



Teaching Guide - PRESCHOOL & VSN

Monthly Theme: All Aboard! Let Jesus Lead the Way

"The Lord gives strength to his people. The Lord blesses his people with peace." Psalm 29:11

LESSON - THANK YOU, GOD!

All aboard, Victory Kids! Last time, we learned that God made a promise to Noah and to all of us. He put a rainbow in the sky to say, "I will never send rain to cover the whole earth" That promise was forever.

But the story doesn't stop there!

After being in the big ark for over a year, Noah, his family, and the animals stepped out onto dry land.

DO IT: (*Wiggle your fingers down like rain, then wave your hands like sunshine*)

SAY IT: "The rain is gone, and the sun is shining!"

Everything looked new. The trees were fresh, the ground was dry, and the sky was bright. It was a brand-new beginning!

What do you think Noah did first? (*wait for responses*)

Did he build a house? (*wait for responses*)

Did he go for a walk? (*wait for responses*)

Did he eat a snack? (*wait for responses*)

No, Noah didn't do any of these things.

SAY IT: Hmm....What did Noah do?

The very first thing Noah did was say, "Thank You" to God;

The Bible says Noah built something called an altar. That means he made a special place just to say, "Thank You, God, for keeping us safe." Noah worshipped God, which means he was showing God how much he loved Him. We can worship God too.

Noah was so thankful. He didn't wait to say thanks. He didn't say, "Maybe later." He said thank You first.

We can do that too! Before we eat our food, we say thank You. When we wake up in the morning, we can say thank You. When we get hugs, help, or something we like, we stop and say...

SAY IT: Thank You, Jesus!

Noah's worship made God happy. God smiled and said, "Yes, I will take care of the world."

He gave the earth a fresh start. He gave Noah's family a fresh start. And guess what? God gives us fresh starts too!

Even when we mess up, we can tell God we're sorry, and He forgives us. Then we get to begin again and that's something to be thankful for!

This Thursday is Thanksgiving Day! Thanksgiving is a special day where we stop and say "thank You" for all we have in our lives just like Noah did when he got off the ark. We always have something to say thank you for!

SAY IT: Thank You, Jesus!

PRAYER: Dear GOD, Thank You for loving me. Thank You for my food. Thank You for my family. Thank You for keeping me safe. Help me say thank You every day. In Jesus' name, Amen.

LESSON QUESTIONS - 10 MINS

2 & 3YR OLDS

Question 1: Was the ground dry when Noah left the ark? **(Yes)**

Question 2: Did Noah eat a snack first when he got off the ark? **(No)**

Question 3: Can you say thank you to God? **(Yes)**

Question 4: Is Thanksgiving a day to say thank You? **(Yes)**

4YRS - 1ST GRADE

Question 1: What did Noah build to worship God? **An altar.**

Question 2: Why did Noah worship God? **Because God kept them safe.**

Question 3: How can we show God we are thankful? **By saying thank You and worshiping Him.**

Question 4: What should we say when we are happy or thankful? **Thank You, Jesus!**



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ACTIVITY 1: THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Items Needed: Goldfish snack

Connection: Today we are going to gather together and have a feast! A Feast of goldfish snacks! Yay! We are going to learn a prayer that we can pray at every meal to give thanks to God.

Step 1: Have children sit at the tables.

Step 2: Pass out the snacks but tell everyone they must wait until after we pray to enjoy our snacks.

Step 3: Let's learn to say a special prayer together

God is great and God is good.
And we thank God for our food.
By God's hand, we must be fed.
Give us Lord, our daily bread. Amen!

ACTIVITY 2: THANKFUL CONDUCTOR SAYS

Items Needed: N/A

Connection: Following Jesus means we listen carefully, just like Noah did.

Step 1: One adult is the “Conductor” (like in Simon Says).

Step 2: Call out movements and thankfulness prompts:

- “Conductor says, flap like a turkey.”
- “Conductor says, say ‘Thank You, God!’”
- “Conductor says, chug like a train!”
- Try one without “Conductor says” to see if kids are listening!

ACTIVITY 3: BUBBLE PARTY OR STORY TIME

Items Needed: Bubbles and music OR book basket

We've got some extra time today, so let's spend it worshipping and dancing with bubbles or reading a book to the class (please show the pictures on each page).

CRAFT OR COLORING SHEET (USE 1 OR 2 OPTIONS DEPENDING ON CLASS AGE & TIME)

GIVE THANKS FALL WREATH CRAFT

Items Needed: Fall Wreath Craft Kit (includes foam wreath base, adhesive leaves, “Give Thanks” signs, decorations), Glue sticks (if needed), Markers or crayons (optional for name personalization), Hole punch and yarn/string (if you want kids to hang them at home)

Connection: When Noah stepped off the ark, the very first thing he did was stop and say “Thank You” to God! We can do that too. Our wreath will remind us to give thanks to God just like Noah did. Every leaf is a way to say, “Thank You, God!”

Step 1: Give each child a foam wreath base and a handful of colorful foam leaves from the craft kit.

Step 2: Help the children peel and stick (or glue) the leaves all around the wreath. If desired, use markers to write their name or draw pictures of what they're thankful for on the leaves.

Step 3: Add the “Give Thanks” sign or other decorations included in the kit to the center or bottom of the wreath.

Step 4: Use a hole punch and yarn to create a loop so they can hang it up at home.

COLORING SHEET: I AM THANKFUL FOR COLORING SHEET

Items Needed: Coloring sheet and crayons.

Connection: Every day we should tell God thank you!

Step 1: Distribute the coloring sheets and allow time to color.

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