



PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES

MADE TO PLAY

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



2. OPENING ACTIVITY

WHAT YOU NEED: Paper, pens or pencils, and timer

WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each kid a piece of paper and a pen or pencil.
- Set a timer for one minute.
- When you say a color, direct the kids to write down everything in your small group area that they notice in that color in one minute.
- Continue to play as time and interest allow.

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Remember Me

The Lord's Supper/Passover
1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Exodus 12

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Everyone came up with some really creative responses to our color challenge! What are some things you came up with for yellow? (*Invite responses.*) How about blue? (*Invite responses.*) Tell me what you found for red! (*Invite responses.*) Wow, that is really incredible!

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Make a habit of being grateful.

"When we're asked to find something, suddenly we start to notice it so much more! Just like looking for a specific color, we can look for things to be grateful for in our own lives. **[Transition] Today, we'll hear a story about some people who made the choice to feel grateful and remember it. Let's go!**"

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

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

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

MONTHLY VIRTUE

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

BASIC TRUTH

I need to make the wise choice.



WEEK
FOUR
NOVEMBER 2023

SMALL GROUP
2-3

PRELUDE SOCIAL STORY WORSHIP GROUPS HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO CREATE

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



* 2. PRAY EVERY DAY

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Pray Every Day" Activity Page and pens or pencils

WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each kid a "Pray Every Day" Activity Page and a pen or pencil.
- Instruct the kids to write down ideas next to the morning, lunchtime, and bedtime picture about how they can form habits of gratitude in that moment. Encourage kids to think of ways they can thank God and the people in their life.
- Provide ideas and assistance, as needed!
 - Give your own personal examples.

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Remember Me

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TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Make a habit of being grateful.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Everyone came up with great ideas today! When it comes to thanking God, it's important to **make a habit of being grateful**. What were some ideas that you had for the morning? (*Invite responses.*) Yes, we can thank God when we're brushing our teeth, pouring cereal, or getting on the bus in the morning!

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

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

"What are some ideas you had for lunchtime? (*Invite responses.*) Great ideas! You can remember to be grateful by praying before your meal, when you see your friends in the lunch line, or by leaving a note in your lunchbox.

"How about bedtime? (*Invite responses.*) Wonderful! You could make a habit of being grateful when you put on your pajamas, by praying with your parents before you sleep, or when you look at the stars at night.

MONTHLY VIRTUE

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

"Our habits might look similar sometimes, or they could look very different! And all of these ideas are great ones. The most important thing is that we **make a habit of being grateful**, no matter how it looks in our lives!"

BASIC TRUTH

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CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO MOVE

an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body



3. HEART OF IT ALL

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Bibles, floor tape, and beanbag

WHAT YOU DO:

- Tape a large heart in the middle of the floor and a smaller heart in the middle of that heart.
- Make sure each kid has a Bible.
- Together, look up Psalm 136:1 using the Bible navigation tips below and read it out loud.

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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

Make a habit of being grateful.

- Give one of the kids the beanbag to toss.
- Invite the kid to toss the beanbag at the hearts.
- If the beanbag lands in the large heart, direct the kid to read the memory verse from the Bible.
- If the beanbag lands in the smaller heart, instruct the kid to recite the verse or choose someone else to say it.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

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Psalm 136:1, NIV

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Wonderful job, everyone! Just like our memory verse says, there's so much to thank God for. It's so important to **make a habit of being grateful**. I'm grateful that we have a God who loves us. I'm grateful we have a Bible that we can read and study. I'm grateful that we have this group of friends who gather together each week. I'm grateful for each of you!"

MONTHLY VIRTUE

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CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

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: "Bookmark" Activity Page, markers or colored pencils; *Optional: stickers, glue, glitter, etc.*

WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each kid a bookmark from the "Bookmark" Activity Page.
- Set out the markers or colored pencils.
 - *Option: Invite the kids to decorate their bookmarks with glue, glitter, or stickers to personalize it.*
- Use the bookmark to pray at the end of today's lesson.
- Instruct the kids to hold their bookmarks as you close your group time in prayer.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"Everyone made some beautiful bookmarks today! We can use these bookmarks throughout the week to help us **make a habit of being grateful**. We can tuck this bookmark in a book, of course. We can also put it on our pillow at night, next to our toothbrush, or inside our lunchbox to find. No matter where we put it, we can know that we're able to be grateful and thank God in that moment! When you bring it home, I hope that this can be a reminder to **make a habit of being grateful!**

"God, there's so much to thank You for! The best part is that we can talk to You and thank You throughout our day. We don't have to wait for a specific prayer time, but we can thank You whenever we feel gratefulness in our heart. Thank You for keeping Your promises. Thank You for always being with us, and thank You for sending us Jesus to be our friend. Help us show our gratefulness to You and the people around us. We thank You for everything You've already done and everything You will do. Amen!"

As adults arrive to pick up, encourage the kids to show them their Kindness Catchers and their bookmarks!