

CITY LG – November 11- 13, 2023

Today's Bible Story: Permission to Dance (David Dances) • 2 Samuel 6:12b-22a

Today's Bottom Line: Celebrate what God has done.

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

WORSHIP

Unshakeable

Love's Running After

Have kids get into their small groups Before you start Large Groups

SLIDE: Theme

Hello, City people! Or should I say, 'Grateful people!' We're giving some shout-outs this month and sharing our gratitude.

SLIDE: Virtue

Gratitude is letting others know you see how they've helped you.

SLIDE: Theme

I'd like to give a shout-out to someone who helps us every week here in the CITY.

Briefly thank someone in the room.

"Everyone say, 'Thanks, [name]!'"

It feels good to give a shout-out, doesn't it? When you have gratitude in your heart, you just have to let it out!

You can do that by saying, 'Thank you' . . . by doing something for them in return . . . or maybe even through the art of dance! Do you believe me? Let's find out!

All right, let's all get in two lines, facing each other.

Get the kids to stand in parallel lines, each on one side of the room, with the lines facing each other.

Good job, everyone. It's time to hop on board the Gratitude Train! You'll follow me and dance through the center. While we're dancing, I'll call out different reasons to be grateful. Let me show you.

Dance through the center of the two lines of kids.

I'm dancing . . . I'm dancing . . .

Oh, hey, It's sunny outside. Let's shoot some hoops at the park! Shoot some hoops. Shoot some hoops.

Add a move like you're doing a jump shot as you dance through the lines.

If you want to dance, just join the line behind me and follow my lead. If you want to sit out, that's cool too, just hang out on the side and clap along with the music. Here we go!

AUDIO: "Happy" by Pharell

Lead the kids in dancing back and forth through the center of the room. Periodically call out reasons to be grateful from the list below, and do the move repeatedly on the beat.

- "Your mom made cookies! Take out the tray. Take out the tray." *(Act like you're taking the tray out of the oven.)*
- "Your sister helps you study. Ready for the test. Ready for the test." *(Tap your forehead.)*
- "Your friend shares their umbrella. Stayin' nice and dry. Stayin' nice and dry." *(Hold up your arms like you're holding an umbrella and bounce up and down.)*
- "Your grandpa gives you a ride. Ridin' in style! Ridin' in style!" *(Act like you're turning a steering wheel.)*
- "Your brother gives you the last piece of pizza. Mmm . . . pepperoni. Mmm . . . pepperoni." *(Act like you're picking up a piece of pizza.)*
- "Your coach helps you swim. One, two, stroke, breathe! One, two, stroke, breathe!" *(Do a freestyle swim stroke.)*
- "Your mom takes care of your chore. Gee, thanks, Mom! Gee, thanks, Mom!" *(Act like you're folding laundry.)*

You've got some great moves! Thanks for riding the Gratitude Train. That was a pretty fun way to show our gratitude, don't you think?

Well, As you know, we're talking about gratitude this month. There are lots of ways to show how grateful you are. As a matter of fact, there was a man in the Bible who loved God and showed his gratitude to God in a pretty unique way. His name was David. Let's check it out...

VIDEO: Bible Story

SLIDE: Theme

What David did in this story is such a great example of how we can honor God! David just wanted to celebrate and thank God. He wasn't worried about what other people might think. And that's a really important part of gratitude. Each day, we can remember to thank God. Let's all stand up.

VIDEO: Bottom Line

SLIDE: Bottom Line

celebrate what God has done.

There are lots of things God does for us every day. And of course, the biggest thing God did for us was send Jesus to be our Savior! We can celebrate God for the big things like that, or for the small things that bring us joy. We can pray and thank God for being a God who we can trust no matter what.

We can also celebrate God by telling others about what God has done in our lives. Can any of you tell me a reason why you're thankful to God today? Raise your hand and shout it out.

Call on a few kids to shout out their examples. If needed, repeat them so everyone can hear.

Those are amazing reasons to be grateful to God! No matter what, we can always find ways to **celebrate what God has done.**

Let's say our memory verse together, Psalm 136:1.

SLIDE: Memory Verse

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

Great job, everyone. Let's pray.

God, thank You for all You did for David and the Israelite people. And thank You for all You're doing for us today! We celebrate You and thank You. Please continue to work in our lives and help us remember to tell You how grateful we are for You every day! We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

SLIDE: Theme

OFFERING:

Until the end of 2023, our offering money will go to families in Kenya, in an area called Turkana that is very rural and the people who live there do not have much money for food.

SLIDES: Kenya 1-4

We are working with an organization called Missions of Hope. Our money will help them make food baskets to bring to families who live in Turkana. The food baskets will be such a blessing to the children and families in this community! If you have any offering you can bring it up now.