.*
5. *Help kids peel off the stickers and place them onto their card.*
6. *Write on each kid's card, "Thank You, God!"*
7. *Write each kid's name on their card and set aside for parent pickup.*

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Is God good?
- Who does good things for His people?
- How can you thank God?
- Whose love lasts forever?



PRAY TOGETHER:

Dear God, thank You for teaching us about Your goodness. Thank You for loving us no matter what. 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.

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.

- ④ **Dramatic Play:** Set out toy people. Encourage kids to play freely with the people, acting out scenes of helping, sharing, resting or celebrating.
- ④ **Music Play:** Set out a variety of musical instruments and encourage kids to make joyful sounds together.
- ④ **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.

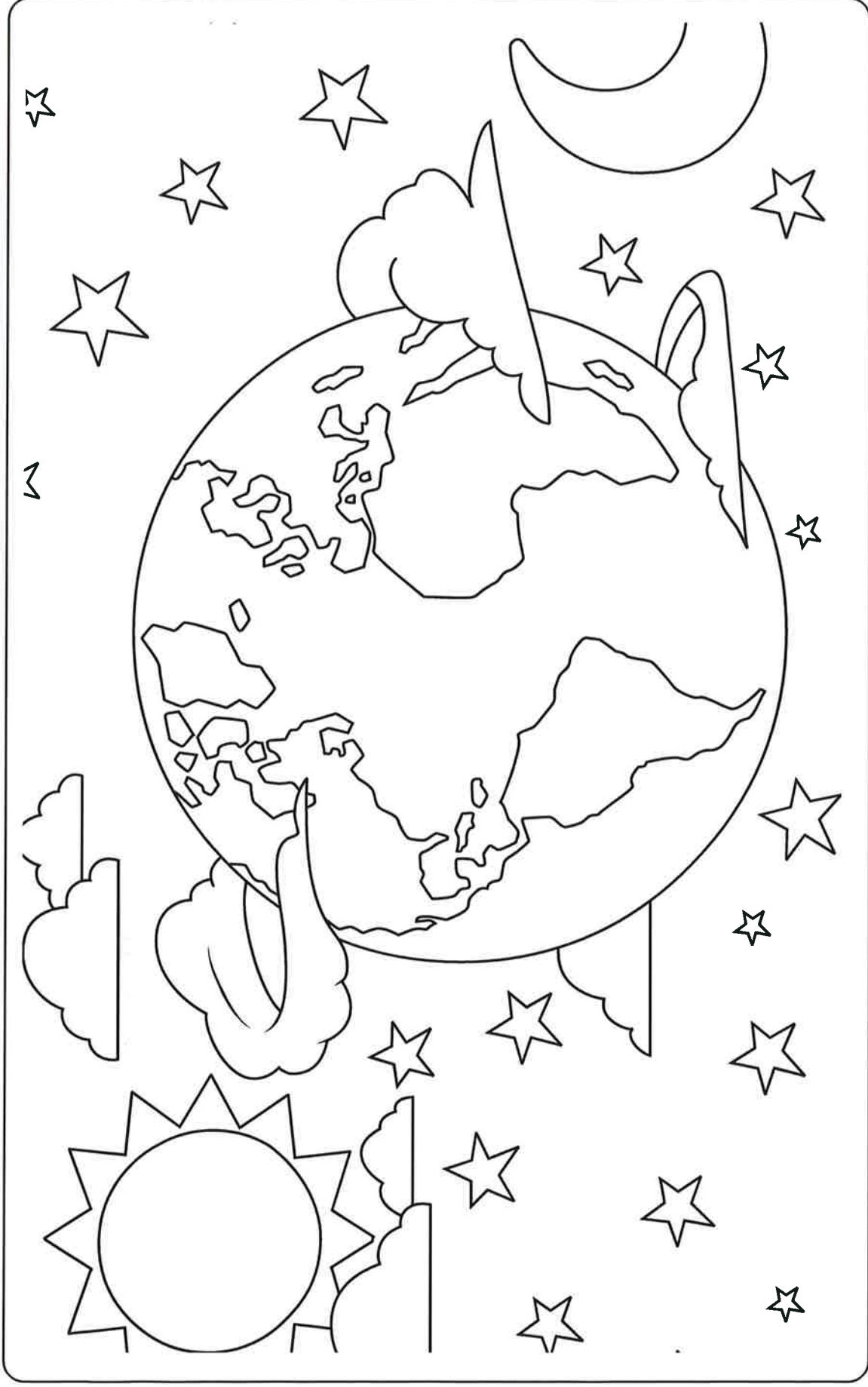


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PAGE 1 OF 2
FRONT

PREP: Print the printable pages front and back, cut on dotted lines and and fold in half on straight line (1 folded printable page per kid).

Card Outside



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PAGE 2 OF 2
BACK

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Card Inside



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BRITE Idea

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SCAN ME!
FOR AT-HOME
DISCUSSION



COLOR THE PICTURE

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