

WEEK

ONE

Toddlers

Small Group

November — Week 1

Small Group Leader Guide

Today's Suggested Schedule

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Story Time

→ Tell It

Craft Time

→ Add the Room

THIS MONTH
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Today's Bible Story

Elisha's Room 2 Kings 4:8-17

Bottom Line

You can thank God for everything.

Memory Verse

"I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart." Psalm 111:1 ESV

Story Time

What You Need

- ☐ Preschool Bible

Note

Some children (especially the younger ones) may wander. That's okay. They're still listening and learning!

① What You Do

→ Gather children on a rug or in a specific area of the classroom to tell the story.

② What You Say

"Hello, friends! I'm so glad to see you today. Come join me on the floor. Today's true story from the Bible (**HOLD UP THE BIBLE**) begins with a man named Elisha. Elisha loved God and traveled all over, telling people about God.

"In one town, there was a woman who wanted to help Elisha, so she and her husband would give him food to eat. But then they wanted to help him even more, so they built a room for him on top of their house. They gave him a chair, a table, a lamp, and a bed. Elisha was so thankful that God gave him people to help him. God gives you people to help you, too! You can thank God for the people who help you because **[BOTTOM LINE]** You can thank God for everything."

Craft Time

What You Need

- ☐ "Add the Room" Activity Page
- ☐ "The Room" Activity Page
- ☐ Cardstock
- ☐ Glue sticks
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Permanent marker

Notes

Depending on the size of your group, you may lead the craft two or three times.

Not every child may want to participate in craft time. That's okay. Feel free to send home the craft materials for them to complete with their mom or dad.

① What You Do

→ Gather small groups of children around you at a table for toddler craft time.

Before the Activity

1. Copy "Add the Room" on cardstock, one per child. Copy "The Room" on cardstock and cut one cutout per child.
2. Write each child's name on their paper.

During the Activity

1. Encourage children to glue Elisha's room to the top of the house.
2. Clean hands as needed.

② What You Say

"Look at your paper, there's the woman and her husband who helped Elisha! They would give him food to eat when he came to town. But they wanted to help Elisha even more! So they made a room on top of their house with a chair, a table, a lamp, and a bed so Elisha could come and rest. Let's add Elisha's room to the top of their house. **(HELP RUB GLUE ON THE BACK OF THE CUTOUT AND HELP POSITION IT ON TOP OF THE HOUSE.)** Now pat it down to help it stick. **(PAUSE.)** Great job! Elisha thanked God for the people who helped him. You can thank God for the people who help you, too. **[BOTTOM LINE]** You can thank God for everything."

WEEK

TWO

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Story Time

→ Show It

Craft Time

→ Light Switch Cover

THIS MONTH
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Today's Bible Story

Elisha's Room
2 Kings 4:8-17

Bottom Line

You can thank God for everything.

Memory Verse

"I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart." Psalm 111:1 ESV

Story Time

What You Need

- ☐ Preschool Bible
- ☐ "Story Pictures" Activity Pages copied on cardstock

Note

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① What You Do

→ Gather children on a rug or in a specific area of the classroom to tell the story.

② What You Say

"Hello, friends! I'm so glad to see you today. Come join me on the floor. Today's true story from the Bible (**HOLD UP THE BIBLE**) begins with a man named Elisha. (**HOLD UP A PICTURE OF ELISHA.**) Elisha loved God and traveled all over, telling people about God.

"In one town, there was a woman who helped Elisha by giving him food to eat. (**HOLD UP A PICTURE OF ELISHA EATING WITH THE WOMAN AND HER HUSBAND.**) But they wanted to do more to help him, so they built a room for him on top of their house and gave him a chair, a table, a lamp, and a bed. (**HOLD UP A PICTURE OF THE MAN, WOMAN, AND ELISHA STANDING NEXT TO THE HOUSE.**) Elisha was so thankful that God gave him people to help him. God gives you people to help you, too! You can thank God for the people who help you because **[BOTTOM LINE]** You can thank God for everything."

Craft Time

What You Need

- ☐ "Light Switch Cover" Activity Page
- ☐ Cardstock
- ☐ Washable ink pads in a variety of colors
- ☐ Baby wipes
- ☐ Permanent marker

Notes

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① What You Do

→ Gather small groups of children around you at a table for toddler craft time.

Before the Activity

1. Copy "Light Switch Cover" on cardstock and cut one cutout per child.
2. Write each child's name on their paper.

During the Activity

1. Encourage children to press their fingertips on the ink pads, then press them all over their paper. Clean hands.

② What You Say

"I have a light switch cover for you to decorate today! Press your fingers in the different colored ink pads, then fill your paper with all the beautiful colors! (PAUSE.) Fill in the heart, too! (PAUSE.) Great job! (CLEAN HANDS AS NEEDED.) You can put it on the light switch in your room, and remember that [BOTTOM LINE] You can thank God for everything. You can thank God for your room, the food you eat, family and friends, people who help you...EVERYTHING! In our true story from the Bible, Elisha thanked God for the people who helped him."

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THREE

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Story Time

→ Draw It

Craft Time

→ Room for Thanks

THIS MONTH
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Today's Bible Story

Elisha's Room
2 Kings 4:8-17

Bottom Line

You can thank God for everything.

Memory Verse

"I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart." Psalm 111:1 ESV

Story Time

What You Need

- ☐ Preschool Bible
- ☐ Butcher paper
- ☐ Washable markers

Note

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① What You Do

→ Gather children on a rug or in a specific area of the classroom to tell the story.

② What You Say

"Hello, friends! I'm so glad to see you today. Come join me on the floor. Today's true story from the Bible (**HOLD UP THE BIBLE**) begins with a man named Elisha. (**DRAW A STICK FIGURE ELISHA.**) Elisha loved God (**DRAW A BIG RED HEART ON ELISHA**) and traveled all over, telling people about God. (**DRAW LOTS OF STICK FIGURES AROUND ELISHA.**)

"In one town, (**DRAW SEVERAL SIMPLE HOUSE/RECTANGLE SHAPES**) there was a woman and her husband (**DRAW A STICK FIGURE WOMAN AND MAN NEXT TO ONE OF THE HOUSES**) who wanted to help Elisha, (**DRAW ELISHA NEXT TO THE MAN AND WOMAN**) so she and her husband would have him come to their house to eat. (**DRAW A SIMPLE TABLE IN FRONT OF THEM AND ADD SOME SIMPLE FOOD SHAPES.**) But they wanted to do more to help Elisha, so they built a room for him on top of their house. (**DRAW A SIMPLE SQUARE/RECTANGLE ON THEIR HOUSE.**) They gave him a chair (**DRAW A CHAIR**), a table (**DRAW A TABLE**), a lamp (**DRAW A LAMP**), and a bed (**DRAW A BED**). Elisha was so thankful that God gave him people to help him. God gives you people to help you, too! You can thank God for the people who help you because **[BOTTOM LINE]** You can thank God for everything."

Craft Time

What You Need

- ☐ "Room for Thanks" Activity Page
- ☐ Cardstock
- ☐ Self-inking heart stamps
- ☐ Baby wipes
- ☐ Permanent marker

Notes

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① What You Do

→ Gather small groups of children around you at a table for toddler craft time.

Before the Activity

1. Copy "Room for Thanks" on cardstock, one per child.
2. Write each child's name on their paper.

During the Activity

1. Look at the picture together and point out the different items in the room.
2. Encourage children to add a heart stamp on each picture in the room.
3. Clean hands as needed.

② What You Say

"Look! It's Elisha's room! Let's look at all the things in his room. The woman put things in Elisha's room that she thought he would need, like a chair to sit in. **(POINT.)** Put a heart stamp on the chair. **(PAUSE.)** The woman also wanted Elisha to have a table **(POINT)** in his room so he could write there. Put a heart stamp on the table. **(PAUSE.)** She also wanted to give Elisha a lamp **(POINT)** in his room so he could see in the dark. Put a heart stamp on the lamp. **(PAUSE.)** The woman also put a bed **(POINT)** in the room so he could sleep. Put a heart stamp on the bed. **(PAUSE.)** So, whenever Elisha needed a place to rest, he would come to the room at their house. Elisha thanked God for the people who helped him. You can thank God for the people who help you, too. **[BOTTOM LINE]** You can thank God for everything."

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FOUR

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Story Time

→ Act It

Craft Time

→ Whole Heart Doorhanger

THIS MONTH
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Today's Bible Story

Elisha's Room
2 Kings 4:8-17

Bottom Line

You can thank God for everything.

Memory Verse

"I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart." Psalm 111:1 ESV

Story Time

What You Need

- ☐ Preschool Bible
- ☐ "Story Time House" Activity Page
- ☐ Cardstock
- ☐ Cardboard boxes, one medium and one small
- ☐ Little People® figures
- ☐ Toy food
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Painter's tape

Note

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① What You Do

→ Gather children on a rug or in a specific area of the classroom to tell the story.

Before the Activity

1. Copy "Story Time House" on cardstock, one set per Small Group.
2. Tape the picture of the house to the medium box and the room to the small box.
3. Place the small box inside or behind the medium one so the room art doesn't show.
4. Put the Little People behind or inside the boxes.

② What You Say

"Hello, friends! I'm so glad to see you today. Come join me on the floor. **(PLACE THE BOXES NEXT TO YOU.)** Today's true story from the Bible **(HOLD UP THE BIBLE)** begins with a man named Elisha. Would you like to meet him? **(PLACE ELISHA OUTSIDE THE HOUSE BOX.)** Everyone say, "Hello, Elisha! Hello!"

"Elisha loved God and traveled all over, telling people about God. **(WALK THE ELISHA FIGURE AROUND.)** In one town, there was a woman and her husband **(PLACE THE WOMAN AND MAN FIGURE NEXT TO THE HOUSE)** who helped Elisha by giving him food to eat. **(WALK ELISHA UP TO THE PEOPLE AND PUT A PIECE OF FOOD IN FRONT OF THEM.)** But they wanted to do more to help him, so they built a room for him on top of their house! **(PLACE THE ROOM BOX ON TOP OF THE HOUSE BOX.)** She gave him a chair, a table, a lamp, and a bed so he had a place to rest when he was in town. Elisha thanked God for the people who helped him.

"You can thank God for the people who help you because **[BOTTOM LINE]** You can thank God for everything."

Craft Time

What You Need

- ☐ "Whole Heart Doorhanger" Activity Page
- ☐ Cardstock
- ☐ Dot markers
- ☐ Baby wipes
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Permanent marker

Notes

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① What You Do

→ Gather small groups of children around you at a table for toddler craft time.

Before the Activity

1. Copy "Whole Heart Doorhanger" on cardstock and cut one cutout per child.
2. Write each child's name on their paper.

During the Activity

1. Encourage children to decorate their doorhanger with markers.
2. Clean hands as needed.

② What You Say

"Let's make something special to hang on a door at home! Use the markers to fill in the heart and decorate the whole paper. **(PAUSE.)** Hearts make us think of love, and do you know who loves you? God loves you! The words on your paper say, 'I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart.' Psalm 111:1. That means **[BOTTOM LINE]** You can thank God for everything with your whole heart!"

WEEK

FIVE

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Story Time

→ Game It

Craft Time

→ Things for Elisha's Room

THIS MONTH
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Today's Bible Story

Elisha's Room
2 Kings 4:8-17

Bottom Line

You can thank God for everything.

Memory Verse

"I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart." Psalm 111:1 ESV

Story Time

What You Need

- ☐ Preschool Bible
- ☐ Opaque bag
- ☐ Little People®
- ☐ Toy food
- ☐ Toy house

Note

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① What You Do

→ Gather children on a rug or in a specific area of the classroom to tell the story.

Before the Activity

1. Place all the items in the bag.

② What You Say

"Hello, friends! I'm so glad to see you today. Come join me on the floor. Today's true story from the Bible (**HOLD UP THE BIBLE**) begins with a man named Elisha. (**PULL OUT A PEOPLE FIGURE MAN.**) Elisha loved God and traveled all over, telling people about God. (**PULL OUT SEVERAL PEOPLE FIGURES.**)

"In one town, there was a woman and her husband (**PULL OUT A WOMAN AND MAN FIGURE**) who wanted to help Elisha, (**PUT THE ELISHA FIGURE NEXT TO THE WOMAN AND MAN**) so she and her husband would have him come to their house to eat. (**PLACE A FOOD IN FRONT OF THEM.**) But they wanted to do more to help Elisha, so they built a room for him on top of their house. (**PLACE THE TOY HOUSE NEXT TO THE PEOPLE FIGURES.**) They gave him all the things they thought he would need. Elisha was so thankful that God gave him people to help him. God gives you people to help you, too! You can thank God for the people who help you because **[BOTTOM LINE]** You can thank God for everything."

Craft Time

What You Need

- ☐ "Things for Elisha's Room" Activity Page
- ☐ Cardstock
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Glue sticks
- ☐ Baby wipes
- ☐ Permanent marker

Notes

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① What You Do

→ Gather small groups of children around you at a table for toddler craft time.

Before the Activity

1. Copy "Things for Elisha's Room" on cardstock and cut, one set per child.
2. Write each child's name on their paper.

During the Activity

1. Identify each of the cutouts and help children glue each item in Elisha's room.

② What You Say

"Look at your paper. It's a picture of Elisha's room, and it's empty. Let's fill the room with all these things. (HELP RUB GLUE ON THE BACK OF EACH PIECE.) This is his bed. (PICK UP THE BED CUTOUT.) Put this in Elisha's room. (PAUSE.) This is his table. (PICK UP THE TABLE CUTOUT.) Put this in Elisha's room. (PAUSE.) This is his chair. (PICK UP THE CHAIR CUTOUT.) Put this in Elisha's room. (PAUSE.) This is his lamp. (PICK UP THE LAMP CUTOUT.) Put this in Elisha's room. (PAUSE.) Yay! You filled Elisha's room with things he needs, just like the woman and her husband. Elisha thanked God for the people who helped him. You can thank God for the people who help you, too. [BOTTOM LINE] You can thank God for everything."