

Thanksgiving Lesson 2020

Attention Grabber (Give Thanks Hot Potato)

Have everyone in your family sit in a circle and pass around an object (ball, stuffed animal etc.) choose one adult to play and stop the music. When the music stops the person with the object will say one thing, they are thankful for.

Post it note memory verse activity:

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NIV translation) use whatever translation you like best!

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Taking post it notes write one to two words of the memory verse on each post it. Jumble the post it notes and have your child put the memory verse in order. Then leave the memory verse up and each day take down one or two words. See if your child can memorize the verse by Thanksgiving!!

Craft:

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We will be making a little "gratitude garden" to consider things we are thankful for and remember to constantly offer gratitude up to God. These crafts will serve as a reminder and visual aid to cultivate an attitude of gratitude. We can be joyful every day, not just on Thanksgiving! Here are some variations on how to create the garden

- Use egg cartons, small cups, or Tupperware containers filled with beads or rice. Help students stick in popsicle sticks with cut paper "flowers" or tissue paper flowers on top. On the flowers, write categories such as "food," "family member," "something special that happened today," "friend," etc.
- Decorate small flower pots and add sticks with paper flowers or tissue flowers. Consider using real soil or pebbles as filler. Come up

with examples and/or more advanced categories like “when I feel anxious, I ask God for...”

- Instead of flowers, make a “garden” in a shoe box or multi-compartmented container and use different artificial foods, seed packets, or stick-up labels to describe what thankful items are being mentioned.

Attach 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18. Each flower has an open-ended category and as you fill in the blanks of blessings, consider how thankful you are that God is so good and has richly bestowed wonderful things in your life!