

City SG - 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*

1. Seek Out

What You Need: "Seek and Find" or "Where's Waldo?" sheets (3 per bin)

What You Do:

- Encourage kids to pair up and find items on the sheets
- They can simply find the items listed as a pair, or they can describe something for their partner to try to find, like in "I Spy."

What You Say:

"Did anybody find all of the items in their 'Seek and Find' book? Awesome!"

2. Business of Gratitude

What You Need: "Business of Gratitude Cards" Activity Pages, scissors, markers

What You Do:

- Give each kid an Activity Page and scissors.
- Instruct them to cut out the business cards, fill them out, color, and decorate them.
- Encourage them to give out their cards at Thanksgiving or tell them that they can keep their cards and hand them out whenever they would like.
- Use the questions below to review the Bible story with your group.
 - What was the miraculous thing Jesus did for the 10 men?
 - What did the 10 men do after Jesus healed them?
 - How many men showed gratitude that Jesus healed them?
 - What do you think the other men were doing?
 - Have you ever forgotten to say thank you for something great someone else did for you? What happened? What caused you to forget to say thank you?

What You Say:

"Sometimes we forget to say thank you for awesome things that people do for us! Maybe your grandma buys you that toy you have been dreaming of, but you forget to say thank you because you are so excited that you run off to show all of your friends. Or maybe your parents let you go to that birthday party after all, and before you say thank you, you go call your friend to tell them the good news! No matter what we should always **[Bottom Line]** say thank you because gratitude is letting others know you see

how they've helped you. ***[Make It Personal]*** (*Describe a time when you forgot to tell someone thank you and you wished you had.*) Remember to always ***[Bottom Line]*** say thank you."

3. Speak Out: Thankful Style

What You Need: Lip retractors (**one per child, and children will keep them after activity**), "Phrases of Thanks Cards" Activity Page

What You Do:

- Instruct kids to sit in a circle together.
- Hand out one card to each kid and instruct kids not to show their neighbor their card
- Give each kid a lip retractor. If they don't wish to wear one, demonstrate how they can place their forefingers inside each cheek and spread their lips apart.
- With your lips retracted say, "Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers."
- Then choose one kid to go first and explain that they will take turns going around in the circle.
- The first kid will put their lip retractor (or fingers) in their mouth and attempt to read their phrase of thanks to the person next to them.
- Once the kid interprets the phrase, she will then be next to read the phrase on her card.
- Continue until each kid has had a turn trying to say thanks.

What You Say:

"It was so funny trying to hear you read your phrases of thanks! You know, we learned today that it's sometimes hard to say thank you, but it's so important! I don't know about you, but even though it was difficult to talk with that mouth guard, it was worth it to hear you ***[Bottom Line]*** say thank you."

4. Mouth Full of Thanks

What You Need: Lip retractors from previous activity, Memory Verse Sheet

What You Do:

- Use the Verse Sheet to review your memory verse as a group while you all wear your lip retractors (or put your fingers in your cheeks).
- Ask if anyone thinks they can say the verse from memory while wearing the lip retractor. Let a couple volunteers do so.
- Then take the lip retractors out and ask kids to give examples of "no matter what" situations, such as when your regular friends don't want to play with you at recess, when a parent or grandparent is really sick, when you have to do chores instead of playing video games, etc.
- Remind kids that even during those times, it's important to remember to thank God for what He has given them and to thank the people around them who do good things for them.

What You Say:

"It was fun to say our verse like that! Our verse says we should give thanks no matter what. That means even if this mouth guard makes it impossible, we can STILL **[Bottom Line]** say thank you no matter what!"

5. Pray and Dismiss – God Time Sheets**What You Do:**

- Tell your group that there are many different ways you can say thank you, such as: make someone a card, draw them a picture, or do the dishes after a meal.
- The **God Time Sheet** has some ideas and a prayer for your family to say at dinner.
- Encourage kids to complete the sheet during the week, and also, come up with their own creative ways to show someone they're thankful.

What You Say:

"God, You deserve all the thanks in the world! You give us so much, and sometimes we forget to express our gratitude for things like the clothes you give us to wear or the food you provide us to eat. We have so many things that others would be grateful to have. God, help us not to forget how blessed we are to have these things. We want to **[Bottom Line]** say thank you for everything You have given us. You're the best! In Jesus' name, amen!"

As adults arrive to pick up, have each kid take their lip retractor and God Times Sheet with them.