



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 community.
Nehemiah Builds a Wall
• Nehemiah 1-6

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, masking or painter's tape, and cardboard blocks.

LEADER: "Good morning, everyone! It's so good to see you today. I can't wait to sing with you today. I can't wait to talk more about being thankful today. But what do you think we're going to do first? (Pause) You're right! We're going to sing our song. I can't wait! Before we do, remind me: **Who are you thankful for?**"

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

LEADER: "Yes, that's right!!

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

"Yay! What incredible singers you are. **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!** Remember, our memory verse this month tells us who we can thank for these awesome people. Are you ready? (Pause.) Let's do it! 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: "That is awesome. Today, I have an incredible true story from my very favorite book, the Bible. (Hold up Bible.) And we know that if we read it in the Bible, it's true! Today's story is about a man named Nehemiah, and Nehemiah, well, he needed a LOT of help. You see, his hometown, the city of Jerusalem, used to have a big wall around it. The wall protected the people, but Nehemiah found out that the wall was all broken down. Nehemiah wanted to build it back, but he couldn't do it on his own. He needed help. So first, Nehemiah prayed and asked God to help him. And God said, 'You can count on me.'

"Then Nehemiah went to the king and asked if he could go build the wall and if he



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could have some supplies.

(Grab the tape and tape down a two foot piece on the floor.)

"And the king said, 'Sure, I'll help.' Then Nehemiah called to the people of the city and asked if they would help him rebuild the wall. So, I need some help. *(Select four or five children to help rebuild the wall.)* See our blocks? See this line of tape? *(Point to blocks and tape.)* Can you work together to stack these blocks on the tape and build a wall? Awesome.

(Continue to talk as the children stack the blocks.)

"Soon the whole community was helping Nehemiah build. The moms, the dads, the grandpas, the teachers, the doctors, and the farmers—everyone worked and worked and finally the wall was complete! *(To the wall builders)* Great job, everyone. You rebuilt the wall just like Nehemiah and the people in Jerusalem did. Did you know that they did such a good job helping each other and working on the wall that they rebuilt it in just 52 days? I know Nehemiah was thankful for all the people who helped build the wall. Thanks for your help today, friends.

"What a cool story about people helping each other! Our friend [insert Host's name] left to get help from [his/her] neighbors to finish making all those sandwiches, and Nehemiah got help from his neighbors too. I am so thankful for people who help me. **Who are you thankful for?**"

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

LEADER: "I am thankful for people who help me, too! Let's pray and thank God for the people who help us!

"Heavenly Father, we love You. Thanks for the story of Nehemiah. We are so glad You sent lots of people to help him. Help us to remember that there are lots of people around us that can help us too. We are thankful for the people who help us. Amen."