

# GraceWise Montessori Activity Guide

## Practical Life

### ***Pouring Practice with Gratitude (Age 3–6)***

**Materials:** Two small pitchers, rice or water, towel

**Steps:** Demonstrate pouring slowly from one pitcher to another. Invite the child to repeat. Encourage clean-up if spills occur.

**Faith Connection:** Talk about gratitude for what we have and caring for our space. (1 Thessalonians 5:18)

**Adaptations:** Use textured beans or colored rice for sensory needs.

### ***Laundry Folding and Service (Age 6–9)***

**Materials:** Towels, basket

**Steps:** Model folding towels neatly. Invite the child to fold and stack them. Discuss teamwork and serving the family.

**Faith Connection:** Emphasize service and gratitude for family roles. (Galatians 5:13)

**Adaptations:** For short focus spans, set a timer and celebrate completion.

## **Sensorial**

### ***Sound Matching Jars (Age 3–6)***

**Materials:** 6 jars filled with rice, beans, beads, or salt.

**Steps:** Shake jars, let the child listen and match by sound.

**Faith Connection:** Reflect on listening closely, just as we listen for God's voice. (Psalm 46:10)

**Adaptations:** Use fewer jars or larger objects for easier distinction.

### ***Color Sorting and Order (Age 4–7)***

**Materials:** Color tablets or swatches of fabric.

**Steps:** Sort by color gradient from light to dark.

**Faith Connection:** Discuss God's creativity and beauty in variety. (Genesis 1:31)

**Adaptations:** For dyslexia, use clear contrasts and large swatches.

## **Language**

### ***Sandpaper Letters and Sounds (Age 4–6)***

**Materials:** Sandpaper letters, tray of sand.

**Steps:** Trace each letter while saying the sound aloud. Reinforce kinesthetic memory.

**Faith Connection:** Thank God for giving us words and the ability to read His Word. (John 1:1)

**Adaptations:** Pair with verbal cues and large movements for multisensory learning.

### ***Story Dictation (Age 6–9)***

**Materials:** Paper, pencil or recorder.

**Steps:** Ask the child to tell a short story. Write or record it for them, then read it together.

**Faith Connection:** Encourage gratitude for imagination as a gift from God.

**Adaptations:** Use voice-to-text for dyslexic learners.

## **Math**

### ***Number Rods of Creation (Age 4–6)***

**Materials:** Wooden rods numbered 1–10.

**Steps:** Lay rods in order. Count aloud. Discuss number patterns.

**Faith Connection:** Discuss how God created order and pattern in all things. (1 Corinthians 14:33)

**Adaptations:** Add tactile stickers to help with spatial recognition.

### ***Bead Chain Blessings (Age 6–9)***

**Materials:** Montessori bead chains or colored beads.

**Steps:** Count and link beads in sets of 10. Reflect on blessings as you count.

**Faith Connection:** Encourage reflection on gratitude while counting blessings. (Psalm 103:2)

**Adaptations:** Break into smaller sections for attention challenges.

## **Nature & Cultural Studies**

### ***Leaf Matching and Creation Care (Age 4–8)***

**Materials:** Leaves, cards, glue, paper.

**Steps:** Collect leaves and match by shape. Make a creation collage.

**Faith Connection:** Thank God for His creativity in nature. (Psalm 104:24)

**Adaptations:** Offer magnifiers for added sensory engagement.

### ***Seasons and Scripture Chart (Age 6–9)***

**Materials:** Poster board, art supplies.

**Steps:** Draw four quadrants for the seasons. Add pictures, verses, and prayers for each season.

**Faith Connection:** Reflect on Ecclesiastes 3:1: 'For everything there is a season.'

**Adaptations:** Add tactile materials like fabric for each season.

## **Grace & Courtesy**

### ***Thank You and Apology Practice (Age 4–9)***

**Materials:** Paper, crayons, cards.

**Steps:** Role-play giving thanks and apologies. Create a 'kind words' box for daily practice.

**Faith Connection:** Model Ephesians 4:32 — be kind and forgiving.

**Adaptations:** Provide scripts or picture cards for communication help.

## ***Hospitality Helper (Age 6–12)***

**Materials:** Tray, cups, snacks.

**Steps:** Invite your child to prepare and serve snacks to family members or guests.

**Faith Connection:** Connect to 1 Peter 4:9 — 'Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling.'

**Adaptations:** Simplify tasks for sensory or motor challenges.