



PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES

MADE TO CREATE

an activity that explores spiritual ideas through the process of drawing, building, and designing



2. OPENING ACTIVITY

WHAT YOU NEED: "Say Thanks!" Activity Page, markers or colored pencils, Gratitude Wall from previous weeks, and tape

WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each kid a "Say Thanks!" Activity Page.
- Set out the markers or colored pencils.
- Instruct the kids to think of someone they're thankful for.
- Invite the kids to draw and color a picture that represents that person.
- Instruct the kids to think of why they're thankful for that person.
- Direct the kids to write why they're thankful for that person on the lines below the drawing.
- After the kids have finished drawing and writing, set the papers on a table or the ground.
- Instruct the kids to quietly walk around and look at the pictures like a "Gallery Walk."
- Invite kids to tape the pictures to the Gratitude Wall from the previous weeks.

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

The One

Jesus Heals Ten Men
Luke 17:11-19

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Who knows what it means to give someone a shout-out? (*Invite responses.*) That's right! A shout-out is when we find a way to publicly thank someone for who they are or what they do. Today, we pretended to make an online shout-out for someone we're thankful for! **[Transition] In Large Group, we'll hear a story from the Bible about how meaningful it can be when we show our thankfulness. Let's go!"**

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

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.



CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

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*** 2. SMILE IT FORWARD**

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Smile It Forward" Activity Page cards and markers or colored pencils

WHAT YOU DO:

- Instruct the kids to brainstorm ideas of people that they're thankful for.
 - If the kids are stumped, prompt them with the more obvious people, then transition to people who may not stand out as much as others (bus driver, neighbor, lunch monitor, or garbage collector).
- Once you've brainstormed a big list, give each kid two or three "Smile It Forward" cards.
- Set out the markers or colored pencils.
- Encourage the kids to fill out the cards based on who they thought about.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"If we can learn anything from today's Bible story, it's the fact that there's a difference between FEELING thankful and SHOWING our thankfulness. Showing our thanks often takes time, energy, and thoughtfulness. When we feel thankful, it's important to show it!

"Today, we wrote little notes of thanks for people in our lives. Throughout the week, I'd like you to hand them out to the people you made them about! We may not always see the impact that our thanks has, but we can know that it's always a good idea to **take time to say thank you.**"

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

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TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

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MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

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MADE TO PLAY

an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and working as a group



3. FIND THE VERSE

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Find the Verse" Activity Page and Bibles

WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each kid or pair of kids a Bible.
- Help them look up Psalm 136:1 using the Bible navigation tips below.

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

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Finding verses with 2nd and 3rd graders: Guide kids to open their Bibles to the front and find the table of contents. Hold up a Bible opened to the table of contents to show the kids what the page looks like. When the kids find the table of contents, lead them to find "Psalms" in the list under "Old Testament." When the kids find Psalms, lead them to look at the page number beside the word. Explain that the number tells them on what page they can find Psalms. Help the kids find the page. When they find Psalms, explain that the big numbers on the page are the chapter numbers. Help them find chapter 136. Explain that the small numbers are verse numbers. Help them find verse 1 in chapter 136.

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Take time to say thank you.

- Invite the kids to follow along as you read the verse out loud.
- Invite them to read the verse with you.
- Instruct the kids to close their eyes.
- Hide the strips from the "Find the Verse" Activity Page around the room.
- Divide your group into two teams.
- Assign each team a color of verse strips.
- Instruct the teams to work together to look only for their color of memory verse pieces and assemble the verse in order.
- Teams can reference their Bible as needed.
- The first group to find all of their pieces and put them in the correct order, wins!

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

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because he is good. His faithful
love continues forever."
Psalm 136:1, NIV

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Wow! You did a great job of finding your memory verse and putting it in the correct order! Let's say the memory verse together. (Lead the kids to recite the verse.) Great job, everyone! Let's think about what this verse means. Who are we giving thanks to? (Invite responses.) That's right, God! And why are we thankful for God? (Invite responses.) Exactly! Because God is good and the faithful love of God continues forever."

MONTHLY VIRTUE

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"If you remember our Bible story from today, it's one thing to feel thankful and another to show it. It's important to **take time to say thank you**, especially when we're thanking God! God has given us so many good things and is always deserving of our thanks."



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MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application



4. PRAY AND DISMISS [PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Bible

WHAT YOU DO:

- Look up and read Psalm 136:1 to the group.
- Tell kids you'll use the memory verse to guide your prayer

today.

- Instruct the kids to provide more examples about what to thank God for as you pray.
- Tell kids they can thank God throughout their day and don't have to save it just for a dedicated prayer time!
- Close your group time in prayer, following the prompts below.

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

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WHAT YOU SAY:

(NIV in parentheses) **"Give thanks to the Lord.** We can thank God in prayer. What are some things you're thankful for today?

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

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"because (for) he is good. We can thank God for being good. What other things can we say about God? (God is faithful, patient, a good listener, our friend.)

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"His faithful love continues forever (His love endures forever). We can thank God for loving us forever. What are some ways God shows us love?

"God, there's so much to thank You for! You give us so many good things that we're thankful for. Help us live a life that shows our gratefulness and to **take time to say thank you** as we go throughout our day. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

MONTHLY VIRTUE

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

As adults arrive to pick up, invite the kids to show the adults the cards the kids made to give to the people they're thankful for this week!

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