



TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Say Something
Jesus Heals 10 Men
Luke 17:11-19

TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

Why do people forget
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MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

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Psalm 136:1, NIV

MONTHLY LIFE APP

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

BASIC TRUTH

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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 ("Jesus I Will Trust You" from *This Love*, "Thank You God" from *Can't Stop Won't Stop*, and "What A Beautiful Name" from *KidMin Worship Vol. 6*)
Bible Story (Communicator Script)
Key Question
Prayer

SMALL GROUP

25
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GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Application Activity: Take a Snapshot
Bible Story Review: Bible Story Review and Discussion Questions
Memory Verse Activity: Verses to Take with You
Prayer Activity: Make it Personal with Prayer

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

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

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MADE TO EXPLORE

an activity that extends learning through hands-on experimentation and discovery



Before kids arrive, pray that your time together with your kids would go smoothly and would be engaging. Ask God for patience and wisdom as you work to create a safe place for your kids to have fun and process why it's important to say "thanks" and be grateful when others do something for us.

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1. JUST FOR FUN

WHAT YOU NEED: Offering container, candy corn, wide craft sticks, bowls

WHAT YOU DO:

- **Invite** kids to put their offerings in the container.
- **Give** partners a wide craft stick and a container of candy corn.
- **Challenge** kids to see how many candy corns they can stack on top of their craft stick in one minute while one partner holds the stick and the other stacks.
- **Switch** and repeat.
- If you have leftover, untouched candy corn, let kids eat a few pieces when the game is over.

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2. OPENING ACTIVITY

WHAT YOU NEED: Tape, paper, retractable ballpoint pens, coins, paper clips

WHAT YOU DO:

- **Tell** kids to hold their thumbs tightly to the side of their hands.
- **Wrap** tape around the palms of each kid's left and right hands (separately, not both hands together) so that their fingers can move, but not their thumbs.
- **Challenge** the kids to do some simple tasks such as the ones suggested below.
 - Write the alphabet
 - Pick up a coin
 - Shake someone's hand
 - Put a paper clip onto a sheet of paper
 - Click a pen five times
 - Wad up a sheet of paper
 - Fold a sheet of paper three times

WHAT YOU SAY:

"No thumbs is NO FUN. I'm guessing it felt good to finally take the tape off and use your hands again. Imagine what it would be like if you didn't have full use of your hands—ever—and then DID. **[Transition]** In today's Large Group we'll meet some people who were going through life with something far worse than having no thumbs. Let's find out what happened when Jesus enters the picture."

Lead your group to the Large Group area.



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MADE TO CONNECT

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



1. TAKE A SNAPSHOT

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Index cards, pens

WHAT YOU DO:

- **Provide** an index card and pen for each kid.
- **Ask** each kid to write their own definition of gratitude without using any form of the word THANK.
- **Listen** as each kid shares their definition.
- **Ask** kids to indicate their answer to the question below by writing YES or NO on the back of their index card.
 - Do you *have* to say thank you every time someone does something for you?
- **Form two groups** based on the answers kids gave. If there is only one kid on a team, join forces with them so they are not alone.
- **Ask** both the YES and NO groups to each come up with three reasons why they believe theirs is the right answer.
- **Hold** a "Gratitude Debate" as each team shares their thoughts and tries to persuade the others to agree.

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2. BIBLE STORY EXTENSION [TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: Bible, stopwatch, index cards, markers

WHAT YOU DO:

- **Review** the Bible story using the questions below. Let kids compete to see who can say the answer ten times in a row in the shortest amount of time.
 - What book of the Bible is our story found? (*Luke*)
 - What disease did the men in the story have? (*skin disease, leprosy*)
 - How many men in the story had a skin disease? (*10*)
 - How many men did Jesus heal in this story? (*10*)
 - How many men came back to thank Jesus? (*1*)
- **Ask** kids to share why they think only one of the men who was healed came back to say thank you to Jesus.
- **Lead** kids in the following experiment to illustrate the way we can easily miss seeing opportunities to show our gratitude that are right in front of us.
 - Give each of the kids a marker and an index card.
 - Use the marker to make a dot on the left edge of the index card and an X on the right edge.
 - Hold the card with the X on the right at eye level about an arm's length away.
 - Tell kids to close their right eye then look directly at the X. They should still be able to see the dot.
 - Tell them to focus on the X, as they slowly bring the card closer to their face. The dot will disappear.
- **Connect** the experiment with a challenge to do what the nine men in the Bible story missed the opportunity to do: say thank you.
 - What are we most likely focusing on when we forget to say thank you?
 - Give some reason why we should say thank you often.
 - When are you most motivated to say thank you?
 - Can you think of a time when you forgot to say thank you for something big? Did it cause a problem with the other person, or did you remember to come back and thank them?
 - Who do you need to thank today? How will you do it?

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3. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

Ask:

- If someone says thank you, but they don't really mean it, is it truly gratitude? Why or why not?
- Is it enough to just feel grateful without actually say it or expressing it in any way? Explain.
- What are some ways we can thank someone other than just saying "thank you"?

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*4. VERSE TO TAKE WITH YOU [HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Bibles, craft supplies

WHAT YOU DO:

- **Pair up** and give partners a Bible or let them use a Bible App on their devices.
- **Assign** one or more verses of Psalm 100 to each group, making sure the entire Psalm (5 verses) is covered.
- **Challenge** kids to read their verse together, then brainstorm how they might challenge the others to be grateful, based on the verse they were assigned.
 - They can “make an argument” in the form of a speech or presentation, create a poster or ad, act something out, or any other ideas they come up with that will work in your environment and with the available supplies.
- **Allow** groups a few minutes to prepare their presentations.
- **Let** them present their “arguments” to each other.
- **Encourage** kids to provide helpful feedback as the presentations are shared.
- **Ask:**
 - What is the most compelling or persuasive reason we have for being grateful?
 - What verse did you connect with the most? Why?
 - How will that verse help you remember to say thank you today?

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MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that creates space for personal processing and application



5. MAKE IT PERSONAL WITH PRAYER [PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Bible, Pick-Up Sticks or prepared "Gratitude Stix"

WHAT YOU DO:

- **Read** Psalm 7:17 as a reminder that God deserves our biggest thanks and loudest praise.
- **Set out** the Pick-Up Sticks (or the Gratitude Stix you prepared in Week 1).
- **Follow** the same steps as in Week 1 for using the Pick-Up Sticks.
- **Use** the following color chart (different from last week) to lead kids in prayer. Modify the prayer categories if your set of Pick-Up Sticks contains different or additional colors.
 - Red: Thank God for 10 ways He shows that He cares for you.
 - Green: Thank God for 10 people in your life who love you.
 - Yellow: Ask God to help you say thank you 10 times today.
 - Blue: Thank God for 10 things that you have.
 - Orange: Tell God 10 reasons you're grateful for Jesus.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Dear God, remind us this week to say thank you to those who help us, love us, and make us happy. A grateful heart that is quick to give thanks is something You are pleased with, which makes it something we are excited to do. Help us show our love for You and for others with words and actions that say Thank You!"

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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. JUST FOR FUN

Made to Explore: an activity that extends learning through hands-on experimentation and discovery

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Offering container
- Bag of candy corn
- Wide craft sticks; five for each small group
- Five cups or bowls
 - Divide candy corn into five separate bowls or cups with at least 25 pieces of candy in each.

2. OPENING ACTIVITY

Made to Explore: an activity that extends learning through hands-on experimentation and discovery

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Tape
- Paper
- Retractable ballpoint pens
- Coins
- Paper clips

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 #4.*

1. TAKE A SNAPSHOT

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

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

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Index cards; one for each kid
- Pens

2. BIBLE STORY EXTENSION

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

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

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Bible
- Markers
- Index cards
- Stopwatch or timer on smartphone

3. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

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WHAT YOU NEED:

- No supplies needed

* 4. VERSE TO TAKE WITH YOU

[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 or Bible App
- Paper, markers, and any other simple craft supplies you have available

5. MAKE IT PERSONAL WITH PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

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

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Bible
- Pick-Up Sticks or prepared "Gratitude Stix" from Week 1

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