

CITY SG – 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)

1. Who Did That?

Bible Story Review

What You Need: "Who Did That? Review" page (1 per group)

What You Do:

- Tell the kids you are going to read some scenarios about someone from today's story. The answer is either:
 - Luke
 - The Samaritan man -or-
 - The men with the skin disease
- Instruct the kids to raise their hand after you read the scenario to guess who is being talked about.
- As you read, pause after you say, "Who did that?" or "Who was that?" to let kids guess.
- Ask, "What did we learn from Jesus and the Samaritan man? (*Invite responses.*)"
- Say, "Even though Jesus healed all ten men, only one came back to show his gratitude to Jesus. We saw how that impacted Jesus and how important it is to **take time to say thank you.**"

2. Smile It Forward

Application Activity

What You Need: "Smile It Forward" Page (1 per kid), scissors and markers

What You Do:

- Instruct the kids to brainstorm ideas of people that they're thankful for.
 - If the kids are stumped, prompt them with the more obvious people, then transition to people who may not stand out as much as others (bus driver, neighbor, lunch monitor, or garbage collector).
- Once you've brainstormed a big list, give each kid a "Smile It Forward" sheet.
- Set out the markers and scissors so the kids can make cards.
- Encourage the kids to fill out the cards based on who they thought about.
***The younger kids can draw picture of who they are thankful for if they aren't able to write yet.**
- Say, "Today, we wrote little notes of thanks for people in our lives. Throughout the week, I'd like you to hand them out to the people you made them about! We may not always see the impact that our thanks has."

3. Pass It on Memory Verse

Memory Verse Activity

What You Need: Bibles

What You Do:

- Depending on the age/ability of your group, you can either:
 - Give each child a Bible and look up the memory verse together.
 - Read the memory verse from a Bible aloud to your group.
- “*Give thanks to the Lord, because he is good. His faithful love continues forever.*” Psalm 136:1
- Direct the kids to get in a circle and place their hands out to their sides, palms up, one hand on top of the other of the kid next to them.
- Start the verse by saying the first word and (lightly) slap the right hand of the kid to your left.
- Instruct that kid to say the next word of the verse and (lightly) slap the right hand of the kid on their left.
- Continue in the same way, with each kid repeating the next word of the verse and passing the gentle slap around the circle.
- Repeat the verse as often as time and interest allow.
- Say, “Who are we giving thanks to? (*Invite responses.*) That’s right, God! And why are we thankful for God? (*Invite responses.*) Exactly! Because God is good and the faithful love of God continues forever.

4. Pray

- “God, there’s so much to thank You for! You give us so many good things that we’re thankful for. Help us live a life that shows our gratefulness and to **take time to say thank you** as we go throughout our day. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

PARENT PICK UP POINT: As adults arrive to pick up, invite the kids to show them the cards they made to give to the people they’re thankful for this week!