

CITY LG – November 18- 20, 2023

Today's Bible Story: The One (Jesus Heals Ten Men) • *Luke 17:11-19*

Today's Bottom Line: Take time to say thank you.

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

Hi, everyone! It's great to see you. I'm just wondering. Who have you thanked today? Did you thank your aunt when she made breakfast for you? Did you thank your brother for helping you find your jacket on the way out the door to church?

If you haven't thanked anyone yet, don't worry. You've still got lots of time. We should take time to thank people every day and share our gratitude!

SLIDE: Theme Transition to Virtue

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

SLIDE: Virtue Transition to Theme

We should show our gratitude to God . . . AND to the people God has put in our lives.

Do you ever find it hard to decide what you're MOST thankful for? (*Pause.*) Hey! How about we turn that into a game?

I'll tell you two things I'm grateful for, and you can choose which one is your favorite. If you're most grateful for the first choice, stand all the way over on this side.

Reference the left side of the room, from the audience's perspective.

If you're most grateful for the second choice, stand all the way over on THIS side.

Reference the right side of the room, from the audience's perspective.

If you like both choices, stand somewhere in the middle. But if you feel really sure about one or the other, then stand ALL the way over on that side. Make sense?

I'll take a look at your answers and pick one side or the other, based on what you chose.

Okay, let the gratitude face-off begin!

Read the series of two choices and have them stand on either side of your space based on which choice they're most grateful for. Look at the kids' answers and designate the side that has the most kids.

Choices:

- Chocolate/vanilla
- Being hot/being cold
- Being inside/being outside
- Chocolate milk/orange juice
- Pizza/French fries
- Mountains/ocean
- Bike/roller skates
- Apple/banana
- Dogs/cats
- Swimming/playing football

Wow! You had some really strong opinions. That must mean you're VERY grateful for your favorite things. Isn't it amazing that we have so much to be thankful for? Sometimes you just need to take a second and think about it.

I know the thing I'm MOST thankful for is God. God's love is the very best thing there is!

I'm excited for the story we have today. (*Hold up Bible.*) It's a great one!

We can find this story in the book of Luke. Luke was a follower of Jesus who was a friend of Paul. He wanted to write down all of the amazing things that Jesus said and did. Let's check it out...

VIDEO: Bible Story

Slide: Theme

I bet all ten men were SO thankful that Jesus had healed them! But nine of them were in such a rush that they forgot to come back and actually thank Jesus. Only one of the men came back to say thank you. Let's make sure that we remember to say thank you—to God and to the people who help us every day. Let's all stand up.

VIDEO: Bottom Line

SLIDE: Bottom Line

I know it feels good when someone thanks ME for something I've done for them. So if we show our gratitude, that's a great way that we can treat others the way we want to be treated.

Of course, we should always take time to pray and thank God. God sent Jesus to be our Savior so we could have a relationship with God that will last forever. That's a pretty big deal. And we know that every good thing in our lives comes from God. So we can thank God for lots of things!

SLIDE: MEMORY VERSE

It's like our memory verse says, *Give thanks to the Lord, because he is good. His faithful love continues forever.* Psalm 136:1 (NIV)

Can you think of some ways that you can **take time to say thank you** to the people around you? Maybe you could show your parent how much you appreciate what they do for you every day. You could draw a picture or just write a little note to say how grateful you are.

Maybe you could take a minute to tell your brother or sister how important they are to you. You can tell them that you're grateful when they play with you or help you.

Oooooohh, I've got a great one. You can thank your Small Group Leader for teaching your group each week. Let's pray and ask God to help us say thank you to those who need to hear it.

God, thank You for this amazing story that reminds us to say thank you. We don't want to just FEEL thankful for all that You do for us. We want to actually SAY it. Please help us be like the Samaritan man who came back to thank Jesus. Help us remember to take the time to thank You, and to thank the people in our lives who help us. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

OFFERING

Take a look at video of an area in Kenya called Turkana that is very rural and the people who live there do not have much money for food.

Turkana video #1

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. If you have any offering you can bring it up now.

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