

## Hikers – November

### Theme Points



**Theme:** Pray and give thanks to God.

**Central Question:** *What does the Bible teach about prayer?*

**We live by the Bible...**

What is the Bible?

What does it tell us?

What does it teach us?

**We learn...**

It's God's book!

Who God is!

How to live!

**Theme Points...**

John 6:5-15-When Jesus prays and gives thanks to God He feeds a big crowd.

He is the God who hears us!

I pray and say thank you to God!

**Memory Verse:** Philippians 4:6 - Pray about everything and give thanks.

**Key Point:** God loves it when we talk to Him and thank Him. Prayer is talking to God. We can talk to God anytime and anyplace. We can ask God for what we need and thank Him for what we have. God always listens when we pray.

**For Teachers:** *El Roi* means "The God Who Sees." In Genesis 16 Hagar, the servant of Sarai, is pregnant with Abram's child. Hagar becomes arrogant and when Sarai mistreats her Hagar runs away. In this low moment the angel of the Lord comes and ministers to Hagar. The same God who saw Hagar sees us and knows what we need. When we pray we open the way for the Lord to move on our behalf and provide for our needs and the needs of those around us.

### Class Schedule – to be done each week



**Free Play (9:50-10:45AM)**

**Worship** – 1-2 song videos

**Snack** – Children can have two small helpings of goldfish (use the snack scoop) and water.

**Lesson** – Teach the lesson while the children are eating snack. They are already sitting and ready to listen! See the weekly sheets attached for each lesson.

**Transition Activity/Game** – As the children finish snack invite them to join you on the floor for a Memory Matching Game. (Cards are color-coordinated, ie the blue cards match, the pink cards match, etc.) Give each child one card. Lay the rest of the cards face down on the floor. Have the children take turns finding the card that matches theirs. Ask each child, "What is happening in your picture? Can you pray before eating/on the sidewalk/before bed, etc."

**Hiker Challenge** – Use the cookies cutters to make people, animals and food. We can pray and thank God for the good things He gives us such as our family and friends, pets and food to eat.



## Hikers Week 1 Lesson

### Bible Time

#### Mighty Mouse



*Teacher:* Look who's here. It's Mighty Mouse!

*Mighty Mouse:* I'm mighty because I know the Bible. (Mighty Mouse gives each child a high five.)

*Mighty Mouse:* What is the Bible?

What does it tell us?

What does it teach us?

*Kids Respond:* It's God's book!

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*Mighty Mouse:* Let's say the memory verse together (Have the children take turns shining the flashlight on the memory verse. Say the verse and encourage the children to say it with you.) Philippians 4:6 – *"Pray about everything and give thanks."*

**Object Lesson:** Before passing out snack show the children the paper bag. Ask them to guess what is inside. Show them that there is *one* goldfish cracker. Is one cracker enough for everyone? No. Let's listen while your teacher reads from the Bible about a time when Jesus had to feed a lot of people with only a little food.

(Teacher reads the Bible story.)

*Mighty Mouse:*

- Jesus prayed when he needed to feed the big crowd. We can pray at all times. When can you pray? (Ask children questions such as "Liza can you pray at bedtime?" "Justin, can you pray in the car?")
- When Jesus prayed he gave thanks to God. On the count of three let's shout "Thank you Jesus!" (Repeat saying thank you in different voices, whisper, squeaky, etc.)
- There's a letter in our Trail Log from a friend. Let's read it.

**Trail Log Entry** (Show the children the picture and read the entry from the Trail Log book. )



Dear Trail Log,

Hi! I'm Grace. My sister, Leah and I were bouncing in the backyard today. Leah and I were chasing each other when she fell down and scraped her knee. It was bleeding all over the place and she was crying. My mom washed it off and put a band aid on it. Then she said we should pray for Leah. I never prayed outside before. What I want to know is this: What does the Bible teach about prayer?

Bye, Grace

*Mighty Mouse:* If you've ever fallen and scraped your knee pat your head. Let's tell Grace our memory verse so that she will know what the Bible teaches about prayer. (Shine the flashlight on the memory verse.)

Philippians 4:6 – *"Pray about everything and give thanks."*

*Mighty Mouse:* Great job, kids! That will really help Grace. I need to go home now.

*Teacher:* Bye Mighty Mouse.

## Hikers Week 2 Lesson

### Bible Time

#### Mighty Mouse



*Teacher:* Look who's here. It's Mighty Mouse!

*Mighty Mouse:* I'm mighty because I know the Bible. (Mighty Mouse gives each child a high five.)

*Mighty Mouse:* What is the Bible?

What does it tell us?

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*Kids Respond:* It's God's book!

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*Mighty Mouse:* Let's say the memory verse together. (Have the children take turns shining the flashlight on the memory verse. Say the verse and encourage the children to say it with you.) Philippians 4:6 – *"Pray about everything and give thanks."*

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(Teacher reads the Bible story.)

*Mighty Mouse:*

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Dear Trail Log,

Hi! My name is Timothy. Today is "family day" for my mom and dad and me. We decided to hike to the pond. On the way here we stopped at the diner to eat breakfast. Before we ate my dad said we should pray and give thanks for our food. We always pray at home before we eat, but then it's just us. There are lots of people here in the diner. What I'd like to know is this: What does the Bible say about prayer?

See you later. Timothy

*Mighty Mouse:* Wiggle your elbow if you prayed before you ate. Let's tell Timothy our memory verse so that he will know what the Bible teaches about prayer. (Shine the flashlight on the memory verse.) Philippians 4:6 – *"Pray about everything and give thanks."*

*Mighty Mouse:* Great job, kids! That will really help Timothy. I need to go home now.

*Teacher:* Bye Mighty Mouse.

## Hikers Week 3 Lesson

### Bible Time with Mighty Mouse

*Teacher:* Look who's here. It's Mighty Mouse!

*Mighty Mouse:* I'm mighty because I know the Bible. (Mighty Mouse gives each child a high five.)

*Mighty Mouse:* What is the Bible?

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*Mighty Mouse:* Let's say the memory verse together. (Have the children take turns shining the flashlight on the memory verse. Say the verse and encourage the children to say it with you.) Philippians 4:6 – *"Pray about everything and give thanks."*

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Dear Trail Log,

This is Wendy & Brad. We are sure excited about Thanksgiving. There is a new family in our neighborhood and we invited them to eat Thanksgiving dinner with us. After the new family got their food they started to eat right away. They didn't pray first! We thought they forgot so we reminded them. They laughed and said that prayer is only for church. That made us confused. We thought you could pray anywhere. Maybe we should look in the Bible. Do you know what the Bible says about prayer?

So long, Wendy & Brad

*Mighty Mouse:* If you ever tried to tell an adult something that they didn't understand tap your foot. It sounds like Wendy & Brad's parents have taught them that they can pray anywhere. It's confusing when other adults don't know that. Let's tell Wendy and Brad our memory verse so that they will know what the Bible teaches about prayer. (Shine the flashlight on the memory verse.) Philippians 4:6 – *"Pray about everything and give thanks."*

*Mighty Mouse:* Great job, kids! That will really help Wendy & Brad. I need to go home now.

*Teacher:* Bye Mighty Mouse.

## Hikers Week 4 Lesson

### Bible Time

#### Mighty Mouse



*Teacher:* Look who's here. It's Mighty Mouse!

*Mighty Mouse:* I'm mighty because I know the Bible. (Mighty Mouse gives each child a high five.)

*Mighty Mouse:* What is the Bible?

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(Teacher reads the Bible story.)

*Mighty Mouse:*

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- When Jesus prayed he gave thanks to God. On the count of three let's shout "Thank you Jesus!" (Repeat saying thank you in different voices, whisper, squeaky, etc.)
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Dear Trail Log,

I'm Colleen and I'm visiting my cousins at the cabin for Thanksgiving. I really like my cousins, especially because they teach me stuff about God. Each day when we wake up the whole family sits together to pray. My cousins told me prayer is important. Why doesn't my family pray? Can you tell me what the Bible says about prayer? I want to tell my mom and dad.

See you later. Colleen

*Mighty Mouse:* *Mighty Mouse:* If you pray with your family, rub your tummy. Let's tell Colleen our memory verse so that she will know what the Bible teaches about prayer. (Shine the flashlight on the memory verse.) Philippians 4:6 – *"Pray about everything and give thanks."*

*Mighty Mouse:* Great job, kids! That will really help Colleen. I need to go home now.

*Teacher:* Bye Mighty Mouse.