

Opening:

Start with a talk called the “Attitude of Gratitude”. What are things you can find in your daily life that may be provided to you - things you don’t even think about day to day? Food on your plate? A roof over your head? What about friends who reach out or people helping in your neighbourhood? Name 5 things you are grateful for - how do you think God is involved in providing those things?

**Bible Reading: Psalm 111**

Psalm 111 starts to deal with the question, “Who is God?” It talks about God as a provider especially, but also of “the promise”. In adult Bibles, this is the covenant. This particular reading is an edited version combining language from the ICB Bible with the Inclusive language of the United Church psalter.

**Storytime: Images of God, Part 1**

“Images of God for Young Children” by Marie-Helene Delval, and illustrated by Barbara Nascimbeni is a visual wonderland that talks about everything God is, from the Word to silence, from a rock to a stream. This video is reading of the first half of the book. Which pages and images speak to you? Have you ever thought of God in this way?

Follow-Up Family Activities:**God Provides - The Spirit Acts Through Us:**

God provides for us, often through moving the Spirit in others to help. Parkminster supports a number of missions, charities, and outreach programs. As people of God, we’re called to listen quietly for the Spirit inside of us. Do you hear the Spirit in you? How does the Spirit call you to act? You could donate to the Food Bank, or make cards to reach out to seniors who are shut in at home. You could make and share artwork with neighbours by putting it in the window or drawing with chalk on the sidewalk (when it’s not snowy!), or even snow paint with food colouring water in squeeze bottles. Do what will move you to help and move others!

God is...a Bean Bag?!?!

We talked a lot about images of God today. Which were some that felt right to you? Make a list of the words that describe God. Now, with a partner or in a group circle, playing a tossing game with a ball or bean bag (or a pillow, or a pine cone, or...). Each time you toss the item, call out one of the things you feel God is. Want to get dramatic? Each of you chooses an action for something God is. When someone tosses, they must do their action plus the action of the person they are tossing to as a way of signalling the toss direction! (ex. “God is Silence” might be zipping your lips. “God is Light” might be raising your arms to the sun. “God is a Rock” might be tapping a fist onto a palm.)

**Closing Prayer & Song:**

Finish the lesson with the closing prayer, then enjoy a final dance party to this semester’s theme song!

