

City LG - November 18 & 19, 2017

Bible Story: A Thank You Leper (Jesus heals 10 men) • *Luke 17:11-19*

Bottom Line: 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*

NOTE: Large Group Leader will start the service, this week, and pitch to the Worship Team. This is done because of the lesson having to do with the children being thankful for people who help them. (See Below)

LARGE GROUP WELCOME:

“Hey, everybody! How are we doing? My name is [your name], and I want to give all of you a HUGE shout out for showing up today to The City! We’ve got some super amazing stuff planned for YOU! But it wouldn’t be nearly as amazing if YOU weren’t here! In fact, it’d be weird if I were standing up here talking to an empty room. Why don’t you give yourself a pat on the back and say, ‘Good job for showing up, self!’”

KIDS: (*Pat yourself on the back.*) “Good job for showing up, self!”

“Yes, yes! You’re here, I’m here, and we’ve got a super fun Life App to talk about. It’s gonna be a blast! Speaking of Life Apps, who remembers ours for this month? Raise your hand! Let’s see if you’re right! Say it with me.

CG: Gratitude Slide

KIDS: “Gratitude is letting others know you see how they’ve helped you.”

“You got it! Gratitude is simple. It’s letting others know that you see how they’ve helped you. And you can show gratitude all sorts of ways. When your teacher takes you on a field trip, you behave respectfully. When your parents take you out to dinner, you have good manners and say ‘please.’ When your friend helps you with your math homework, maybe you share your snack with them. All these reactions let others know you see how they’ve helped you.

“That’s gratitude! Do you know the easiest way to show gratitude? It’s two simple words. They’re super easy but super powerful. The first one starts with a ‘T.’ Any guesses? (*Pause.*) You’ve got it: thank you! One of the simplest, easiest ways to show gratitude is to just say thank you, and It’s more important than you think!

“Let’s play a game! And do we have a super fun (*snap fingers*) ‘OH, SNAP!’ game planned for you today. It’s one everyone gets to play. But first, we’ve got to say the name of the game together. Let’s do it!”

KIDS: (*Snap.*) “OH, SNAP!”

“I am going to show you groups of three photos. Each picture is a clue to help you guess the names of people who help us. When you think you know the answer, raise your hand. After the last clue, we’ll all yell out our answer together. Are you ready to play (*snap*) ‘OH, SNAP?’ Let’s do it!

CG: Photo of an apple

"What does an apple have to do with someone who helps us? It might be too soon to guess! Let's see clues two and three!

CG: Photo of an eraser

"Hmmm. And now the final clue.

CG: Photo of a textbook

"Who is someone that helps us who might use or have all those items? On three, yell it out. One, two, three!" *(Hold hand to ear.)*

"Yes! A teacher was the right answer. Teachers help us. We should definitely tell ALL our teachers thank you.

Continue the game with the following sets of images:

- *ladder, fire, fire hydrant: firefighter*
- *thermometer, medicine, hospital: doctor*
- ***microphone, music note, Large Group environment***

"After that last clue, who thinks they know our LAST group of people who help us? (Pause.) I could tell you, but I think I'll show you! Worship Team, can you come out and HELP lead us in our worship time? You guys stand up! Let's sing together!"

WORSHIP: Turn it Up and Higher than the Sky (NO RAP EDIT)

(Worship Team enters, introduces themselves, leads each song, then exits to large thankful applause)

"Great job everyone! Let's thank our Worship Team one more time! Ok, I have a question for you! Think hard about this. When was the last time you told someone thank you? Does anyone want to share?

As time allows, take two or three quick responses from the kids.

"Yeah! Those are great! Most people say thank you all the time. They say thank you when someone holds the door for them, gives them something, or helps them in some way. Saying thank you is a great, easy way to show gratitude!

"But sometimes we don't say thank you, do we? Sometimes someone will do something for us, and for whatever reason we don't thank them for how they've helped us. I wonder why that is. Maybe we're too busy, or maybe we're just so focused on ourselves that we miss what's happening around us.

"But saying thank you and showing gratitude is pretty important, isn't it? So let's try to figure this out together. Thankfully, we have God's Word to help us figure out questions like this. And it just so happens that Jesus experienced a moment in His life that can help us answer it.

“This moment is recorded in a book called Luke, one of the four gospels that tell us all about some of the things that happened while Jesus was here on earth. Let’s take a look!”

CG: Lesson 3 Video (Runtime: 6:19)

“There’s a lot happening in that story, but one of the things we can learn today is that it’s important to show our gratitude and say thank you. In fact, that’s our Bottom Line today.

CG: Bottom Line Slide

[Bottom Line] “Say thank you. Say it with me.”

KIDS: [Bottom Line] “Say thank you.”

“That’s true for the men in our story, and it’s true for us, too. We can show our gratitude and say thank you. We can say thank you not only when God does something amazing in our lives, but also when the people we see every day help us out too! How about we pray and ask God to help us remember to show our gratitude to others and say thank you? Let’s pray.”

Pray: “God, THANK YOU! Thank You for all You’ve done for us. Thank You for sending Your Son Jesus for us. Thank You for loving us, and thank You for forgiving us even when we forget to say thank You! Help us this week to show gratitude by saying thank you to anyone who helps us. We love You. We pray this in Jesus’ name, amen.”

Dismiss children to their small groups.