

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

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GROUPS

HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO CONNECT

an activity that invites kids to share with others and build on their understanding



3. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

Ask:

- What would you say is the main reason we should take the time to say thank you?
- Apart from thanking God in prayer, what are other ways you can show gratitude to God?
- Who do you need to take the time to say thank you to this week? What will help you remember to do so?
- If someone says thank you, but they don't really mean it, is it truly gratitude? Why or why not?

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

The One

Jesus Heals 10 Men
Luke 17:11-19

TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

What helps you remember to be grateful?

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, NIV

MONTHLY VIRTUE

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

BASIC TRUTH

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4. VERSES TO TAKE WITH YOU

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Bibles

WHAT YOU DO:

- Make sure each kid has a Bible.
- Together, look up Psalm 150:6.
- Challenge the kids to take a deep breath and begin saying Psalm 150:6 as loudly and long as they can before running out of breath.
- Ask:
 - What is the most compelling or persuasive reason we have for being grateful?
 - If you're breathing, this verse applies to you. So, what can you do to help you remember to thank God and others?
 - If someone asked you what it means to praise the Lord, what would you tell them?
- Challenge kids to take another deep breath, then, in unison, challenge them to say "Thank You" as many times as possible with one breath as you count.

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5. MAKE IT PERSONAL WITH PRAYER [PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Bible, pens, selected supplies for Gratitude Continuum

WHAT YOU DO:

Note: Kids began a "Gratitude Continuum" in Week 1, an ongoing activity throughout the month. It can take on a variety of forms. Choose a format that works best for your environment. (see Getting Ready for more)

- Make sure each kid has a Bible.
- Together, look up and read Psalm 136:1.

Finding verses with 4th-5th graders: Our verse is from Psalms. Ask kids to tell you whether that's in the Old Testament or the New Testament. (Old) So we know it's toward the front of the Bible. Tell them that Psalms is close to the middle of the Bible. When they find Psalms, explain that the big numbers on the page are the chapter numbers. Tell them to find chapter 136. Explain that the small numbers are verse numbers. Tell them to them find verse 1 in chapter 136.

- Invite any kids to close their Bibles and recite Psalm 136:1 from memory.
- Encourage kids to memorize Psalm 136:1 as a way to help them remember to be grateful.
- Say: "We can never thank God too often or have too much gratitude."
- Set out the supplies you've selected for the Gratitude Continuum.
- Invite kids to add to the Gratitude Continuum they have been working on during the past weeks.
- This week, for the Gratitude Continuum, encourage kids to write down one or two things they have not remembered to thank God for recently.
- Direct the kids to add what they've written to the Gratitude Continuum in whatever form you've chosen.
- Bring everyone together.
- Invite the kids to pray silently or aloud for things they are grateful for today.
- Close your group time in prayer.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Dear God, help us this week to remember to show our gratitude by saying thank you to those who help us, love us, and care for us. Remind us that all good things come from You. Give us grateful hearts that are quick to give You thanks many times each day. Help us show our love for You and for others with words and actions that say, 'Thank You!' We pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

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