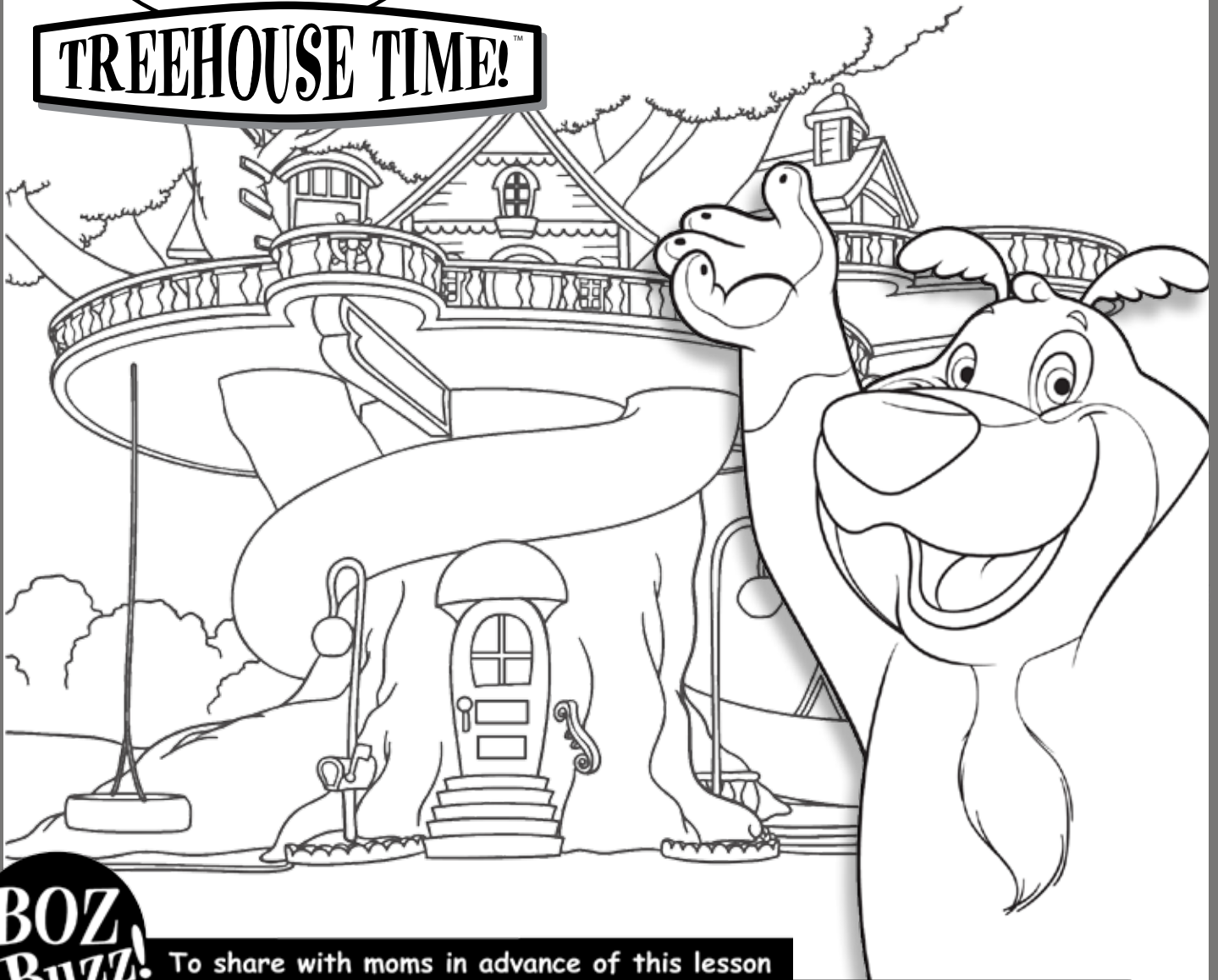


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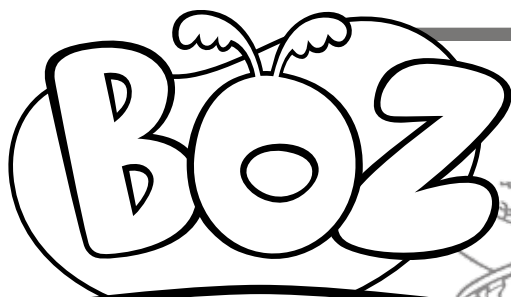
To share with moms in advance of this lesson

The Golden Rule, or being kind to others, is the next theme for *BOZ Treehouse Time!* at MOPPETS. To introduce this topic, please look for opportunities to model kindness and catch your child showing kindness. This concept is most easily understood when the word "kind" is associated with a good deed. For example, you might say, "You were kind to Skippy when you filled his water dish."



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## Introducing *Treehouse Time!*

*BOZ Treehouse Time!* encourages young children to discover God's world through play-based, faith-focused activities. The interactive learning experiences will help children know and love God.

Because many younger children are not enrolled in a formal program for learning, MOPPETS is their "school." Ideas and activities in *Treehouse Time!* are developmentally appropriate for children under the age of 6. This includes the selective use of interactive media to extend children's active engagement as they explore, create, learn and imagine.

Young children gain a great deal of security from routine, so develop a logical pattern that can be used for each session, even if adult leaders rotate.

The lesson elements are designed to be flexible, so feel free to establish a routine that works best for your group.

For example, after children are checked in, you might follow this plan:

- \* After the children have arrived, say "It's *Treehouse Time!* Come and sit down in front of me on the rug."
- \* Look in the BOZ bag. Use children's responses to extend the conversation about the object or theme. Introduce the memory verse during this opening discussion.
- \* Do the activity rhyme.
- \* Show the video.
- \* Do a craft.
- \* Children float back into free play after completing the craft.
- \* Pray and then serve the snack.
- \* Do the activity rhyme.
- \* Read a book.
- \* Say the closing prayer.
- \* End with the *BOZ Treehouse Time!* rhyme.



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## Lesson Guide

### Lesson Overview

Key points and concepts of your lesson

### Let's Get Ready!

Options to help you set the stage for your lesson, including themed coloring/activity sheets!

### Gathering Rhyme

Initial callout that *BOZ Treehouse Time!* is beginning

### BOZ Bag

A fun group participation guessing game to introduce the lesson's theme

### Activities

Options for theme-based activities, including interactive songs, stories and poems

### Crafts

Make-and-take crafts that help extend the lesson

### Snacks

Simple, easy-to-prepare options that reinforce the lesson theme or season

### BOZ Video Presentation

Engaging theme-based BOZ video episode, along with pre-viewing and follow-up questions to emphasize theme

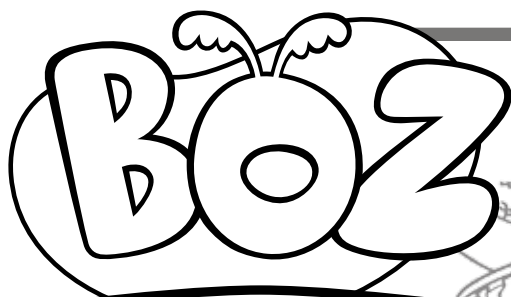
### Closing Prayer

Easy-to-learn closing verse and brief prayer for the end of each session



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## Lesson Overview

### Just for You

Young children are concrete thinkers, yet kindness is an abstract concept. Young children can't touch, smell or taste kindness, but they can learn that kindness means doing something good for someone else. God is kind to us. Our thanks to God overflows in the form of being kind to others.

### Memory Verse

Be kind to everyone.  
(2 Timothy 2:24)

### Biblical Concept

God is kind to us. We can be kind to others.

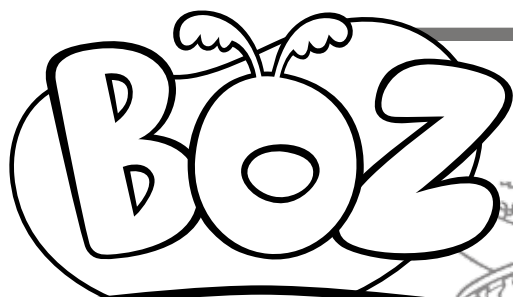
### Concept in Action

I can be kind.



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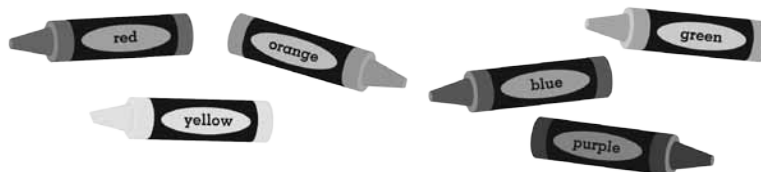
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## Let's Get Ready!

*Suggestions and ideas to help get your room, space or table ready.*

When young children see crayons, they might begin coloring before they even sit down! Help them get physically comfortable before they begin. If MOPPETS are of varying ages, provide a table and chair that matches their size. Or, use carpet squares on the floor.



The following coloring/activity pages can be printed and copied for your MOPPETS.



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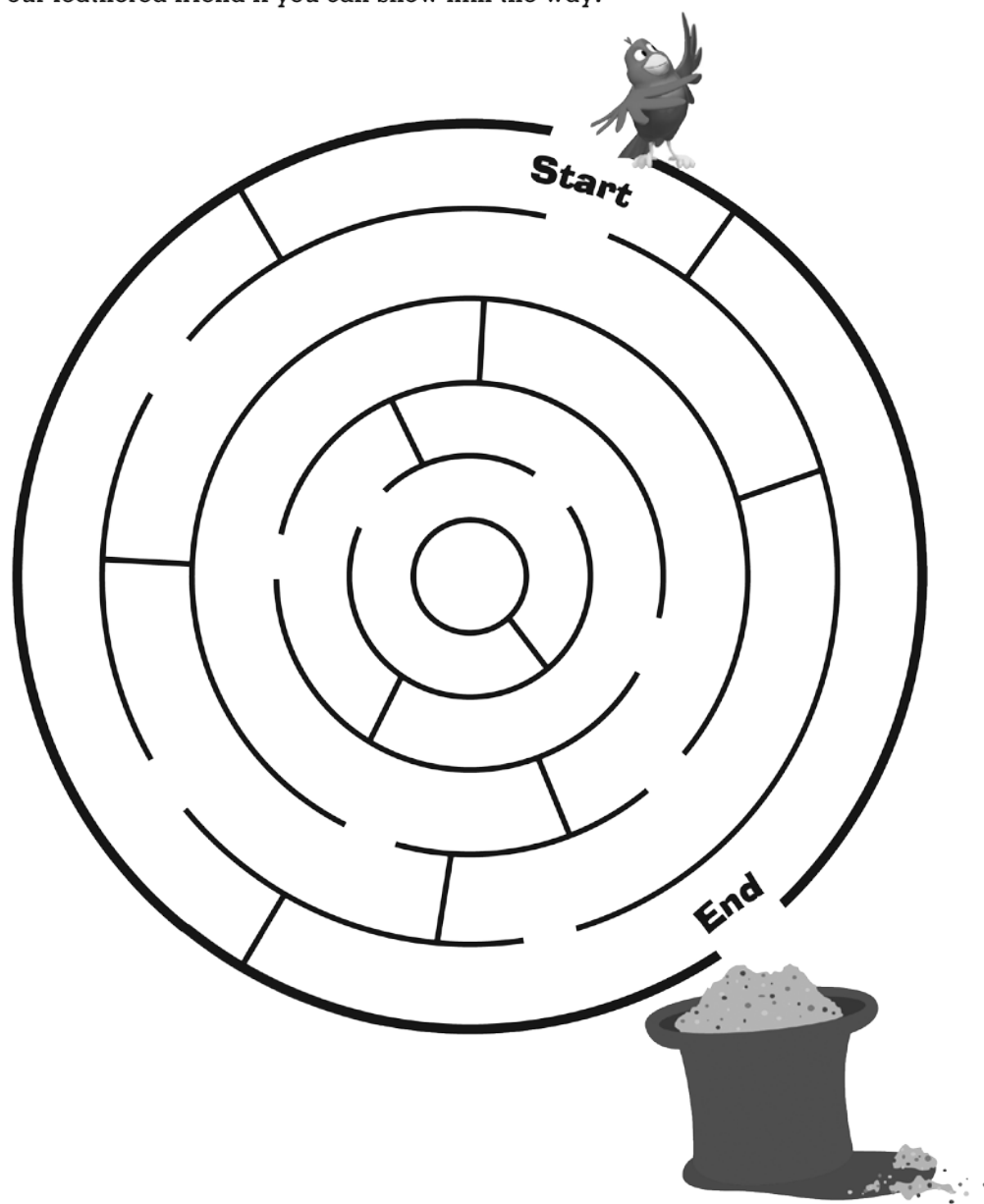




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## A Bird's Eye View

Can you help this bird find his food? BOZ has a bucket of seeds just waiting for our feathered friend if you can show him the way!



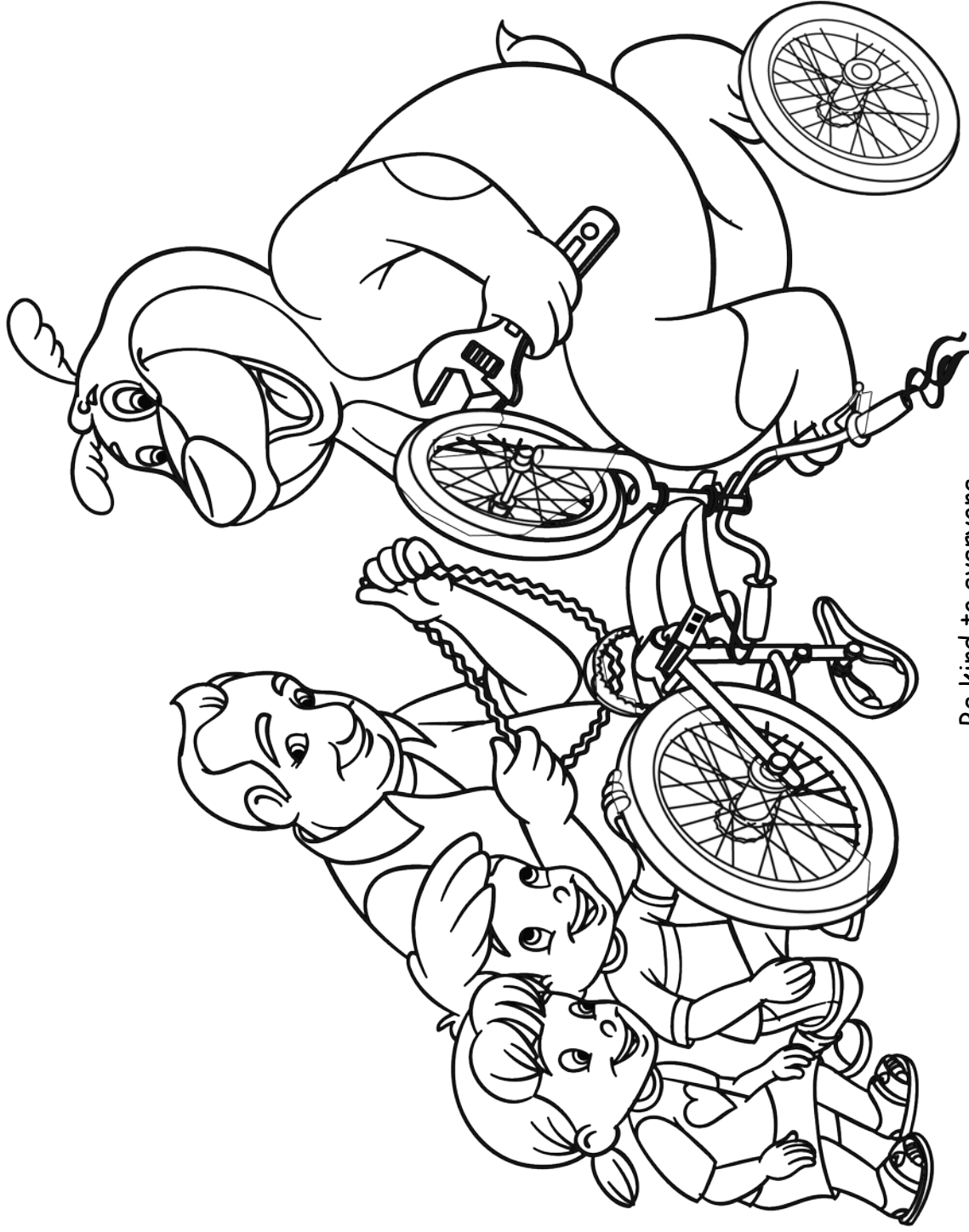
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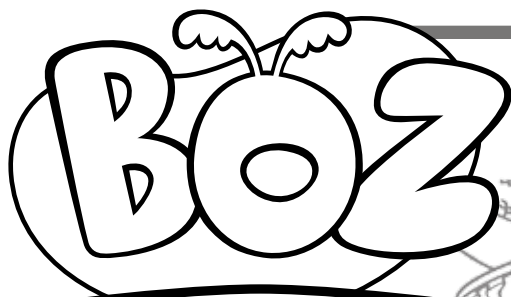


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## Gathering Rhyme

It's *Treehouse Time!* for you and me  
So jump up high, count 1, 2, 3  
Next clap your hands, then spin around  
(whisper) Now please sit down without a sound

## BOZ Bag

Use a color printer to reproduce the BOZ bag image available online at [www.BozTheBear.com/moppets](http://www.BozTheBear.com/moppets). Attach the image to a pillowcase or cloth bag.

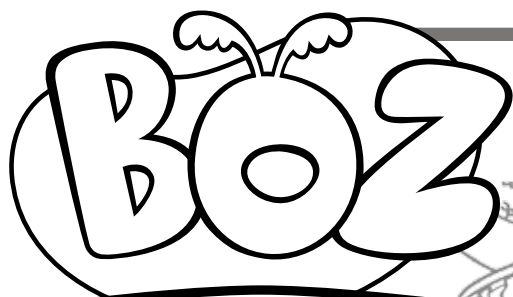
Insert traditional Thanksgiving-themed items: cornucopia, turkey, Pilgrim, etc. Or, collect acorns, colored leaves and other seasonal items outside. During the conversation, focus on the fact that Thanksgiving is a good time to remember our many blessings. Because God is kind to us, we want to be kind to others.



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## Activities

### Option 1: Thankful (Song)

Sing to the tune of "If You're Happy and You Know It."

If you're thankful and you know it, say "I am" ("I am")  
If you're thankful and you know it, say "I am" ("I am")  
If you're thankful and you know it  
'Cause our God has surely shown it  
If you're thankful and you know it, say "I am" ("I am")

*Children define holidays  
by what they get. That's why  
Thanksgiving is such a minor  
holiday for them.*

### Option 2: Thank-You Tower (Interactive Fun)

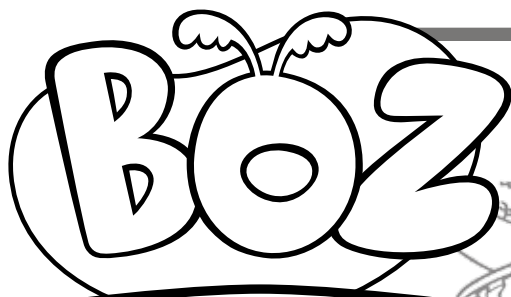
Collect various sizes and types of boxes, including gift and shoe boxes and, if possible, a large appliance box. Make a tall tower, positioning small jewelry boxes as turrets and chimneys. Use masking tape to hold the tower together. On each box, print a child's name and something for which he/she is thankful. (Children can have more than one "blessing box.") Add a sign at the top of the tower that says, "Thank you, God."

*In advance, ask moms  
to send empty boxes for this  
activity. Or, ask at a local  
grocery store.*



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## Activities

### Option 3: God's Been Kind to Me (Song)

Sing to the tune of "Mary Had a Little Lamb."

I'll be kind now  
Yes I will  
Yes I will, yes I will  
I'll be kind now  
Yes I will  
'Cause God's been kind to me  
Praise God! (shout)

I am thankful  
Yes I am  
Yes I am, yes I am  
I am thankful  
Yes I am  
'Cause God's been kind to me  
Praise God! (shout)

I will praise God  
Yes I will  
Yes I will, yes I will  
I will praise God  
Yes I will  
'Cause God's been kind to me  
Praise God! (shout)



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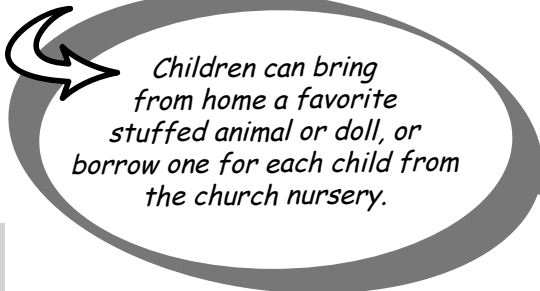


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### More Activities

#### Option 4: Share a Chair (Game)

Line up chairs back to back until the number of chairs equals the number of children minus one. Ask children to bring their stuffed animals or dolls. Turn on music, and invite children to walk around the row of chairs until the music stops. When the music stops, each child should put the plush on a chair. When the children realize there aren't enough chairs for all the plush, ask, "How could we be kind?" (Answer: Share a chair.) Take away another chair. Then repeat until two plush are on each chair. Say, "You were kind. It is good to be kind. God wants us to be kind like that. Thank you for sharing your chair."



*Children can bring from home a favorite stuffed animal or doll, or borrow one for each child from the church nursery.*

#### Option 5: "Thank You" (Walk)

In advance, write "Thank you, God" on several index cards or fall-colored squares of paper. Lay each sign at an activity center. Walk with the children around the room to search for these thank-you signs. Stop at the snack table to thank God for good food, at the toys to thank God for friends to play with, at the coat area where children leave their things, etc. At each thank-you stop, say, "Thank you, God, for ...," filling in the specific blessing. (With older MOPPETS, write a numeral on each sign. Then follow the prayer points in order.)

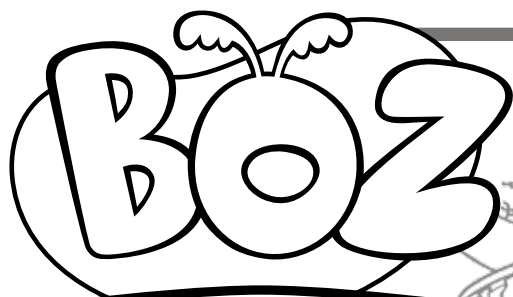
#### Option 6: Turkey Trot (Interactive Play)

In advance, trace around a turkey-shaped cookie cutter or cake pan on brown construction paper. Cut out the turkey, and punch a hole in the center. Punch a hole in the center of the turkey. Thread a string through the hole. Tie one end of the string to a doorknob or chair that is outside the normal traffic pattern in your room. Ask a child to stand at the other end of the string, holding and shaking the string to make the turkey "trot" all the way to the end.



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## Crafts

### Option 1: Wreath

Take an outdoor leaf hunt, looking for dried leaves. Give each child a small brown lunch bag in which to carry leaves. Children should crumble the leaves they find. Then, back in the classroom, cut the center out of a large paper plate for each child, leaving only the ring. Brush thinned glue onto the plate ring. Sprinkle the leaf crumbles on the plate to make a fall wreath.

*Young children are egocentric. Because the world revolves around them, they often don't mean to be unkind. They simply don't naturally think about others!*

### Option 2: Binoculars

Tape together, side by side, two empty cardboard rolls, using decorative masking tape to hold the rolls together and create "binoculars." When everyone has binoculars, sit in a circle. Go around the circle, asking each child individually to look through their binoculars to see a kind person. The child should describe what the kind child is wearing, then everyone should look through their binoculars to name that child.

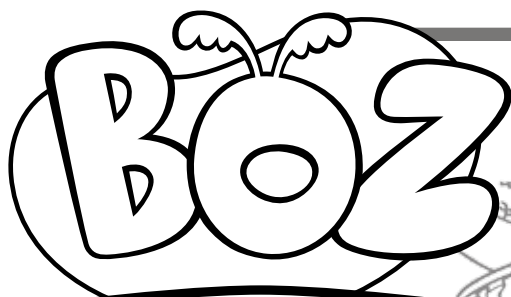
### Additional Activity

Send home the list of items needed to make personal care kits for a local homeless shelter, crisis pregnancy center or charity supported by your host congregation. Or, send home the following list of items for MOPPETS to bring next time: large zip-close plastic bag, bar of soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrush, disposable cleansing wipes, washcloth, comb. At the next session, ask MOPPETS to sort the items into piles, so that all soap bars are together, all bottles of shampoo are together, etc. Then, invite children to put one item from each pile into the large bag. If desired, add a label with the name of your host church and the note, "Come worship with us," before delivering to the shelter.

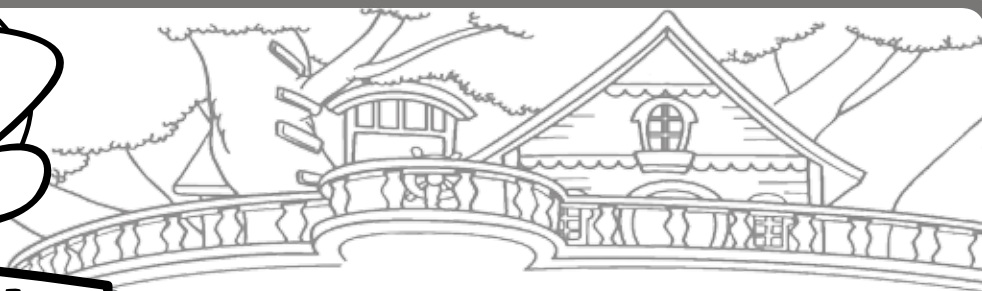


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## Snack

### Banana Bugs

Peel a banana, using one banana for every four children.

Cut the banana lengthwise in half, then slice each half lengthwise again.

Lay the pieces flat on paper plates.

Invite each child to create a personal banana bug, using slivered almonds for eyes, raisins for spots, shredded coconut for hair, carrots or pretzel sticks for antennae, a grape for a head, etc.

During the snack-assembly process, guide the conversation toward Thanksgiving.

Include the question, "Why should we thank God for bugs?"



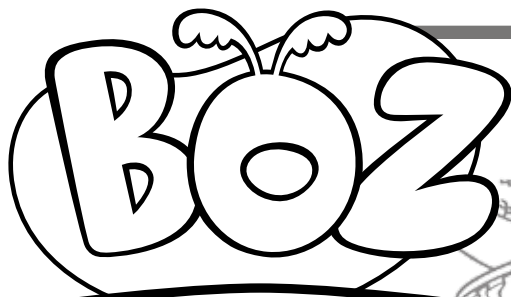
*Be alert to potential choking hazards and allergens before serving any snack.*



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## BOZ Video Presentation

*You will need: BOZ Treehouse Time! DVD #1, a television and a DVD player.*



Select and play

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**pre-viewing question**

In the story today, Drew and Gracie get mad at each other.  
**Why do you think they get upset?**  
Let's find out.

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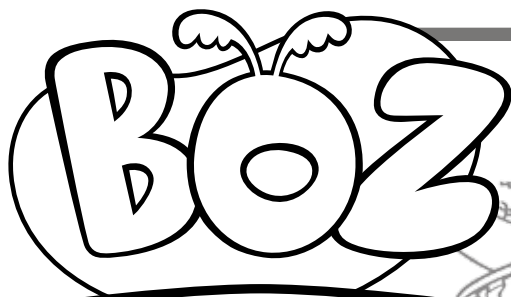
**post-viewing questions**

How was Drew kind?  
How was Gracie kind?  
If you were going to be kind to Buster the dog, what would you do?  
How would you be kind to Violet the cat?



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## BOZ Books

*Additional BOZ resources*

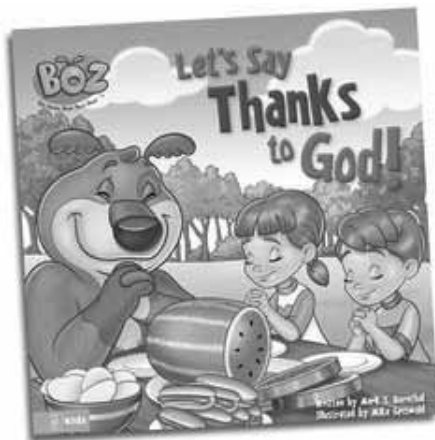
### Let's Say Thanks to God!

(BOZ and friends thank God for His many blessings.)



pre-reading question

When do you thank God for the good things He gives us?  
Let's see when BOZ thanks God.



post-reading question

Why did BOZ say, "Thank you, God"?



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### Closing Prayer

*BOZ Treehouse Time!* is done today  
But now before we end our play  
We fold our hands and then we say  
"Thank you, dear God, for this great day"

Thank you, God, for being so kind to me.  
Help me be kind to others.  
Amen.



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