

## Alley SG – Week 3 - November 18 & 19, 2017

**Bible Truth:** A Thank You Leper (Jesus Heals 10 Men) • *Luke 17:11-19*

**Bottom Line:** Say thank you.

**Key Question:** What are creative ways to say thank you?

**Memory Verse:** “Give thanks no matter what happens. God wants you to thank him because you believe in Christ Jesus.” *1 Thessalonians 5:18, NIV*

### 1. Just For Fun

- **Ask:** Would you rather break your hand or your foot? Why?
  - OR What is the worst injury you’ve ever had? What happened?
- **Let** students discuss the answer to the question.

### 2. Bible Story Extension

**What You Need:** Bibles as reference, plain white paper, sticky notes, pens

**What You Do:**

- **Ask** someone to sum up today’s Bible story. (They can refer back to the passage in Luke 17:11-19 if needed.)
- **Challenge** them to think of their own version of this story—times when people should say thanks but very few do.
- As a group, **brainstorm** some possible scenarios out loud.
  - Write (or ask a volunteer to) each idea down in its simplest form on a sticky note
- Then **tell** students they’ll have four options for presenting one of these scenarios: Live Play, Written Story, Telling a Story, Comic Strip.
  - Give them a moment to decide (on their own) which option they want to go with.
  - Then assign each option a different corner or area of the room or space and let students divide themselves up according to the option they choose.
- **Show** them where basic supplies like white paper and pens are.
  - **Pro Tip:** *It’s okay if everyone does a live play or no one creates a Comic Strip. Choices help them feel more in control and get excited about the process.*
- **Encourage** them to first decide what scenario where people aren’t often thankful they are acting out—if they choose one already brainstormed, they should come get that sticky note.
- **Explain** that the goal is for each group to be acting out something different, so once another group has claimed an idea, it’s theirs. (The variety will help people pay attention and help them to feel more of a sense of urgency to decide and get to work if others might take their idea.)
- **Set** a timer for 5 minutes and check in to see if they need more time. Add it if so.
- **Make** sure you save enough time at the end for each group to share their work. Walk around and ask for estimates on how long they will need to share; they can time themselves if needed.
- **Remind** them to be a good and respectful audience when others are sharing their scenarios.

**Wrap Up and Say:**

“Those are some great examples of times today when people forget to say thanks! We want to

be the one, the guy or girl, who remembers. We don't want to take for granted what God and what others do for us every day. Look for chances to say, "Thanks so much," this week.

### **3. Discussion Questions**

- Have you ever had someone say thank you, but you didn't really feel like they were actually grateful? What happened? How did you feel?
- Does anyone want to share a story about a time when you did something for someone else and they didn't say thank you? How did you feel?
- Can you think of a time when you forgot to say thank you for something big? Did you remember to come back and thank them?
- What happens when someone feels grateful but doesn't say it or express it in any way? Does the other person feel thanked?
- What are some ways you've thanked friends, parents, or siblings in the past, other than just saying it?

### **4. Verses to Take with You**

**What You Need:** Paper, marker

**What You Do:**

- **Write** in big letters the words of Proverbs 17:22 and then read it out loud.
- **Ask** students how they'd make this verse dramatic—how would they act it out and go "over the top" with it?
  - **Pro Tip:** *It might help to focus on one small part or section at a time and then put it all back together at the end.*
- **Finish** by asking why this verse is a good one to know.
  - Why is this a wise saying (a Proverb) worth remembering when they are out doing every day life?
  - How will this make them stand out in a crowd?

### **5. "God Time" Take Home Sheets**

**What You Need:** "God Time" Sheets (one per child), pens (one per child)

**NOTE:** *The God Time sheets are intended to be a closing time activity each week in The Alley. Children will begin working on their sheets, as well as be encouraged to bring their sheets back the following week for **\$3 in Alley Cash**. Children cannot turn in their sheets the same week. The goal is to keep the lesson on their minds and in front of them throughout the following week.*

*Before parents arrive, pray:*

*Dear Jesus, there are so many different ways to say "thank you." We admit that we get too busy and think of ourselves too much. We act like the nine in today's story—going on with our days, instead of stopping and taking the time to say thanks like the one man did. Please help us this week to follow through on our plans to show that we are thankful for someone in our lives. And help us to remember that cheerful hearts are good medicine. We know you love us and want only the best for us, which is why you encourage us so many times in the Bible to give thanks. In Your name we pray, Amen.*