CITY LG – November 14th- 15th, 2026

Bible Story: Every Good Gift Is from God • James 1:17; Philippians 4:8
Bottom Line: I can thank God for everything.
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

WORSHIP
No Pressure
Shine a Light

SLIDE: Theme
Hey, everybody! Welcome to The CITYI am so glad you're here today.

Can I get a wave if you're glad to be here? Wave those hands! Now, give me a giant thumbs up if you've ever gotten a present you absolutely loved. I see those thumbs! I love it!

The rest of this month, we're going to be talking about all the good things God gives us! Our series name has a double meaning; it's called 'The Great Gratitude Challenge.'

Gratitude' is a big word, but it has a simple meaning: being thankful. And here is our challenge for the whole month. Every single week, we are going to hunt for the good gifts God gives us, and we are going to thank Him for every one. Are you up for the challenge?

But before we dig in, we need to warm up our thankful brains. And the best way to do that?
A game!

Today, we're kicking things off with a game called Let's Give Thanks'. Everybody stand up and the video will tell us what to do. Are you ready?

GAME VIDEO: Let's Give Thanks

Great job, friends! Now it's time to check out our Memory Verse!

SLIDE: Memory Verse

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We are on a challenge to do one important thing: thank God for every good gift He gives us. Boys and girls, God gives us a lot of gifts. Let's check out what we are going to learn in the Story Lab about this today!

VIDEO: Bible Story

Both James and Paul wanted us to understand the very same important thing: every good gift comes from God, and the God who gives it never, ever changes.

That means we get to thank God all the time. For the big things, for the little things, even when things might feel hard or challenges arise, we know He is with us through all of it.

Today's Bottom Line talks about that too! Let's see what it says.

SLIDE: Bottom Line **I can thank God for everything.**

Let us try it right this second! When I count to three, turn to somebody close to you and tell them one good gift God has given you. It can be big or small. One, two, three, go!

Wow, listen to all those good gifts! And every single one of them came from God.

A great habit is to say a quick thank-you to God whenever you spot a good gift: 'Thank You, God, for this!' And here is what happens when we do that: our hearts fill all the way up with His love, and we get to share that love with everyone around us!

"Here is something else that helps: make a thankful list to help you notice all of God's good gifts. You can thank God for His love, for the way Jesus rescued you, and for His Holy Spirit who is always with you. And you can thank Him for your family, your friends, your home, your toys, the things you are good at, and the funny and beautiful things you get to see.

And if there is ever a day when you do not feel very thankful, that is okay. You can ask the Holy Spirit to help you build a habit of thankfulness. When you keep choosing to thank God, even on the hard days, the Holy Spirit can help shape your thoughts and your heart.

Here is your challenge for this week. Every night before you close your eyes, think of three good gifts from your day and say thank you to God for each one. By the end of the week, that is twenty-one thank-Yous! See if you can do it every single night.

Let's talk to God together. You can close your eyes and bow your heads.

Dear God, thank You for being good to us. Thank You for every good gift You give us, like our families, our friends, our food, and most of all, Jesus. Help us remember that every good thing comes from You, and help us thank You every single day. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

OFFERING

Do you remember what we are raising money for this year? Yep, Clean water wells in Malawi, which is a country in Africa. Having a well with clean water right in their village means women and children don't have to travel far away to other villages to get clean water, and then they don't have to walk back with heavy containers. Let's watch a video that will show women filling their bins with clean water from a brand new well that was just installed in their village!

Missions video 1

Amazing right? Can't wait to see how these wells impact the villages in Malawi!