

# Adventures with GOD!

## INTRODUCTION: GOD'S GOOD GIFTS (B.3.Winter)

### LESSONS FOR CHILDREN AGES 6-8

**GOALS FOR THE TRIMESTER:** Children will recognize some of the gifts they have received from God and learn to be thankful. They will learn to express their thanks verbally and in action.

### MESSAGE TO THE TEACHER:

As we study the gifts we have received from the God of love, we learn something important. Too often we think the things we have we have earned or that we have a right to. We claim ownership without remembering that all we have is from God. We are stewards of God's gifts, and we are to live lives of gratitude for the ways God has shown us love.

During the trimester the children will study God's word and will learn about some tangible gifts that we have received from God. Just as the leper who was healed and returned to thank Jesus, we too should return to God to show our gratitude. Thankfulness is expressed through our words and actions; it's expressed in the way we treat people. Gifts aren't given just for our benefit. They are to be shared with others. For example, the gift of life isn't given to us just so we can enjoy it and live selfishly. Our lives should be a blessing to those around us. Our life is a gift from God, and God asks us to serve others with joy and thanksgiving.

It's important to use concrete examples to talk about the gifts we've been given. It's important for us as teachers to think about the gifts we've received as we prepare to share these lessons with the children. Your own experience is important to share. It is encouraging for both you and the students to see all the gifts you have received from God.

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## ROOM SET-UP AND DECORATION

Find illustrations of gifts (as many as you can). You can also use the illustration on the following page. You can color it in bright colors so it is more eye-appealing. Fill one of the walls in the classroom with the illustrations. This will serve as a reminder of the gifts that God gives us. Make sure to create a banner that reads, "Thank you God for your good gifts..."

Each week, add a small sign to the wall. The signs will indicate the different gifts you have studied. It won't be a complete list but will summarize what the children are learning. It would also be a great idea to put pictures of the children on this wall, as a reminder that each one of their lives is a gift from God. Each child is a gift of God to their families, friends, church, community, etc.

Motivate the children during this trimester to write a thank you letter to God for the gifts they have received. Their letters could be in the form of a poem, a card, a picture, etc. Hang these thank you's all over the classroom, or string a clothes line from one part of the room to another and hang them up there.

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