

I Can Thank God

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In today's story, we learned that God gave Elijah what he needed. Thank God for what He has given you. Trace over the words that say *Thank You God!* Draw a picture of your home, your favorite foods, and your family.

Thank
You
God!



My Home



My Food



My Family

At Home

Your child heard how God provided for Elijah. The activities today were designed to guide preschoolers to thank God for all the good things He gives them, such as food, shelter, and family. Use the Bible phrase “Give thanks to God for He is good” (1 Chronicles 16:34). Talk with your preschooler about how God provides for your family. Say a prayer thanking God for all He has given you.

Create Fingerprint Families

You’ll need: “Label Template” (CD Item 3), Avery® 5160 labels, washable stamp pads, thin markers, paper, labels, wet wipes

What to do: Print *I can thank God* on labels and attach a label to each paper. Say: “We can thank God for the people in our families.” Instruct preschoolers to make the people in their families using their fingerprints. Make a fingerprint person by firmly pressing a fingertip onto an ink pad and immediately press onto paper. Use markers to add eyes, mouth, arms, legs, and other details. Assist children in writing each person’s name. Suggest adding fingerprint pets, flowers, birds and other creations to complete the picture. Use wet wipes to clean fingers when changing colors.

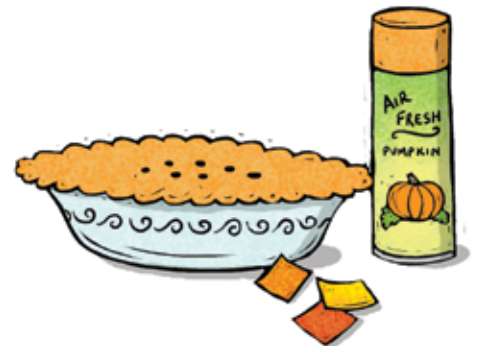


Make Pumpkin Pie Potpourri

You’ll need: markers, paper bowls, decorative-edge scissors, hole punch, orange tissue paper, glue, orange construction paper, pumpkin-scented air freshener spray, pumpkin pie spice

What to do: Say: “Today we heard that God provided food for the people in the Bible story. We can thank God for the food He gives us, too.” Guide the preschoolers to trace around the top of the bowl on a piece of construction paper and cut out the circle. Decorate with markers. Punch holes through the circle. Tear the tissue and fill the bowl. Spray the pieces with the air freshener and sprinkle on pumpkin pie spice while still damp. Glue the circle to the top of the bowl. Encourage preschoolers to give their potpourri as a thank-you gift to the person at home who prepares their meals.

OPTION: Prepare circles in advance for younger children.



Make a Sensory Bottle

You’ll need: “Label Template” (CD Item 3), Avery® 5160 labels, small water bottles with water, cups, vegetable oil, funnels, metallic confetti in bowls, food color, paper towels, glue, masking tape

What to do: Print *I can thank God* on labels and attach one to each bottle. Say: “We can thank God for the water He gives us.” Ask the preschoolers to drink up to half of the water. Say: “We use oil for cooking. We can thank God for our food.” Assist in placing funnels on the bottles and pouring enough oil to replace the water they drank. Let them squeeze a few drops of food color in the mix. Secure the lid with glue. Tell preschoolers they can shake their bottles after they dry. As they work review how God provided water and food for Elijah.

