



WEEK 4 - November 2019 - PRESCHOOL

Bible Story Focus: I can say thank you.

Lepers • *Luke 17:11-19*

Memory Verse: "I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart." Psalm 111:1, ESV

Key Question: Who can you thank for everything?

Bottom Line: I can thank God for everything.

Basic Truth: God made me.

Summary: Can you say thank you?" How many times will a child be asked that question in their preschool years? We ask them again and again because we want to help them learn to be thankful. This month is all about saying thank you. In fact, we are going to be bubbling over with thankfulness in the Bubble Factory, our theme for this month.

Throughout the month, preschoolers will learn to be thankful for their family, friends, and food. And, they'll learn that saying, "Thank you" is just as important as being thankful.

9:00-9:10 | 10:30-10:40 | 12:00-12:10 - FREE PLAY

SFX: High-energy music from Spotify playlist "PreK Walk-in"

9:10-9:25 | 10:40-10:55 | 12:10-12:25 - MAKE IT FUN

SFX: Play low-energy music from Spotify playlist "PreK Small Groups"

9:25-9:45 | 10:55-11:15 | 12:25-12:45 - MAKE IT TRUE

LARGE GROUP SCRIPT:

Bible Story

What You Need: A Bible and red circle stickers

Optional Story Images can be found in the Large Group Images folder. (02_LG35_Stage_Images) They can be used in conjunction with this script.

STORYTELLER: "Hello, friends! I'm so glad to see all of you! Today's true story from the Bible begins with a man who was sick.

(Walk out into the front row of the audience.)

"This man was sick with something called leprosy. He had spots all over his body.

(Give a boy in the front row two or three dot stickers to place on this shirt.)

"Oh, no! Don't get too close, someone else might get them!

(Give the kids around the first boy some stickers to place on their shirts. Try to find nine more children.)

"Now we have two people who are sick. Oh, no! Now more people are sick! This is terrible. How many people are sick? Can you count them with me? One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten! TEN sick people. Okay, we can't get anyone else sick, so you guys, come this way.

(Option: Story Image W4 01)

(Lead the children with stickers to stand in a line on the stage.)

"This is what would happen a long time ago when people had leprosy. They would have to leave the town and their families and live by themselves so they wouldn't get anyone

else sick. Can you imagine having to leave all of your family because you were sick? It was so sad. And no one knew what could make them better, except for Jesus!

“One day, these lepers met Jesus.

(Option: Story Image W4 02)

“‘Jesus!’ the men said, ‘Please make us better! We are sick and no one but You can help!’

(To the audience) “Do you think Jesus helped? *(Pause.)* Yes, He did! Jesus told them to go find the priest in the village. So they went off to see the priest.

(Lead the children across the stage.)

“And guess what happened. All their spots disappeared!

(Option: Story Image W4 03)

“Let’s take all those spots off, friends. *(Gather the red stickers from the children.)* Jesus made them all better! Hip-hip-hooray! *(To the children onstage)* Say it with me.”

STORYTELLER and VOLUNTEERS: “Hip-hip-hooray!”

STORYTELLER: “They all ran home to find their families. *(To the children)* You can head back to your seats.

(Tap one boy on the shoulder to stay onstage.)

“Well, all but one! He went back to Jesus and he said two of the most important words.

(Option: Story Image W4 04)

“He said, ‘Thank You!’ What were the two most important words?”

CHILDREN: “Thank you!”

STORYTELLER: “Louder, what are the two most important words?”

CHILDREN: “Thank you!”

STORYTELLER: “That’s right. The man said, ‘Thank You,’ and it made Jesus so happy! *(To the child onstage)* Thanks for your help today!

(Send child back to his seat.)

“We can do that too. When someone does something nice for us, what should we say?”

CHILDREN: “Thank you!”

STORYTELLER: “When someone gives us a present, what should we say?”

CHILDREN: “Thank you!”

STORYTELLER: “When someone makes us food, what should we say?”

CHILDREN: “Thank you!”

STORYTELLER: “Yes! Saying thank you is SO important! And we need to say thank you to God, too. Tell me: **Who can you thank for everything?**”

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: *[Bottom Line]* “I can thank God for everything.”

STORYTELLER: “Who can you thank for everything?”

CHILDREN and STORYTELLER: *[Bottom Line]* “I can thank God for everything.”

STORYTELLER: “That’s the truth, friends. One man went back and told Jesus thank you. Let’s be like him and say thank you too! Let’s pray.”

PRAYER

STORYTELLER: “Heavenly Father, we love You so much. Help us to say thank you to the people who help us. Thank You for loving us, for taking care of us, and for giving us good things like our friends and family. We love You. In Jesus’ name, amen.”

(Host enters. Storyteller exits.)

CG: *Bible Story Wrap-Up Video*

Worship: Inviting People to Respond to God

Engage kids’ hearts through dynamic and interactive worship in a Large Group setting.

WORSHIP LEADER: WORSHIP LEADER: “Hello, hello, friends. This is our LAST week to talk about saying thank you to God. Let’s make it the biggest week yet! **Who can you thank for everything?**”

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: *[Bottom Line]* “I can thank God for everything.”

WORSHIP LEADER: “Yes! *[Bottom Line]* I can thank God for everything. Let’s dance and sing and shout and tell God how much we love Him.

(Lead children in singing “Just Wanna Thank You,” this month’s worship song.)

“I know God LOVES it when we sing and say thank you. **Who can you thank for everything?**”

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: *[Bottom Line]* “I can thank God for everything.”

WORSHIP LEADER: “Yes sirree, *[Bottom Line]* I can thank God for everything! Time to say our verse for this month. Are you ready to say it with me? *I will give thanks (thumbs to chest) to the LORD (both hands point up) with my whole heart (both hands over heart), Psalm 111:1. (Open hands like a book.)* Let’s do it again.”

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: “*I will give thanks (thumbs to chest) to the LORD (both hands point up) with my whole heart (both hands over heart), Psalm 111:1.*” *(Open hands like a book.)*

WORSHIP LEADER: “Exactly! You’ve done such a great job with our verse this month! Let’s make sure we thank God with our WHOLE heart! And right now, let’s thank Him with our whole bodies, as we dance and sing about all the GOOD things God has made.

Lead children in singing “All Good.”

“That was so fun! One more time, tell me: **Who can you thank for everything?**”

CHILDREN and WORSHIP LEADER: *[Bottom Line]* “I can thank God for everything.”

Dismiss children to small groups.

9:45-10:05 | 11:15-11:35 | 12:45-1:05 MAKE IT STICK

SFX: Play low-energy music from Spotify playlist “PreK Small Groups”