

ALLEY SG – November 25- 27, 2023

Today's Bible Story: Remember Me (The Lord's Supper/Passover) • 1 Corinthians 11:23-26, Exodus 12

Today's Key Question: What are some good habits you have?

Today's Bottom Line: Make a habit of being grateful.

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

1. Bible Charades!

Bible Story Review

What You Need: "Bible Charades!" Activity Page cards in a bag (1 set per group)

What You Do:

- Instruct the kids to get into pairs. (If there's an odd number of kids, have one group of three.)
- One by one, direct each pair to choose a card from the bag.
- Challenge the pair to act-out what is on the card.
- Instruct the rest of the group to guess what part of the story they're acting out.
- Provide assistance as necessary.
- Continue the game until all cards have been acted out.
- Say, "God made a way to save EVERYONE who follows Jesus. We can remember God's goodness by celebrating with the Lord's Supper or Communion. Just like the Israelites, we can find ways to **make a habit of being grateful.**"

2. Verses to Take with You

Memory Verse Activity

What You Need: "Ephesians 5:20" Page (1 per kid), pens

What You Do:

- Instruct the kids to sit in a circle.
- Give each kid a pen and half-sheet of the "Ephesians 5:20" Activity Page.
- Invite the group to read the verse together from the "Ephesians 5:20" Activity Page.
 - Choose one kid to go first.
 - Instruct the first kid to read one word.
 - Then direct the kid to the left to read the next and so forth.
- Invite kids to underline the one word they think is the single, most important word in the entire verse.
 - Share that there is no right or wrong answer. It's okay if kids choose different words.
- As you count to three, instruct the kids to say the word they underlined at the same time.
- Ask:
 - Why do you think the word you underlined is the most important?
 - What's another word that could be used in place of the word you underlined, but would still keep the correct meaning of the verse?
- Invite kids to circle the words "always" and "everything" on their paper.

- Ask:
 - Does *always* mean ALWAYS and *everything* mean EVERYTHING—even things that are sad and difficult? Explain what you think.
 - If we're to *always* give thanks, we need to develop a habit of being grateful. What can we do to help us remember to be thankful always and in everything?
- Invite kids to draw an arrow from the two circled words (*always* / *everything*) to the word "God" then continue the discussion.
 - Why should our gratitude be directed to God?
 - What are some of the best ways to show God you're grateful?

3. Discussion Questions

- What are some things you do every day that can be a reminder to stop and show gratitude to God or to others?
- Even though churches celebrate the Lord's Supper or Communion in different ways, what is the main reason for doing so?
- What benefits would you say the habit of being grateful produces?
- Who are some people in your life you can get into a better habit of thanking?

4. Take a Snapshot

Application Activity

What You Need: Index cards (1 per kid), pens

What You Do:

- One by one, call out a rule below and challenge kids to describe GRATITUDE using the rule you share.
 - When kids run out of ideas or begin repeating previous words, move on to the next rule.
 - If helpful, give them index cards and pens so they can write their ideas.
 - Use two rhyming words to describe gratitude.
 - Use a word that begins with the letter S to describe gratitude.
 - Describe gratitude using a sentence that includes the word "anyone" in it.
 - Describe gratitude using two words that end with L.
 - Come up with the longest word you can think of that describes what gratitude is all about.
- Ask kids to explain their word choices and answers throughout the activity.

5. Prayer

- "Dear God, when we remember how You sent Jesus to die in our place, we ALWAYS have something to be grateful for. Even on our worst day, if we are following Jesus, we can have a heart of gratitude because we know You are watching over us and Your plans are always good. Help us to remember what You've done for us and build the habit of thanking You and others often. Amen."

PARENT PICK UP POINT: As adults arrive to pick up, encourage the kids to tell their parent one way they can show God they are grateful this week.