CITY SG – 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

PRE- SERVICE ACTIVITY

What You Need: Ball

What You Do:
- Welcome kids by name with a high-five, fist bump, smile, or wave as they arrive.
- Invite any kids who brought an offering to place it in the offering container.
- Say: "Let's play a gratitude game! I'm going to toss the ball to someone, and they will answer the gratitude question. 'What is something specific you can thank God for?'"
- After they answer the question, they toss the ball to someone else for them to answer the question.
- Keep tossing the ball until every kid has a chance to answer.

Say: "As you move through the week, you can thank God for things like the sunshine, the rain, your breakfast, the breath in your lungs, the music you hear, and the birds you see. Today, we're going to learn that every good gift comes from God. Let's go!"

SMALL GROUP TIME

1. Good Gifts
Bible Story Review

What You Need: "A Matched Pair Gifts" Activity Page (1 set in gift box), Gift box

What You Do:
- Say, "In our Bible Story, we learned that no matter who you are or where you live, God has given you something good to be grateful for. Anything in your life right now that's good comes straight from God. That means you can go through your day pausing to thank Him for every good thing: the warm sunshine or the friend who made you laugh."
- Tell the kids that we are going to think of reasons to thank God.
- Place the box in the center of your space.
- Have kids one at a time, pull a card from the box and read it (*or you read for them if needed).*
- Have them say one reason you could thank God for that thing.
  (For example, if the card says "house" they would say one reason they can thank God for a house. Ex: "So I have a warn place to sleep.")
- Keep going until all of the cards have been talked about.

What You Say: "When you focus on being thankful for these good things, gratitude can actually shape your brain! But most importantly, God deserves our gratitude—because every single good thing in our lives comes straight from Him."

2. Gratitude Challenge

Application Activity

What You Need: "Gratitude Challenge" Activity Page (one per kid), Sheets of smiley face stickers (one row per kid (at least 6 per kid)

What You Do:

- Say: "We have been talking about being thankful for the good gifts God gives us. Today we are going to think about our good gifts."
- Ask: "What are some good gifts you are thankful God has given you?"
- Give each child a "Gratitude Challenge" sheet. Encourage each kid to write or draw one thing on each line that they want to thank God for this week."
- Have kids who want to share what they wrote/drew.
- Give each kid one row of smiley face stickers.
- Say: "Our challenge is to say a prayer to God each day this week for one of the good gifts he has given you. Each day pray to God and thank Him for ONE thing you wrote. After you do, put a smiley face sticker on that line. The next day pray for another then add another sticker. After 6 days of praying and thanking God your sheet will be full!"

Say: "Having a habit of gratitude helps us to focus on all of God's good gifts! We don't have to be at church to thank Him. Look around this week at the good gifts. Maybe it is the changing leaves, or that a friend stopped by to play. Whatever it is, thank God for it!"

3. Memory Motions

Memory Verse Activity

What You Need: Bibles, "Memory Motions" Activity Page (one per group)

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 to the group.
    - *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
- Repeat the Memory Verse out loud together several times.
- Divide kids into five groups (if you have enough kids for 5).
- Give each group a paper with part of the Scripture (if you don't have 5 groups, give groups 2 papers).
- Say: "Each group has a paper(s) with part of the Memory Verse. Your challenge is to come up with a couple of easy motions to go with your part of the verse to help us memorize it."
- Say: "After you have come up with your motions, be ready to teach them to our group!"

- Have the kids teach their motions by moving through the verse in order.
- Keep building on the part they were just taught, repeat it before learning the next motions.
- Once all the motions have been taught, repeat the verse and motions all together multiple times.

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 all Your good gifts. Thank You, too, for never changing, so we can count on You to always love us and not be like the changing shadows. Help us to always be full of thankfulness for who You are and for Your greatest gift of Jesus! We want to honor You with our gratitude. 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 a PRIZE!

PARENT PICK UP POINT: As adults arrive, have the kids show them their Gratitude Challenge.