



WEEK
ONE
NOVEMBER 2024

SMALL GROUP
K-1

TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Good
Every Good and
Perfect Gift
James 1:17a

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

God gives us good things.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

Every good and perfect
gift is from God.
James 1:17a, NIV

MONTHLY VIRTUE

Generosity—Making someone's day
by giving something away

BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what.

PRELUDE: Setting the Tone for the Experience

See the **Getting Ready** pages at the end of this document for a detailed description of what you'll need for today.

In the **Prelude** folder of your curriculum, you'll find a variety of other resources to help you prepare.

Check out our Pinterest page here <https://bit.ly/447HSZi> or a visual on some of the activities.

SMALL GROUP

15
MIN

SOCIAL: Providing Time for Fun Interaction

Early Arriver
Opening Activity

LARGE GROUP

35
MIN

STORY: Communicating God's Truth in Engaging Ways **WORSHIP: Inviting People to Respond to God**

Opener
Worship
Bible Story
Bottom Line
What's Our Part in the Story?
Prayer

SMALL GROUP

25
MIN

GROUPS: Creating a Safe Place to Connect

Bible Story Review: Special Delivery to You, from God
Application Activity: "Thank You, God" Box
Memory Verse Activity: God's Special Delivery
Prayer Activity: Pray and Dismiss

HOME: Prompting Action Beyond the Experience

Parent Cue Card (Print or Email)
Devotionals for Kids
Parent Cue App



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MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that creates space
for personal understanding
and application



Before kids arrive, take a few moments to pray for them. Pray for those who might visit your group for the first time. Reflect on all of the amazing things God has given us. Thank God for those gifts. Pray that kids would see all good gifts, big and small, as gifts from our generous God.

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1. EARLY ARRIVER

WHAT YOU NEED: Offering container, 3.5" x 5" notecards, small envelopes, crayons or markers

WHAT YOU DO:

- Greet each kid by name as they arrive.
- Invite kids who brought an offering to place it in the offering container.
- Ask: "If you could have any delivery at all sent to your home, what delivery would you like to receive?"
- When enough kids have arrived, give each kid a notecard.
- Set out the crayons or markers.
- Instruct the kids to create a thank you card for someone at church (a staff member, a Small Group Leader or other leader, or a friend).
 - First-timers can create thank you cards for a friend.
 - Write the word "Thank You" on each card or help kids write it.
- Encourage kids to decorate and/or write encouraging words on the notecard with crayons or markers.
 - Assist any kids who need help writing a person's name or an encouraging comment.
- Give each kid an envelope.
- Model how to put a card in the envelope.
- Instruct the kids to write the recipient's name on the envelope.
 - Be ready to assist as needed.
- Encourage the kids to decorate the outside of the envelope as time and interest allow.
- Invite kids to share who they created their card for.
- Encourage the kids to give their cards to Small Group Leaders, staff members, or friends who are present.
- Collect the remaining cards for Small Group Leaders and staff who aren't present to deliver later.



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25 MINUTES

MADE TO MOVE

an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body



1. SPECIAL DELIVERY TO YOU, FROM GOD [TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: Three prepared mailing boxes (or mailing envelopes)

WHAT YOU DO:

- Display the prepared boxes (or envelopes).
- Point out who the boxes are addressed to.
- One at a time, instruct a kid to open each box (or envelope), and show the rest of the group what's inside.
- As a kid opens each box (or envelope), remind the kids what God has given us using the words in the gift boxes.
 - "LIFE": God has given us lungs to breathe and a heart that beats and pumps blood throughout our body. God has also given us people who love us and take care of us.
 - "WORLD": God has provided the beautiful green grass and the trees. God created the food we have to eat.
 - "JESUS": God gave us Jesus! Jesus loves us and cares for us. Because of Jesus, we can have a relationship with God that lasts forever!
- Place the three pieces of paper with the three words (LIFE, WORLD, JESUS) in different areas of your group space.
- Instruct kids to travel to one of the three designated areas as you name things God has given us. For example:
 - Pine trees (WORLD)
 - Brain (LIFE)
 - Love (JESUS)

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"God has provided some amazing things for us. **God gives us good things.** We don't have to open them from a box—they're always around us! The more we open our eyes and see all that God has given us, we can be generous and share those same things with other people!"

[Make It Personal] (Share with the kids about an age-appropriate time you were filled with joy about something God gave you. It could be a breathtaking sunset, a friend, or a kind gesture from a stranger. Explain why it was such a special gift God gave you.)



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an activity that promotes empathy and facilitates biblical application through role-play and reenactment



*2. "THANK YOU, GOD" BOX [LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Mailing box, plain paper, crayons and/or pencils, a permanent marker

WHAT YOU DO:

- Ask some of the following questions to help kids think about what they're thankful for:
 - What's your favorite gift you've ever received?
 - Where do you like to visit?
 - What's your favorite food?
 - Who is someone who helps you on a regular basis?
 - Name one of your friends at school, on your sports team, or in your neighborhood.
- Give each kid a piece of paper.
- Set out the crayons and/or pencils.
- Display the "Thank You, God" box (the mailing box), and encourage kids to draw a picture (or write something) that God has given them on their paper.
 - Make additional paper available for kids who may want to draw (or write) more than one thing.
- Instruct kids to place their paper in the "Thank You, God" box as they finish.
- Close the box (ensure that it can be reopened!) and "address it" by writing on it with the permanent marker, like this:
 - To: GOD
 - From: The Kids at (Name of your church)
- *NOTE: Set the "Thank You, God" box aside for the Pray and Dismiss Activity.*

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"Wow! We all have so many things to be thankful for because **God gives us good things**. Sometimes, it can be easier to think about the things we don't have. When we realize we're focused on those things, we can ask God to help us see all the wonderful things in our lives and in our world that are all around us. Every good and perfect gift is from God—and that's so important for us to remember!"



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4. PRAY AND DISMISS

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Thank You, God" box from the "Thank You, God" Box Activity (or an empty box)

WHAT YOU DO:

- Instruct the kids to sit in a circle.
- Join the circle yourself, holding the completed "Thank You, God" box from the "Thank You, God" Box Activity.
- Invite a kid to recall what was placed inside the box. (*The box is full of so many things that we're thankful God has given us!*)
 - *NOTE: If you did not do the "Thank You, God" Box Activity, hold a box and simply ask kids to name some things from their lives they're grateful for.*
- Remind the kids that sometimes we have to stop and think about all the gifts God has given us. When we do, we can thank God for those things!
- Explain that you're going to pass the box around the circle and let each kid in the group hold it as they say their prayer out loud (or silently if they choose).
 - Remind kids to think of all the great things they're thankful for as they tell God thank You.
- Model holding the box, praying a simple prayer, and then passing the box to the kid on your right.
- When the box comes back to you in the circle, close your group time in prayer.
- *NOTE: Set the "Thank You, God" box aside for Week 3.*

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Dear God, thank You for all of the wonderful things You have given us. Help us to see all of the good and perfect gifts You give. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

As adults arrive to pick up, give each kid their "God's Special Delivery" Activity Page letter, and invite kids to share what good gifts they're thankful for.

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