



NOVEMBER THEME

RE-FOCUS

Know Where to Look

BIBLE STORY

Luke 17:11-19

A Thank You Leper | Jesus Heals 10 Men

Spark Story Bible | pg. 390-393

Ten Men Healed

BOTTOM LINE

Say thank you

MEMORY VERSE

"Give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is God's will for you in Christ
Jesus."

1 Thessalonians 5:18, NIV

LIFE APP

Gratitude | Letting others know you
see how they've helped you

BASIC TRUTH

I need to make the wise choice and
with God's help, I can!

FOR LEADERS ONLY

GOD VIEW: the connection between **GRATITUDE** and God's character, as shown through God's big story.

This WEEK: Key Question: What are creative ways to say thank you? Saying thank you doesn't have to feel like a chore. Kids will discover all sorts of fun ways they can show gratitude to the people in their life.

We will take a look at a powerful story in **Luke 17:11-19** about ten lepers who asked Jesus to be healed. But when their skin condition went away, they became so ecstatic about the miracle that they ran off and forgot to say, "thank you." All except for one who came back.

Bottom Line: Say thank you. We want kids to become the sort of people who take the time to go out of their way to show gratitude towards others.

SOCIAL: PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION

Welcome kids and spend time engaging in conversation and catching up. Get ready to experience today's story.

Before kids arrive, **PRAY** for each regular attendee by name. Pray for those who might visit your group for the first time. Pray that kids would understand the importance of making sure others know they are grateful for what they have been given. Ask God to help kids understand that even if they ARE grateful, if they don't say thank you, the other person won't know they're grateful.

●● **EARLY ARRIVER IDEA**

Made to Connect | An activity that invites kids to share with others and build on their understanding

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

• Ask kids:

—Who are some people you are thankful for?

—How do you show or tell them you are thankful?

—Have you ever thanked anyone in a creative way, or has anyone ever done that for you?

—When was the last time you said thank you to someone in a really sincere way?

●● **SEEK OUT**

Made to Play | An activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and working as a group



What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

- Play a few rounds of “I Seek.”
- One group member should describe something they can see (*that can be carried to your small group table*) and rest of the group should try to guess what it is and bring it to the table. (*For example: “I Seek something red. I Seek something red with white laces.” Answer: a group member’s athletic shoe.*)

What You Say: “Yea! We found what our friends were seeking! Awesome! **[Transition] Today in Sunday CM worship/WOW family worship we’re going to learn/we learned about someone who made the effort to seek someone out just to say thank you.**”

[Sunday Leaders: Lead your group to the Family Room for Children’s Ministry worship. Wednesday Leaders: Continue with the study.]

GROUPS: CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT

Create a safe place to connect and learn how the Bible story applies to real life experiences, through interactive activities and discussion questions.

●● **BUSINESS OF GRATITUDE** [Talk about God | Bible Story Review | Application Activity]

Made to Create | An activity that explores spiritual ideas through the process of drawing, building, and designing

What You Need: “Business of Gratitude Cards” Activity Pages, scissors, markers

What You Do:

- Give each kid an “Business of Gratitude Cards” activity page and scissors.
- Instruct them to cut out the business cards, fill them out, color, and decorate them.
- Encourage them to give out their cards at their earliest opportunity (*Sunday groups, Thanksgiving dinner would be a great opportunity!*). Use the questions below to review the Bible story with your group.
 - What was the miraculous thing Jesus did for the 10 men?
 - What did the 10 men do after Jesus healed them?
 - How many men showed gratitude that Jesus healed them?
 - What do you think the other men were doing?
 - Have you ever forgotten to say thank you for something great someone else did for you? What happened? What caused you to forget to say thank you?

What You Say: “Sometimes we forget to say thank you for awesome things that people do for us! Maybe your grandma buys you that toy you have been dreaming of, but you forget to say thank you because you are so excited that you run off to show all of your friends. Or maybe your parents let you go to that birthday party after all, and before you say thank you, you go call your friend to tell them the good news! No matter what we should always **[Bottom Line] say thank you** because gratitude is letting others know you see how they’ve helped you. **[Make It Personal] (Describe a time when you forgot to tell someone thank you and you wished you had.)** Remember to always **[Bottom Line] say thank you.**”

●● **SPEAK OUT: THANKFUL STYLE** [Live for God | Application Activity]

Made to Play | An activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and working as a group

What You Need: “Phrases of Thanks Cards”



What You Do:

- Hand out one card to each kid and instruct kids not to show anybody their card.
- Demonstrate how to place your forefingers inside each cheek and spread your lips apart.
- With your lips retracted say, “Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers.”
- Then choose one kid to go first and explain that they will take turns going around in the circle.
- The first kid will put their fingers in their mouth and attempt to read their phrase of thanks to the person next to them.
- Once the kid interprets the phrase, she will then be next to read the phrase on her card.
- Continue until each kid has had a turn trying to say thanks.

What You Say: “It was so funny trying to hear you read your phrases of thanks! You know, we learned today that it’s sometimes hard to say thank you, but it’s so important! I don’t know about you, but even though it was difficult to talk like that, it was worth it to hear you **[Bottom Line] say thank you.**”

●● **MOUTH FULL OF THANKS** [Hear from God | Memory Verse Activity]

Made to Connect | An activity that invites kids to share with others and build on their understanding

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

- Review your memory verse as a group while everyone has their fingers in their cheeks as demonstrated in the “Speak Out” activity above.
- Ask if anyone thinks they can say the verse from memory while speaking with their fingers in their cheeks. Let a couple volunteers do so.
- Then, ask kids to give examples of “in all circumstances” situations, such as when your friends don’t want to play with you at recess, when a parent or grandparent is really sick, when you have to do chores instead of playing video games, etc.
- Remind kids that even during those times, it’s important to remember to thank God for what God has given them and to thank the people around them who do good things for them.

What You Say: “It was fun to say our verse like that! Our verse says we should give thanks in all circumstances. That means that even when it is difficult to speak, we can STILL **[Bottom Line] say thank you** no matter what!”

PRAY AND SEND [Pray to God | Prayer Activity]

Made to Reflect | An activity that creates space for personal understanding and application

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

- Tell your group that there are many different ways you can say thank you, such as: make someone a card, give them a big hug, or do the dishes after a meal.
- Encourage kids to come up with their own creative ways to show someone you’re thankful.
- Then, pray the following prayer:

What You Say: “God, you deserve all the thanks in the world! You give us so much, and sometimes we forget to express our gratitude for things like the clothes you give us to wear or the food you provide us to eat. We have so many things that others would be grateful



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to have. God, help us not to forget how blessed we are to have these things. We want to **[Bottom Line] say thank you** for everything You have given us. You're the best! In Jesus' name. Amen!"

What You Do: As adults arrive to pick up, make sure kids have their "Business of Gratitude" cards ready to bring home with them. Explain to parents that kids created cards to remind them to **[Bottom Line] say thank you**. Ask parents to help their kids remember to share their cards at Thanksgiving dinner or another appropriate time.

Give each child a **GodTime** card. Sunday leaders, pass out **Parent Cue** cards to any adult who hasn't already received one this month.