

Nothing too Small



We can be thankful for everything

Have children sit in a circle or around tables. Open your Bible to Psalm 136. Show children the words and tell them the Bible is God's special book.

Say: **In this passage from the Bible, it tells us that no matter what's happening in our lives, God always loves us and his love conquers everything. It says he provides everything for us because he loves us so. That's why God wants us to be thankful for everything, even the small things in life. Even things we may not even think about being thankful for.**

In this box, I have several random items. I'm going to pull out each item one at a time. When I do, I'll call on someone to come up with one reason you can be thankful for that item. For example, if I pull out a bow, you could say that the bow was taken from a birthday gift and we're thankful for presents.

Play this until your box of items is empty.

Ask:

- *What are some weird things you're thankful for, and why?*
- *Why do you think it's important to be thankful for everything?*
- *What's one thing you can be grateful for this week that you haven't thought much about before?*

Say: **We can be thankful to God for all things, all the time, because he loves us so much.**

Closing Prayer

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Have children form a circle on the floor. Have them bow their heads as you pray, and give them a few seconds to silently think of something ordinary or unusual that they're thankful for. Tell them you'll give time for them to call out those things during the prayer.

Say: **Dear God, you've given us some many things. We're so blessed. We have big things like food, clothing, and a roof over our heads. We also have small things like socks, string, and toothpaste. We have other things like...** (Allow kids to call out the items they're thankful for.) **Remind us to be thankful for the big things and the small things. Remind us to be thankful for everything, especially your enduring love. In Jesus' name, amen.**

AGE GROUP

Early Elementary

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 136

SUPPLIES

You'll need a Bible and a box full of random things we're not normally thankful for, like a bow, string, ball, dirty sock, and so on. You'll need at least 1 item per person.

PREPARATION

None needed.

