



“Thank You, YHWH!” Lesson for Toddlers

This is the eighth (8th) lesson plan in our series titled, “**Little Ones Knowing YHWH.**” Each of these studies is designed to help children age 18-24 months better understand the character & nature of YHWH (God or which ever Holy Name you use).

This particular lesson is based on Psalm 100:3-5 and teaches how to say thank you to YHWH (God).

Thank You, YHWH (God)

Simple Lesson Series on YHWH (God) for 18-24 months

Scripture: Psalm 100:3-5

Main Idea: Thank you, YHWH (God)! (Repeat throughout the lesson. Use sign language for “thank-you” each time you say it.)

Supplies: Bible, See additional activities for other supplies and preparation.

With toddlers, you want to keep your lesson simple. If your child or class is able, get them to sit together on floor in front of you. Hold up your Bible.

SAY: The Bible is YHWH's (God)'s Word. The Bible tells us everything comes from YHWH! We should thank HIM for everything in our lives. Thank you, YHWH (God)! (Do sign language.) Can you say thank you YHWH (God)?

The following activities are designed to reinforce the simple Scripture truth, encourage toddlers development, and engage their imaginations and creativity. Choose the ones that will work best for your child or class.

Thank you, YHWH, for Me!

SUPPLIES: Mirror(s) for them to see themselves.

DO: Talk about different body parts YHWH (God) made as they look in the mirror.

SAY: Where is your hair? YHWH (God) made your hair! Thank you YHWH (God) for my hair! Where is your nose? YHWH (God) made your nose! Thank you YHWH (God) for my nose! [Continue on with eyes, mouth, tongue, ears, belly, fingers, and toes.]

SAY: YHWH (God), you made me! Thank you YHWH (God) for me! Can you say thank you YHWH (God)?

Thank You, YHWH (God), for My Family!

SUPPLIES: Pictures of friends or family members

DO: Point and talk about each of them.

SAY: YHWH (God) gave you your mommy! Thank you YHWH (God) for mommy! YHWH (God) gave you your daddy! Thank you YHWH (God) for Daddy! YHWH (God) gave you a [big/little] sister! Thank you YHWH (God) for my sister! YHWH (God), you gave us a family! Thank you YHWH (God) for my family!

Can you say thank you YHWH (God)?

Thank You, YHWH (God), for Your Creation!

DO: Take a walk to discover things outside that YHWH (God) created.

SAY: Look at the tall trees! YHWH (God) gave us the trees. Thank you YHWH (God) for the trees! (Continue on with sky, flowers, grass, clouds, bugs, etc.) Can you say thank you YHWH (God)?



YHWH (God) Takes Care of Us

SUPPLIES: Pretend food, dress-up clothes, baby dolls, stuffed animals, bottles, blankets - works well in a Dramatic Play Environment.

DO: Discover how YHWH (God) takes care of us. Show them how to care for a baby doll. Let them wrap the babies in a blanket, feed them, try to put on a diaper, etc. Emphasize that YHWH (God) takes care of us like we take care of the baby.

SAY: YHWH (God) takes care of us! Thank you YHWH (God) for caring for us! YHWH (God) gives us life! Thank you YHWH (God) for life! YHWH (God) give us food. Thank you YHWH (God) for food! YHWH (God) gives us water! Thank you YHWH (God) for water! YHWH (God) gives us clothes! Thank you YHWH (God) for clothes! YHWH (God) gives us a home! Thank you YHWH (God) for our homes! YHWH (God) gives us a church! Thank you YHWH (God) for our church! YHWH (God) gives us the Bible! Thank you YHWH (God) for the Bible! YHWH (God) gives us love! Thank you YHWH (God) for your love! YHWH (God) gives us Himself! Thank you YHWH (God) for You! Can you say thank you YHWH (God)?

Thank You, YHWH (God), for Color!

Supplies: Paint, smocks, crayons, washable markers, paper or easels

DO: Let them get messy and create beautiful works of art for YHWH (God)!

SAY: YHWH (God) gave us beautiful colors! We can paint beautiful pictures for YHWH (God)! Thank you YHWH (God) for colors! Can you say thank you YHWH (God)?

Thank You, YHWH (God), for the Bible

SUPPLIES: Bible

SAY: This is the Bible! This is YHWH (God)'s Word! He gave it to us. Thank you YHWH (God) for the Bible!

DO: Read **Psalm 100:3-5** (have them sit on your rug crisscross applesauce or do during snack), "Know that the Lord is YHWH (God). It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations. (NIV)

SAY: YHWH (God), you are good! Thank you YHWH (God) for you! Can you say thank you YHWH (God)?

Pray to YHWH (God)

DO: Hold hands or bow your heads together (just demonstrate and ask them to do the same. Some may, most may just watch.)

SAY: We can tell YHWH (God) thank you all of the time! Let's tell YHWH (God) now! Dear YHWH (God), thank you for giving us life. Thank you for mommy and daddy and our families. Thank you for the Bible and for our church. Thank you YHWH (God) for you! We love you YHWH (God)! Amen!

Praise YHWH (God)

Worship Him together with their favorite worship songs!



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