



MAKE IT TRUE - RUG

After children have participated in Make It Fun, gather them on a rug or in the corner of a room for a large group time that includes worship and Bible Story.

Use the full mix of the monthly song provided with the curriculum to lead your preschoolers in worship and then settle them for the memory verse and Bible story.

Choose an engaging adult to tell the Bible story. This person should be able to command the attention of preschoolers and control the group through animated storytelling. These scripts are written to be "told" and not "read." Advanced preparation is necessary.

FIRST LOOK OFFERS A WEEKLY BIBLE STORY ON OUR DVD TITLED "WONDER, LOOK AT GOD'S STORY," WHICH YOU MAY CHOOSE TO USE RATHER THAN A LIVE STORYTELLER THIS WEEK. THIS DVD IS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT WWW.ORANGESTORE.ORG



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BASIC TRUTH

GOD MADE ME.

KEY QUESTION

WHO ARE YOU THANKFUL FOR?

BOTTOM LINE

I AM THANKFUL FOR PEOPLE
WHO HELP ME.

MEMORY VERSE

"Always give thanks to God."
Ephesians 5:20, NIV

BIBLE STORY FOCUS

I am thankful for my family.
Aaron Helps Moses
• Exodus 17:8-13

WHAT YOU NEED: Paperclip "Memory Verse Card" (from the week one Activity Pages on the Website) in your Bible at Ephesians 5:20, NIV. You will also need a CD player and this month's worship song, "I Wanna Say Thank You," which you will need to download from the Website. You will also need a Bible.

LEADER: "Hello, friends! It's so good to see you! I'm super excited because this month we're going to be talking about being thankful! I can think of a WHOLE bunch of things I'm thankful for, but mostly I'm thankful for the people in my life. **I am thankful for people who help me!** Whoop! I'm so excited. And, when I ask you this very important question, 'Who are you thankful for?' I want you to say, '**I am thankful for people who help me!**' Let's try it. **Who are you thankful for?**"

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "I am thankful for people who help me!"

LEADER: "Great job! You guys are awesome! Let's sing our new song!"

Lead children in singing "I Wanna Say Thank You," this month's worship song.

"What incredible singers you are! This is going to be a fantastic month! **Who are you thankful for?**"

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "I am thankful for people who help me!"

LEADER: "That's right! **I am thankful for people who help me!** In fact, our memory verse says just that. Watch me say it and do the motions, and then you can do it with me. Always (arms up around to side) give thanks (ASL thank you) to God (both hands pointing up), Ephesians 5:20 (NIV). (Open your hands like a book.) Let's try that together."

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "Always (arms up around to side) give thanks (ASL thank you) to God (both hands pointing up), Ephesians 5:20." (Open your hands like a book.) (Repeat several times.)

LEADER: "Great job, everyone! I can't wait to share today's TRUE Bible story! (Hold up Bible.) It's about a battle and friends and good guys and bad guys. It's totally awesome! So the Israelites—those are the good guys—had to battle against the bad guys.

"Now the bad guys were big and mean and there were LOTS of them. And the only way the Israelites—the good guys—were going to win was if God helped them. So God's friend, Moses, said he would go stand on top of the hill with the staff of God in



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his hands during the battle. Everyone thought that was a GREAT idea.

"So the next day, Moses, his brother Aaron, and their friend Hur went on top of the hill and Moses held up God's staff in his hands. Okay, everyone, raise up your arms like Moses! *(Raise your arms as if holding a staff)*. Now while Moses was raising the staff, God's army was winning. But uh-oh, my arms are getting tired. Are your arms getting tired? Everyone drop your arms! Moses' arms got tired too. He started to drop them. And can you guess what happened to God's army?

"Yes! They started losing! Hold up your arms, Moses! *(Raise your arms.)* And now they're winning again. Yay! God's army is winning. Woo-hoo! But wait, Moses is getting tired again. *(Slowly lower your arms.)* And now the good guys are winning! Quick, someone help Moses! He needs to hold up his arms so they can win. Oh, I forgot. His brother Aaron was there and his friend Hur, too.

"I need two friends to come help me. *(Pick two children from the group and get down your knees so they can help you.)* Hi, friends! Thanks for agreeing to help me out. Let's pretend you're Aaron, you're Hur, and I'm Moses. *(Point to the kids as you say the names.)* Now, you stand on this side, Aaron *(guide first child to stand to your right)*, and you stand over here *(guide the second child to stand on your left)*, Hur. Now help me hold up my arms like this. Aaron and Hur helped Moses hold up his arms! And they started winning again! With their help, Moses kept his arms up the whole time and God's army won the battle! Hooray! How about big round of applause for my friends?

(Send volunteers back to their seats as you lead applause.)

LEADER: "What an awesome story! I loved how Aaron, Moses' brother, chose to help him. Our families help us too, don't they? That's what we'll be talking about all month long. We are SO thankful for people who help us! **Who are you thankful for? I am thankful for people who help me. Who are you thankful for?**"

CHILDREN AND LEADER: "I am thankful for people who help me."

LEADER: "There are so many people in our families who help us like our moms and dads, brothers and sisters, grandparents and cousins and aunts and uncles. **Who are you thankful for? I am thankful for people who help me.** Why don't we pray and thank God for our families that help us?

"God, thank You for giving us our moms and dads, our grandpas and grandmas, and even our brothers and sisters who help us. We are so thankful for all they do to take care of us. We know You love us, God. Help us to show the people in our families how thankful we are for each one of them. In Jesus' name, amen."