



TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

I Could Not Ask for More

Lord's Supper / Last Supper
1 Corinthians 11:23-26, Exodus 12

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Get in the habit of being grateful.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

Give thanks to the Lord,
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Psalm 136:1, NIV

MONTHLY LIFE APP

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

BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what.

PRELUDE: Setting the tone for the experience

See the **Getting Ready** pages at the end of this document for a detailed description of what you'll need for today.

In the **Prelude** folder of your curriculum, you'll find a variety of other resources to help you prepare.

SMALL GROUP

15
MIN

SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction

Early Arriver
Opening Activity

LARGE GROUP

35
MIN

STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

Welcome/Opener
Worship ("Friend Like You" from *This Love*,
"10,000 Reasons" from *Kidmin Worship Vol. 2*)
Bible Story
Bottom Line
Prayer
Closer

SMALL GROUP

25
MIN

GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Bible Story Review: Remember Me
Application Activity: Gratitude Gazette
Memory Verse Activity: Gratitude Knocks
Prayer Activity: Pray and Dismiss

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

Parent Cue Card (print or email)
GodTime devotional for kids
Studio252.tv
Parent Cue App



PRELUDE SOCIAL STORY WORSHIP GROUPS HOME

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES

MADE TO CONNECT

an activity that invites kids to share and collaborate with others while growing their understanding



Before kids arrive, take a few moments to pray for them. Pray for ideas and opportunities to encourage kids to make gratitude a habit. Ask God to help you model this for them, not just this month, but every chance you get in the future. Pray that God would use the kids in the group to encourage each other to have habits of gratitude and build each other up in this way.

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1. EARLY ARRIVER

WHAT YOU NEED: Offering container

WHAT YOU DO:

- Welcome each kid by name as they arrive. Let them know you're grateful they came!
- Invite kids who brought an offering to put it in the offering container and thank them for their gift.
- Play a "SHOUT-OUT" game with the group.
 - You say a category—food, sports, candy bars, songs, movies, or things outside.
 - Kids then shout-out what they are grateful for related to that category.
 - Once the kids have shouted out five things they're grateful for, call out a new category.
- Keep the game fast-paced. As kids shout-out what they're grateful for, tick each one off on your fingers, up to five.
- As kids continue to arrive, quickly explain the rules of the game and encourage them to join in.
- List as many categories as time allows.

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2. OPENING ACTIVITY

WHAT YOU NEED: Index cards, markers or pencils, and mobile device or timer

WHAT YOU DO:

- Gather the kids in a circle.
- Ask the kids to name some activities that are good habits. (*brushing your teeth, eating breakfast, praying at bedtime, reading the Bible, practicing piano, etc.*)
- Write each "good" habit on an index card. Make sure the ideas you write can be easily acted out.
- Ask the kids to name things that might be considered a bad habit. (*biting nails, talking with your mouth full of food, leaving your coat on the floor, picking your nose, etc.*)
- Write each "bad" habit on an index card.
- Tell kids they're going to play a game of "Habit Charades." Share the rules:
 - The kids will take turns being the actor.
 - The actor selects a card and acts out the habit without making any sound.
 - The group tries to guess what the habit is.
- Play the game until every kid who wants to has had a chance to act out a habit.
- Use a timer or phone to time each round. Share the times for each round with the kids.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"We talked a lot about habits today—things we do over and over. I wonder what habits have to do with gratitude? **[Transition] Let's head to Large Group to find out.**"

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

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1. REMEMBER ME

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: Large container, markers, paper plates, and masking tape

WHAT YOU DO:

- Place the container against a wall.
- Divide the group into two teams.
- Assign each team a color according to the markers you have.
- Give each kid a paper plate and a marker that corresponds to their team color.
- Ask them to write "Get in the Habit of Being Grateful" on their plate.
- With the masking tape, create a throw line about 15 feet from the container and instruct kids stand behind the line.
- Explain the rules:
 - You will read a review question.
 - The kids then try to frisbee-toss their plate into the container.
 - Any kid who thinks they know the answer can try to toss their plate into the container.
 - The first team to throw a plate into the container gets to answer the question. If the team answers correctly, award them a point.
- The team with the most points, wins!
- Depending on the plates and the groups' skill level, be prepared to adjust the distance of the throw line to the container.
- You can allow teams the opportunity to expand on their answers to the questions and earn more points.
- Play the game. Here are the questions:
 - What happened during the first Passover? (*God saved His people from the last plague in Egypt by passing over the houses of the people who had lamb's blood painted on their doorposts.*)
 - Why did people continue to celebrate Passover? (*to remember that God rescued them from slavery*)
 - What are some of the things that were a part of the Passover celebration? (*People ate a big feast with lamb and flat bread*) Depending on the answer, you can ask follow up questions. For example: Why did they eat flat bread? Why did they eat lamb?
 - Who celebrates communion/the Lord's Supper? (*people who follow Jesus*) A good follow-up question is: *What makes someone a Jesus follower? (someone who believes Jesus is their Savior and chooses to follow Him)*
 - Why do followers of Jesus celebrate communion/the Lord's Supper? (*to remember Jesus rescued us*)
 - What's one of our Bottom Lines from this month? (*You always have something to be grateful for. Celebrate what God has done. Say thank you. Adjust your attitude. Get in the habit of being grateful.*)
 - Recite this month's memory verse. (*Give thanks to the Lord, because he is good. His faithful love continues forever, Psalm 136:1, NIV.*)



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PRELUDE SOCIAL STORY WORSHIP GROUPS HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

(1. REMEMBER ME, CONTINUED)

WHAT YOU SAY:

“Passover is a celebration of how God rescued His people, the Israelites, from Egypt and slavery. Communion, or the Lord’s Supper, is a celebration of how God rescued us from sin and death. Communion is a way Jesus asks us to remember that He died on the cross to rescue us. Communion is a habit of gratitude celebrated by churches all over the world. It is important to celebrate communion and to **get in the habit of being grateful** for all He has done. When we remember that God sent Jesus to make a way for us to have a relationship with God that lasts forever, it helps us be grateful. We definitely want to **get in the habit of being grateful** for Jesus and what He has done!”



CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO CREATE

an activity that explores ideas through the process of drawing, building, designing, and problem-solving



2. GRATITUDE GAZETTE
[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Paper, stapler and staples, markers, and stickers

WHAT YOU DO:

- Gather kids in a circle.
- Set supplies in the center of the circle.
- Inform the kids that only you will use the stapler.
- Guide kids to make a "Gratitude Journal."
- Each kid gets eight pieces of paper that they stack together then you staple a few times down the left side to make a small booklet.
- Let the kids decorate the cover of their journal with the markers and stickers.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"To **get in the habit of being grateful**, you have to practice gratitude every day. During this next week, end each day by writing three things in your "Gratitude Journal" that you are grateful for. Maybe you had a delicious dinner or your friend said something encouraging to you. Maybe you scored your personal best in a video game or in your basketball game. **[Make it Personal]** **(Share three things that you are grateful for today.)**

"Practice gratitude every day and eventually, you won't even have to think about it. You will just start noticing things you are grateful for because you developed a good habit—the habit of being grateful."



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***3. GRATITUDE KNOCKS**

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Bibles, cardstock, hole punch, markers, scissors, and yarn, (optional) decorating supplies

WHAT YOU DO:

- Give kids a Bible and look up the memory verse, Psalm

136:1.

- Explain to the kids that they get to make a door hanger to help them remember this month's verse.
- Give each kid a piece of cardstock.
- Instruct the kids to write Psalm 136:1 on their door hanger.
- Allow the kids to decorate the cardstock.
- Show kids how to punch two holes at the top of the short end of the cardstock. Make sure the holes are directly across from each other.
- Thread a piece of yarn or ribbon through the holes and tie the ends together.
- As the kids work, challenge them to say the verse from memory.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"Great job decorating your door hangers! Your door hanger can help remind you to **get in the habit of being grateful**. When you get home, hang it where you will see it every day. When you see it, remember the truth that the verse teaches: Give thanks to God because He is good and He will always love you. Let the doorhanger remind you to be grateful for God and how He loves you." **[Make it Personal] (Share something that helps you remember to be grateful.)**

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MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that creates space
for personal processing
and application

**4. PRAY AND DISMISS**
[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Gratitude Journals" from the "Gratitude Gazette" Activity, "GRATITUDE SHOUT-OUTS" wall, and markers, (optional) "Megaphone" Activity Page, scissors, and tape

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WHAT YOU DO:

- Set out markers.
- Ask the kids to write three things they're grateful for today in their "Gratitude Journal."
- Allow time for kids to share a couple of things they are grateful for with the group.
- If you didn't do the "Gratitude Journal" Application Activity then do the following:
 - Give each kid a "Megaphone" Activity Page.
 - Instruct kids to cut out three megaphones.
 - Ask kids to write three things they are thankful for today on the megaphones.
 - Tell kids to tape their megaphones to the "GRATITUDE SHOUT-OUT" wall.
- Close in prayer.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Wow! We have a lot to be grateful for. Just listen to all of those things in our Gratitude Journal! (Or 'Just look at all SHOUT-OUTS on the GRATITUDE SHOUT-OUT wall.') We are thankful for people in our lives, for things we enjoying doing, for animals, nature . . . and the list goes on. Remember to **get in the habit of being grateful** and let others know you're grateful for them. One person we are grateful for is Jesus, so let's pray and give a SHOUT-OUT to Jesus.

"God, thank You so much! You have given us so much! And the most important gift You gave us is Jesus. Help us **get in the habit of being grateful** so we can remember what Jesus has done for us. And help us **get in the habit of being grateful** so we can recognize the good things You give us every day. You ROCK! Amen."

As adults arrive to pick up, encourage kids to show them their "Gratitude Journal" and share how they plan to get in the habit of being grateful by filling it out each night.



PRELUDE SOCIAL STORY WORSHIP GROUPS HOME

GETTING READY

HERE'S EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW TO GET READY FOR THIS WEEK

SOCIAL: PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION (15 MINUTES)

Welcome kids and spend time engaging in conversation and catching up. Get ready to experience today's story. **(Choose one or both of these activities.)**

In the Prelude folder of your curriculum, you'll find a general summary of Social Distancing Recommendations. Please refer to this document so you can plan your Small Group experience with health and safety in mind.

1. EARLY ARRIVER

Made to Connect: an activity that invites kids to share and collaborate with others while growing their understanding

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Offering container

2. OPENING ACTIVITY

Made to Play: an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and/or working as a group

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Index cards; 10-15 for each small group
- Pencils or markers
- Mobile device or timer

GROUPS: CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT (25 MINUTES)

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

(Choose as many of these activities as you like.)

** If you don't have time to do all these activities, be sure to do activity #3.*

1. REMEMBER ME

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

Made to Move: an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Large plastic tub or container; one for each small group

- Paper plates; one for each kid
- Markers in two different colors; enough for each kid to have one
- Masking tape

2. GRATITUDE GAZETTE

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

Made to Create: an activity that explores ideas through the process of drawing, building, designing, and problem-solving

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Paper in various colors
 - Cut each page of colored paper into four even rectangles roughly 4.25" x 5.5". Cut eight rectangles for each kid.
- Markers
- Stapler and staples; one for each small group
- Fun, decorative stickers

*3. GRATITUDE KNOCKS

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

Made to Create: an activity that explores ideas through the process of drawing, building, designing, and problem-solving

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Bibles
- Cardstock in various colors and 3.5" x 8.5" in size; at least one piece for each kid
- Hole punch; one for each small group
- Markers
- Yarn or ribbon
- Scissors
- (Optional) decorating supplies like stickers, stamps and inkpads, jewel stickers, pom poms, glue, decorative craft scissors, etc.

4. PRAY AND DISMISS

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

Made to Reflect: an activity that creates space for personal processing and application

WHAT YOU NEED:

- The "GRATITUDE SHOUT-OUT" wall from Week 1
- "Gratitude Journals" from the "Gratitude Gazette" Activity



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PRELUDE **SOCIAL** **STORY** **WORSHIP** **GROUPS** **HOME**

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- Markers
- (Optional) "Megaphone" Activity Page, tape, paper, and scissors

HOME: PROMPTING ACTION BEYOND THE EXPERIENCE

- Print on cardstock or email this week's GodTime devotionals and Parent Cue cards.
- Tell parents about our additional family resources: **Studio252.tv** and the **Parent Cue app**.