ALLEY SG – November 21st- 22nd, 2026

Bible Story: Jesus Heals Ten Men • Luke 17:11-19
Conversation Starter: What are ways you can remember to thank God?
Monthly Memory Verse: *Every good and perfect gift is from God. This kind of gift comes down from the Father who created the heavenly lights. These lights create shadows that move. But the Father does not change like these shadows.* • James 1:17 NIrV

1. Bible Story Extension

Bible Story Review

What You Need: Bibles, "Mystery Word Cards" Activity Page (1 set per group)

What You Do:

**This game is played like the board game "Taboo"*

- Say: "Let's play a game called *Mystery Word*. This is a word-guessing type of game that we will play in teams. To make it a little easier for you, I'll give you a little hint—all of the mystery words are from today's Bible Story. Here's how the game is played."
- Split the kids into two teams.
- Explain how to play *Mystery Word:*
    - When it is a team's turn, choose one kid to be the clue giver. That kid will draw a Mystery Word Card out of the bag.
    - Mystery Word Card: The clue giver must help their team guess the Mystery Word **(the word above the line)** without saying the Mystery Word or any of the forbidden words listed on the card.
    - If the clue giver accidentally says the Mystery Word or any of the forbidden words on the card, the turn ends immediately, and no points are awarded.
    - The team has 60 seconds to guess the Mystery Word. If they guess correctly within 60 seconds, their team earns 1 point.
    - If the team does not guess the Mystery Word, the opposing team gets one guess. If they guess correctly, they earn 1 point.
    - Play then moves to the other team.
    - Continue playing until all Mystery Word Cards have been used.
    - The team with the most points at the end of the game wins.
- Gather the Mystery Word Cards and place them face up in random order.
- Instruct the kids to gather around the cards.
- Say, "These words were all important parts of today's Bible Story. Let's put them in the order that they come in the story to recall the main plot of the Bible Story."
- Guide the kids to recall the Bible Story from Luke 17:11-19 using the Mystery Cards (*Note: there may be more than one correct sequence of the Mystery Cards…allow the kids to use critical thinking skills to put the cards in any order that accurately portrays the Bible Story).*
- Mystery Cards suggested sequence:
    - Jesus- Jesus was traveling toward Jerusalem with his friends, walking along the border of Samaria. Even though the Jews did not like Samaritans, Jesus loves everyone and chose not to avoid the Samaritan land.

- Leprosy- As Jesus approached a village, 10 men with leprosy stood at a distance and called out to Him."
- Medicine- At this time, there was no treatment for leprosy.
- Healthy- Since leprosy is contagious, anyone with the disease was forced to live apart and not come close to healthy people.
- Punishment- Even worse, during this time, any kind of disease was seen as a punishment for sin—so people believed if you had leprosy, you had done something wrong.
- Heal- When they saw Jesus, they cried out to Him: 'Jesus! Master! Have pity on us!'
- Priests- Instead of healing them immediately, Jesus said to them, *"Go. Show yourselves to the priests."* (Luke 17:14 NIrV) When someone was healed from leprosy, the priests would have to examine them and declare them truly healed. Jesus asked them to go to the priests in faith. In faith, they turned and started walking to where they would find the priests. Along the way, they were healed!
- Bow- One of the men ran back to Jesus and threw himself at Jesus' feet.
- Thank You- He praised God at the top of his lungs, saying, "Thank You! Thank You!"
- Remember- Jesus noted that only one of the 10 men who were healed came back to say thank you. He encouraged the one who had returned by saying, *"Get up and go. Your faith has healed you."* (Luke 17:19 NIrV)

Say: "This Bible Story is a good reminder that we should **Remember to thank God**.

2. Take a Snapshot

Application Activity

What You Need: ball, worship music on your phone

What You Do:

- Tell the kids that we are going to practice remembering to thank God by playing a game of Gratitude Hot Potato.
- Have the kids sit in a circle and give someone the ball.
- Have the kids pass the ball around the circle while you play worship music on your phone.
- When you stop the music, the person holding the ball with say something they can thank God for.
- To make it more challenging give them categories for each round:
  - Someone who helps me
  - Something God created
  - Something I use everyday
  - Something I am thankful for even when life is hard

3. Discussion Questions

- ***What are ways you can remember to thank God?***
- Imagine being one of the men with leprosy in today's story. What would you miss the most if you had to live outside of your community?
- When is a time that God has answered a specific request that you have prayed? *(Encourage kids to share even if it's something small.)*
- Has anyone ever said "thank you" for something you did for them? What did they thank you for? How did that make you feel?

4. Verses to Take with You

Memory Verse Activity

What You Need: Bibles, "Numbered James 1:17 Cards" Activity Page (two sets per group), Dice

What You Do:

- Give every kid a Bible.
- Invite them to look up James 1:17 NIrV
- Read the Memory Verse out loud together several times.
- Divide kids into two teams.
- Give each team one die.
- Spread the "Numbered James 1:17 Cards" face up in front of each team.
- Explain that teams will race to collect all of their cards and arrange them in the correct order.
- Teams take turns rolling their die. On each turn, the player picks up the card that matches the number rolled. If they roll a number for a card they already have, their turn is over.
- The first team to collect all of their cards and arrange the Memory Verse in the correct order earns one point.
- Play seven rounds, or as time allows.

AT THE 5- MINUTE CALL:
PRAY

- Ask, "Does anyone have any prayer requests or things they want to thank God for from this week? *(Let the kids share their prayer requests and praises)*
- "Dear God, thank You for this day! We thank You for all that You do for each one of us. We are grateful for the family and friends You have given us. Thank You for helpful people in our lives like teachers, firefighters, doctors, and bus drivers. Please help us to remember to thank You for the big things and the little things and to have a heart of gratitude. We pray that You will help us to **remember to thank God.** We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."
- Remind the kids that when they leave, their parents should get a text message on their phones telling them what we learned this week. AND they will get a link to an activity they can do at home and bring back for Alley Cash

PARENT PICK UP POINT: As adults arrive, remind the kids to remember to thank God for the big things and the little things!