

KINDERGARTEN - 2ND GRADE

WEEK 3 - NOVEMBER 21, 2021

CONNECTION TIME (PRE LARGE GROUP)

As kids arrive, greet them by name and tell them you're glad they are at church today. While kids filter in, ask the below questions and get to know them!

1. What is one tradition you do on Thanksgiving?
2. Are you traveling for Thanksgiving?

ACTIVITY #1 - EARLY ARRIVER

What You Need: Plastic container, Pom poms

1. Put the jar or container on the floor and give each kid three pom poms.
2. Direct the kids to take turns standing tall and attempting to drop their pom poms—one at a time—into the container.
3. If the kids stand on the floor, instruct them to extend their arms in front of them (without bending at the elbow) and drop their pom poms from this position.
4. Give each kid a turn to drop all three pom poms.

ACTIVITY #2 - MEMORY VERSE GUARDING

What You Need: "Memory Verse Words" Activity Page cards, Bible A pool noodle cut in half

1. Scatter the memory verse cards.
 2. Choose two kids to serve as guards, give each "guard" a pool noodle half.
 3. Have "guards" stand on either side of the cards and keep their feet planted so they can't move.
 4. Instruct the rest of the group to try to get past the guards to grab a card without getting tagged by the pool noodle.
 5. Tell the "guards" that they're only allowed to touch the kids with their pool noodles. If a kid gets tagged, they are "out" for that round and must sit down.
 6. If the guards tag all kids before they've collected the cards, choose two new guards and resume.
 7. Play until all cards are collected and instruct the kids to put the verse in order.
- Say to the group:** "Great job, friends! Our guards worked hard, but you still managed to grab all the cards. I love this verse because it reminds us to be on our guard so we aren't always looking for more. When it comes to contentment, it's so important that you **don't miss out on what you have now.**"



**POST LARGE GROUP ACTIVITIES
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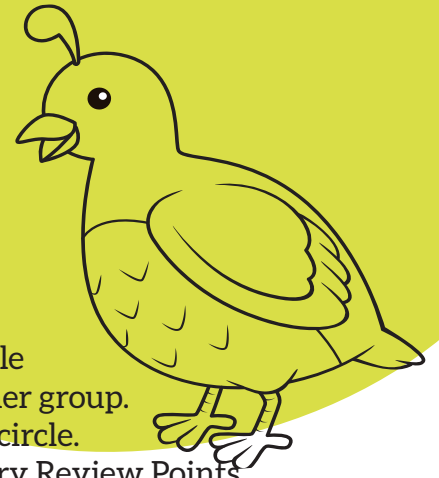
SMALL GROUP TIME (POST LARGE GROUP)

ACTIVITY #3 - QUAIL DECORATING

PLEASE READ THIS ACTIVITY BEFORE SETTING IT UP!!

What You Need: “Quail” Activity Page, “Bible Story Review Points” Activity Page, Sequins, Glue sticks, Ribbon, Markers, Crayons

1. Divide your kids into two groups and instruct each group to form a circle.
2. Give each kid a “Quail” Activity Page.
3. Set out the glitter glue, sequins, glue sticks, and ribbon in the middle of one group and ONLY the markers and crayons in the middle of the other group.
4. Instruct the kids to decorate their quail using the supplies in their circle.
5. As the kids decorate, review today’s story by sharing the Bible Story Review Points.
6. As you review, a kid from the crayon group may see that the other group has “better” supplies. Let this discovery lead to a discussion about how complaining doesn’t make anything better.
7. After discussion, create one big circle to share all of the supplies.



Say to the group: “God’s people were so focused on what they didn’t have that they almost missed what was right in front of them! Back in Egypt, they were forced to work long hours with no pay and no freedom. But still, they wanted to go back even after all that God had done to free them and provide everything they needed. Just like you were unhappy when you realized what another group had to decorate their quail, if we’re not careful, we can be like the Israelites! We need to stop and be grateful so we **don’t miss out on what we have now!**”

ACTIVITY #4 - GRATITUDE PARTNERS

What You Need: Sticky notes, Pencils

1. Help the kids find a partner and give each kid a sticky note and a pencil.
2. Direct the partners to sit back-to-back.
3. As the kids sit, ask them to draw something they are thankful for without their partner seeing.
4. When most kids have finished drawing, have partners turn around and place their sticky note on their partner’s forehead. *Remind kids not to let their partner see the picture!*
5. One at a time, call each pair to the front of the group.
6. Instruct the artist to give clues to get their partner to guess what they’re thankful for without sharing what it is. *(This is similar to the game “Headbands!”)*

Say to the group: “We have so many things to be thankful for—like our homes, families, school and . . . *(name some other things from the kids’ drawings.)* When it comes to being content, it’s really important to stop and take a look at what you have now and be grateful! If we only focus on what we don’t have, contentment is impossible! So this week, stop and say, ‘thank you.’ Be grateful for all these things so you don’t miss out on what you have now.”

“Then he said to them, ‘Watch out! Be on your guard against wanting to have more and more things. Life is not made up of how much a person has.’”

Luke 12:15, NIV

ACTIVITY #5 - PRAYER

Pray with the group: “Heavenly Father, we have so many things to be thankful for. And we know that all good things come from You. Thank You for all You’ve done, all You have given us, and for loving us, no matter what. Help us be grateful so we can be content this week. We love You so much, and we thank You for Jesus. We pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

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Luke 12:15 (NirV)

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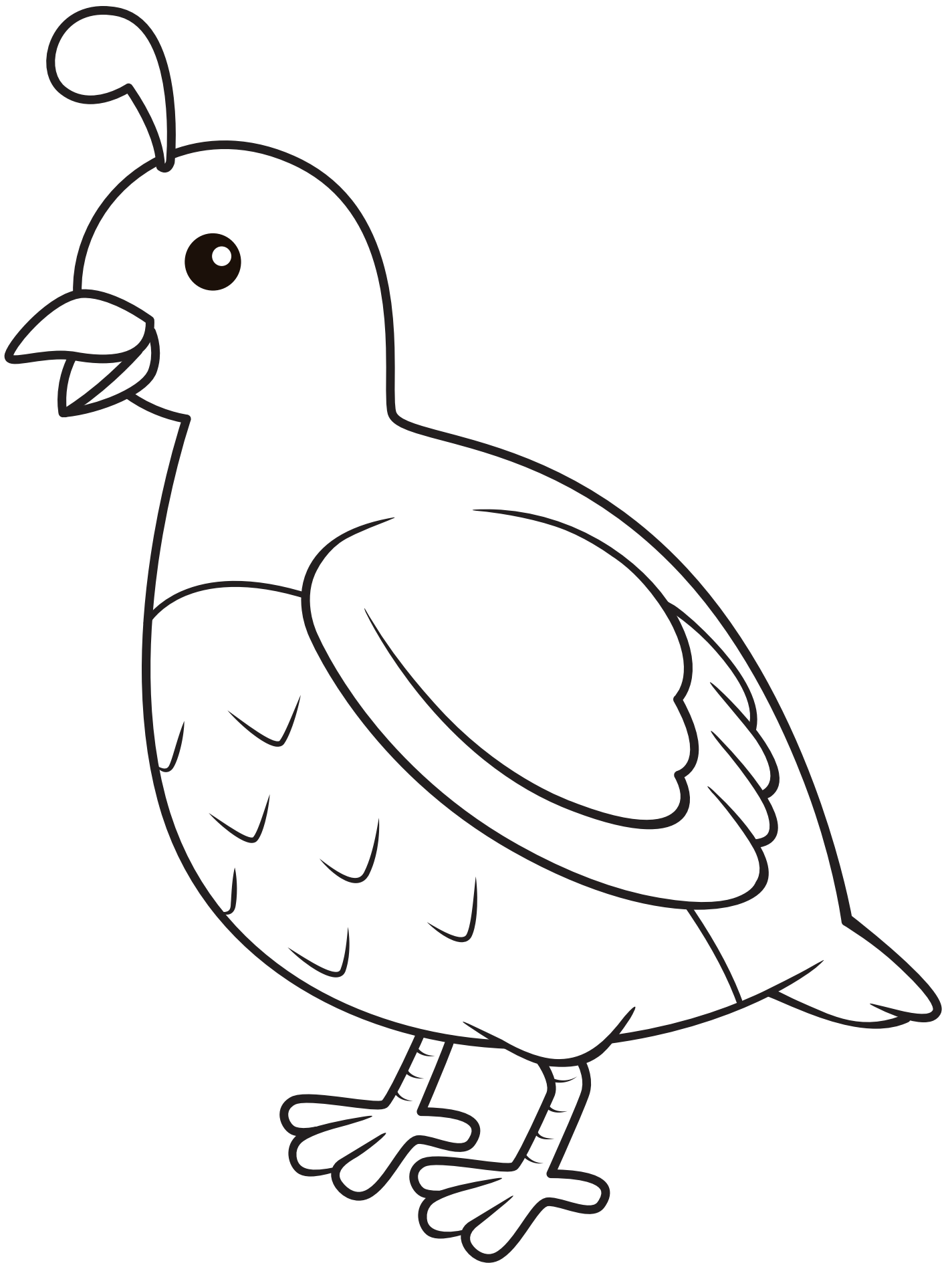
What to Do:

Print on cardstock and cut apart; one set for each small group.

“Memory Verse Words, NirV” Activity Page

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What to Do:
Print on paper; one for each kid.

"Quail" Activity Page
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Bible Story Review Points:

1. The Israelites lived for hundreds of years as slaves in Egypt. It was very hard and they were very sad. But God performed some amazing miracles—including parting the Red Sea—and led them to freedom.
2. Once the Israelites were free, it didn't take long for the celebrating to turn to whining!
3. They complained to Moses and Aaron that they wanted go back to Egypt because they were hungry.
4. God heard their complaining. So in the evening, He sent lots of quail for the people to eat. In the morning, God sent thin flake-like bread called "manna" for them to eat, too.
5. Then the Israelites moved on to a new camp. There was plenty of manna every day, but no water to drink.
6. So the people grumbled against Moses because they were thirsty. They wanted to know why he had brought them out of Egypt! They were so mad that they were ready to throw stones at Moses.
7. God told Moses to hit a rock and water would come out for all of the people to drink. And it did!
8. God provided for His people over and over and over again, but they *still* complained. They wanted to go back to Egypt and be slaves instead of enjoy the freedom God had given them.
9. They whined and complained so much that they missed out on what they had!