

Children's Worship Lesson – October 11, 2020

Focus Scripture: Deuteronomy 8:7-18

Purpose: To remember and respond to what God has done.

Preparation

Worship Table – green cloth

Pictures for story/activity at the end of the lesson

2 paper plates and fastener

Crayons/ pencil crayons/markers

Lighting the Christ Candle: *We light this candle to remind us that God is always with us.*

Prayer (Based on Psalm 65):

One: Come, gather together children of God.

All: We come to sing and shout God's praise.

One: The gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy!

All: We come to sing and shout God's praise.

One: The river of God is full of water.

All: We come to sing and shout God's praise.

One: The pastures of the wilderness overflow with richness.

All: We come to sing and shout God's praise.

One: The hills and the valleys are full of God's blessing.

All: We come to sing and shout God's praise.

One: We will not forget to give God thanks.

All: We come to sing and shout God's praise.

One: We will remember and give thanks to God.

All: We come to sing and shout God's praise.

Amen.

Song: Thanksgiving Songs for Children - A Turkey Dance - Dance song from the Learning Station

Introducing the Theme

What is special about today?

What are your Thanksgiving plans?

Will you be having a special meal? What will it be?

Are you having anyone come to share the meal with you?

Do you know the story of how Thanksgiving celebrations began here in North America?
(Indigenous peoples and settlers sharing food/a meal with each other after the harvest)

Do you know that people in all parts of the world have traditions of giving thanks?
Today we are going to hear about the thanksgiving celebrations that happened in the time of Moses.

Exploring the Theme – Bible Story



This is the last week that we will be hearing about the story of Moses and the people of Israel.

The people made a special tent that they used as their place to worship God. In the tent, they had a specially decorated box which held clay tablets – the clay tablets with the Ten Commandments written on them. As the Israelites got closer and closer to the land that God had promised to them, Moses began to worry about the people. Let's invite Moses to tell us about it.

Turn and put on the Moses headpiece.

Hello everyone. I understand that you want to know why I was worried.

I was getting old, and I knew that I would die before we crossed the Jordan River and returned to our homeland. I knew that the land there was rich with honey and fruit, and had rocks with minerals to make tools. Life was going to be so much easier than it had been in the desert! But in the desert, we felt very close to God. God had given us manna and quails to eat, water from a rock, and special rules to live by. When we got to our new land, things were going to be easy, so I was worried: would the people forget about God, and God's laws?

I told the people that every year they must have a special thanksgiving festival. I told them to make booths and sleep outdoors to remember what it was like in the desert. I told them to tell the stories of their escape from Egypt and their journey through the desert. I told them to offer to God some of the things that they had grown, and to say thanks to God. Finally, I told them to share the feast with people who had come from other countries to live among them. This way they would never forget how good God had been to us.

It makes me happy to see that you too have a special festival to remember how good God has been to you. It is very important to appreciate all that we have and be thankful for it.

I am old and I get tired easily, so I need to leave you now. Have a good Thanksgiving celebration!

Sometimes we forget to say, "Thank you," to people who help us do things.
Sometimes we forget to say, "Thank you," to God for all that God has given to us. What do you want to say thanks to God for?

Activity/Game or Craft – Thank you Wheel



Materials: 2 paper plates for each child.

Crayons/pencil crayons or coloured markers

Paper fastener

Directions: For the older children, on half of the plates, draw lines to divide them into 4 sections. On the remaining plates, cut out one quarter section, leaving a bit of a circle in the center for the fastener. For younger children, make copies of the Thank you Wheel activity sheet on card stock. Cut out the picture circles and the Thank You covers. Hand one of each type of plate to each child.

You have two circles. One is divided into four sections, and the other has a section cut out of it.

Let's look first at the plate that has a piece cut out of it. On the plate, I want you to write, "Thank you, God for..."

Video Dance: Thank U, next – KIDZ BOP on YouTube

Closing Prayer

Great Spirit and loving God,

Give us hearts to understand that as we care for the earth, so the earth will care for us.

Above all help us to remember to give thanks.

Amen.

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Thank You Wheel



