



## TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

### TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

**The One**  
Jesus Heals Ten Men  
Luke 17:11-19

### TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Take time to say thank you.

### MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

"Give thanks to the Lord,  
because he is good. His faithful  
love continues forever."  
Psalm 136:1, NIRV

### MONTHLY VIRTUE

Gratitude—Letting others  
know you see how they've  
helped you

### BASIC TRUTH

I should treat others the way  
I want to be treated.

### LARGE GROUP

#### STORY: COMMUNICATING GOD'S TRUTH IN ENGAGING WAYS (25 MINUTES)

#### WORSHIP: INVITING PEOPLE TO RESPOND TO GOD (10 MINUTES)

#### 1. OPENER/CLOSER

##### WHAT YOU NEED:

- Host (wearing two different shoes)
- Posterboard with a hand-drawn smiley face emoji
- Printed script or list of "this or that" pairings for the Host's reference

#### 3. BIBLE STORY

##### WHAT YOU NEED:

- Storyteller
- Bible
- 31 craft sticks (see "What You Do")
- "Story Emojis" printed on cardstock from the LG Assets PDF and cut out—10 copies of emojis #1-#3, and one copy of emoji #4 (see "What You Do")
- Tape
- Marker
- Ten rubber bands (optional)
- Table

##### LARGE GROUP VISUALS:

- Theme Background Slide
- Bottom Line Slide
- Story Emojis #1-#4 (printable)
- Story Emoji Slides

- Luke 17:13 (NIRV)
- Luke 17:14 (NIRV)
- Luke 17:15-16 (NIRV)
- Luke 17:17-19 (NIRV)



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### LARGE GROUP

ENGAGE KIDS' HEARTS THROUGH A DYNAMIC AND INTERACTIVE BIBLE STORY, WORSHIP, AND PRAYER EXPERIENCE IN A LARGE GROUP SETTING.

**AUDIO: PLAY HIGH-ENERGY MUSIC AS KIDS ENTER.**

**SLIDE: THEME**

**OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP**

Host enters, wearing two different shoes.

**OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): COUNTDOWN**

**OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME**

### OPENER

**HOST:** "Hi, everyone! It's great to see you. I'm just wondering. Who have you thanked today? Did you thank your aunt when she made breakfast for you? Did you thank your brother for helping you find your jacket on the way out the door to church?"

"If you haven't thanked anyone yet, don't worry. You've still got lots of time. We should take time to thank people every day and share our gratitude!"

**SLIDE: VIRTUE**

**OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME TRANSITION TO VIRTUE**

"Gratitude is letting others know you see how they've helped you.

**SLIDE: THEME**

**OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): VIRTUE TRANSITION TO THEME**

"We should show our gratitude to God . . . AND to the people God has put in our lives.

Gesture to your mismatched shoes.

"As you can see, I've had a hard time choosing what I'm most grateful for today. I couldn't even pick which of my favorite kicks to wear. (Reference the two shoes.) This one's cool and sleek, but this one fits like a dream. It's too hard! I'm so thankful for them both!

"What about you? Do you ever find it hard to decide what you're MOST thankful for? (Pause.) Hey! How about we turn that into a game?"



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"I'll tell you two things I'm grateful for, and you can choose which one is your favorite. If you're most grateful for the first choice, stand all the way over on this side.

*Reference the left side of the room, from the audience's perspective.*

"If you're most grateful for the second choice, stand all the way over on THIS side.

*Reference the right side of the room, from the audience's perspective.*

"If you like both choices, stand somewhere in the middle. But if you feel really sure about one or the other, then stand ALL the way over on that side. Make sense?"

"I'll take a look at your answers and pick one side or the other, based on what you chose.

*Hold up the posterboard smiley face.*

"I'll hold this smiley face over the winning side.

"Okay, let the gratitude face-off begin!"

*Offer the kids a series of two choices, and have them stand on either side of your space based on which choice they're most grateful for. Look at the kids' answers and hold up the smiley face poster over the side that has the most kids. If it looks tied, you can just hold the smiley face in the middle.*

*Give seven to ten options, such as: chocolate/vanilla, being hot/cold, being inside/outside, pizza/french fries, mountains/ocean, chocolate milk/orange juice, bike/roller skates, dogs/cats, apple/banana, swimming/playing football, etc. Feel free to add your own options, such as local sports teams, favorite movies or TV shows, local restaurants, etc.*

"Wow! You had some really strong opinions. That must mean you're VERY grateful for your favorite things. Isn't it amazing that we have so much to be thankful for? Sometimes you just need to take a second and think about it.

"I know the thing I'm MOST thankful for is God. God's love is the very best thing there is! Why don't we all get up on our feet and thank God with our worship?"



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## WORSHIP

*Worship Leaders enter as Host exits.*

**WORSHIP LEADER:** "This is a time of year when we hear a lot about giving thanks. Did you know that that's what we're doing when we worship God together? It's a way that we can thank God and say how grateful we are for all that God is doing in our lives. Let's do that now. Let's lift our voices and sing!"

**AUDIO:** "SING YOUR PRAISE" / TRACK 2 FROM MY LIFE FOR YOU

**OPTIONAL VIDEO:** "SING YOUR PRAISE" LIVE LYRICS OR DANCE MOVES MUSIC VIDEO

"Do you remember these words from 1 Thessalonians 5:18? 'Give thanks no matter what happens. God wants you to thank him because you believe in Christ Jesus.' (NirV) Think about a reason you have to say 'thank You' to God today. Thank about that reason as we sing this worship song together. Remember, God loved us enough to send Jesus FOR us. Let's take some time to say 'thank You.' Come on!"

**AUDIO:** "THANK YOU GOD" / TRACK 1 FROM EVERYTHING TO ME

**OPTIONAL VIDEO:** "THANK YOU GOD" LIVE LYRICS OR DANCE MOVES MUSIC VIDEO



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## BIBLE STORY

SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND

*Storyteller enters as Worship Leaders exit.*

### SETTING UP THE STORY

**STORYTELLER:** "Hi, friends! I'm excited for the story we have today. *(Hold up Bible.)* It's a great one!

"We can find this story in the book of Luke. Luke was a follower of Jesus who was a friend of Paul. He wanted to write down all of the amazing things that Jesus said and did.

"Our story today shows us Jesus' amazing love and compassion for people. I'd love to have ten of you come on stage to act out what happened. Raise your hand if you want to be on stage.

*Pick ten kids who have their hands raised and bring them on stage. Give each kid a set of three emoji signs: signs one, two, and three. These signs will be the Story Emojis printed on cardstock, cut out, and attached to craft sticks.*

*Position the kids on the opposite side of the stage from you.*

*(to the kids on stage)* "Helpers, each of you has three different signs. There's a number on the back of each sign. When I call for you to hold up sign number one, you'll hold up that sign, and so on. Sound good?"

"Okay, let's get to the story!"

### JESUS ARRIVES

**STORYTELLER:** "Jesus was on His way to Jerusalem. *(Walk slowly toward the kids on stage.)* As Jesus was entering a village, ten men ran out to greet Him.

*(to the kids on stage)* "Helpers, that's you! Could you hold up emoji number one so we can all see it?"

SLIDE: STORY EMOJI SLIDE 1 (HURT EMOJI)

"These ten men had a painful skin disease. Unfortunately, at the time, there was no cure for this disease, and it was also extremely contagious. That meant these men had to live away from their families and homes. No one went near them because they were afraid they'd get sick, too. So these ten men were very hurt and sad.

"When the men saw Jesus coming close, this is what they did.

*Open the Bible to Luke 17:13 (NirV) and read.*

*They called out in a loud voice, "Jesus! Master! Have pity on us!"*

"They begged and pleaded with Jesus to have pity on them and heal them. *(to the kids on stage)* Okay, helpers, you can hold up emoji number two."



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**SLIDE: STORY EMOJI SLIDE 2 (BEGGING EMOJI)**

## JESUS HEALS

**STORYTELLER:** "These men had heard of the incredible things Jesus had done. They might have heard how Jesus had helped people walk, or how He had helped people see. Jesus had done great miracles, so maybe He could do one for them, too! Let's see how Jesus responded when He saw them."

*Open the Bible to Luke 17:14 (NirV) and read.*

*Jesus saw them and said, "Go. Show yourselves to the priests."*

"And listen to what happened next!

*While they were on the way, they were healed.*

*(to the kids on stage) "Wow, friends, did you hear that? You're healed! How does that make you feel? Hold up emoji number three.*

**SLIDE: STORY EMOJI SLIDE 3 (HAPPY EMOJI)**

"That's right, you're so happy! Jesus has completely healed you. You can go back to your families now. Isn't that amazing? All of you shout 'Woo-hoo!'"

**KIDS:** "Woo-hoo!"

## THEN THERE WAS ONE

**STORYTELLER:** "The men went on their way. But ONE of them came back . . . to say thank you."

*Cue one of the kids to step forward. Give them the praise hands emoji to hold up along with the happy emoji. (You can take the other two signs from them and set them on the table.)*

**SLIDE: STORY EMOJI SLIDE 4 (PRAISE EMOJI)**

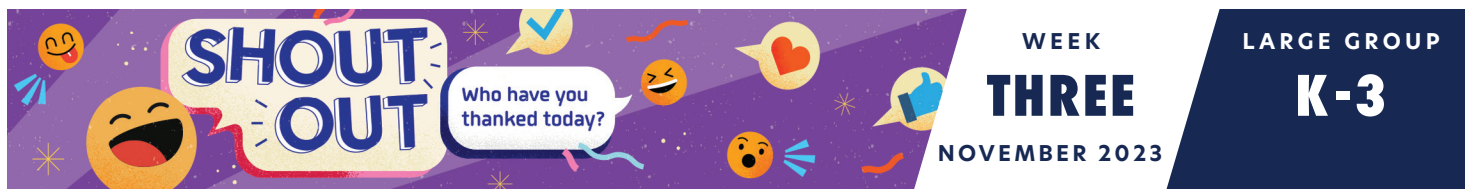
"Listen to how this is described in the book of Luke."

*Open the Bible to Luke 17:15-16 (NirV) and read.*

*When one of them saw that he was healed, he came back. He praised God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan.*

"Okay! So this man took the time to thank Jesus and praise God. And we know that this man was a Samaritan—an outsider from another land. Some people didn't like Samaritans and treated them badly. And yet this man was the only one who came back to say thank you."

*Open the Bible to Luke 17:17-19 (NirV) and read.*



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Jesus asked, "Weren't all ten healed? Where are the other nine? Didn't anyone else return and give praise to God except this outsider?" Then Jesus said to him, "Get up and go. Your faith has healed you."

"Let's give a big hand to our helpers! (to the helpers) You can go ahead and have a seat."

*Collect the emoji signs as you dismiss the kids to their seats.*

**SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND**

### WRAPPING UP THE STORY

**STORYTELLER:** "Even though all ten men were miraculously healed by Jesus, only one came back to show his gratitude. What do you think? Should we be like the nine men who forgot to be grateful? Or should we be like the man who remembered to show Jesus he was thankful?"

"That's right. We all need to remember to **take time to say thank you**. Sometimes we might FEEL thankful, but forget to say it. We need to actually take the time to thank the people who have helped us. That's the one thing to remember today.

**SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE**

**"Take time to say thank you.**

"Let's take the time right now to pray and thank God."

**SLIDE: THEME BACKGROUND**

### PRAY

**STORYTELLER:** "God, thank You for this amazing story that reminds us to say thank you. We don't want to just FEEL thankful for all that You do for us. We want to actually SAY it. Please help us be like the Samaritan man who came back to thank Jesus. Help us remember to take the time to thank You, and to thank the people in our lives who help us. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."



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## CLOSER

*Host enters as Storyteller exits.*

**HOST:** "I bet all ten men were SO thankful that Jesus had healed them! But nine of them were in such a rush that they forgot to come back and actually thank Jesus. Only one of the men came back to say thank you.

"Let's make sure that we remember to say thank you—to God and to the people who help us every day.

**SLIDE: BOTTOM LINE**

"Let's **take time to say thank you.**

"I know it feels good when someone thanks ME for something I've done for them. So if we show our gratitude, that's a great way that we can [**Basic Truth**] **treat others the way we want to be treated.**

"Of course, we should always take time to pray and thank God. God sent Jesus to be our Savior so we could have a relationship with God that will last forever. That's a pretty big deal. And we know that every good thing in our lives comes from God. So we can thank God for lots of things!

"Can you think of some ways that you can **take time to say thank you** to the people around you? Maybe you could show your parent how much you appreciate what they do for you every day. You could draw a picture or just write a little note to say how grateful you are.

"Maybe you could take a minute to tell your brother or sister how important they are to you. You can tell them that you're grateful when they play with you or help you.

"Oooooohh, I've got a great one. You can thank your Small Group Leader for teaching your group each week. You can head over to Small Group and do that right now!"

*Dismiss kids to their small groups.*

**AUDIO: PLAY HIGH-ENERGY MUSIC AS THE KIDS EXIT.**

**SLIDE: THEME**

**OPTIONAL VIDEO (MEDIA PACKAGE): THEME LOOP**