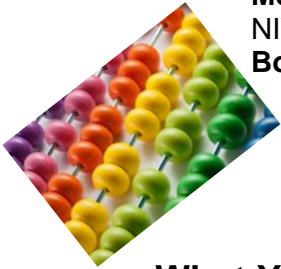


Today's Bible Story: God cares about my attitude. Every Good and Perfect Gift •

James 1:17; Genesis 1

Memory Verse: "Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things." Colossians 3:2
NIV

Bottom Line: God cares about your attitude.



Activity: Our Thankful Tree

What you need: Paper and coloring supplies

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Draw the branches of a tree on a piece of paper. Set the coloring supplies out for your children to use during the activity.

During the Activity: Help your children add leaves to the branches by drawing leaves with the coloring supplies. Help your children draw the things they are thankful to God for on the tree.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: Are you ready to dive deeper into today's true Bible story? Let's get started! What do you see? *(Pause.)* Yes, a tree! But something is missing. Can you tell me what this tree needs? *(Pause.)* Leaves! I need your help. Let's add some leaves to our tree.

During the Activity: Let's use the coloring supplies to draw some leaves on the tree. *(Demonstrate.) (Have your children help you draw some leaves on the tree.)* Okay, now that we have added some leaves to our tree, let's talk about some of the things God has blessed our family with. What are you thankful for? *(Help your children come up with a few ideas of things they are thankful to God for.)* Those are some great ideas! Let's add them to our thankful tree! *(Have your children help you draw the things your family is thankful to God for.)*

After the Activity: Look at our thankful tree! It is filled with all the things we can thank God for! It looks so GOOD! Let's hang it where everyone can see it! Our tree will help us to remember that God wants us to be thankful for the things He has given to us. Our tree will also help others who see it remember to thank God for the good things He has given to them, too! Then they can know that **[Bottom Line] God cares about your attitude. Who cares about your attitude? [Bottom Line] God cares about your attitude!**

PRAYER:

"Heavenly Father, thank you for all the GOOD things You made, like beautiful flowers, puffy clouds, sunshine, and friends. We know You made these good things because you are good. Help us to remember to be thankful for the good things God have given to us. Thank You for loving us and for being so, so good to us. In Jesus' name, amen.

