

4th-5th Grade.

BIG IDEA:
Gratitude

BOTTOM LINE:
Be thankful for what you have.

BIBLE STORY:
Ungrateful Israelites –
Numbers 11

After Large Group

Bible Story and Bottom Line Review

SUPPLIES:

- Bottom Line Review (Activity Page) - 1 per 2 kids
- Scissors - 1 pair per group
- Markers or pens

HOW-TO:

1. Discuss the Bible Story using "Say This" below.
2. Cut each Activity Page on the dotted line and give one to each kid.
3. Fill in the chart together as you discuss what skills and talents each kid is grateful to have.
4. Encourage the kids to use the Activity Page every day this week to help them remember to **[Bottom Line] Be thankful for what you have.**

SAY THIS:

This month, we're learning all about gratitude. What's gratitude? (A thankful attitude.)

Today in Large Group, we heard all about the Israelites, who really struggled with being grateful. Don't we all sometimes? Remember, God had just delivered them out of Egypt where they were slaves. Then as they wandered around the desert, God gave them food. He literally made bread fall from the SKY to feed them! And not just once, but EVERY DAY he fed them. But how did the Israelites respond? (Let kids respond.) They complained! They wanted different, more exciting food. They even wished to be slaves back in Egypt.

Does it cross your mind to be thankful... even when you DON'T like something?

Or have you ever really liked some new thing you have... until you see the new and improved thing your friend has?

Does it make it hard to be thankful for what you have when you see other people's things? (Share a personal experience.)

We can use this gratitude chart (demonstrate chart) anytime this week when we are starting to feel ungrateful. The goal is to be thankful for something in the category listed each day! What's

something that you can do—a skill or talent that you have—that you can be thankful for? (Have the kids fill in the blanks in each category.)

We can learn a lot from the Israelites. They really struggled not to get caught up in what they didn't have. If we're not careful, we can have that same ungrateful attitude about the things God has given us. This week when you are feeling ungrateful, I want you to practice naming three things you are grateful for just like we did in Large Group. (Demonstrate.) This chart can be a great way for you to have a list of things to be grateful for. So remember this week to **[Bottom Line] Be thankful for what you have.**

BOTTOM LINE REVIEW

Use these questions to guide the kids on how to apply the Bottom Line: **Be thankful for what you have.** Engage everyone and give them a chance to share and participate in the discussion.

LEVEL UP THE DISCUSSION:

Use the questions below to encourage discussion and group participation.

1. Give kids an opportunity to lead through the questions.
2. Pass the questions to a kid and have them read the first one aloud to the group.
3. Allow another kid to ask the next question. Continue until all questions have been asked.

SAY THIS

Let's review the message we just heard in Large Group and how we can apply it to our lives.

1. Why is it important to thank God for what we have? (Let kids respond.) **Because everything we have comes from him.**
2. How can being thankful change the way we feel? (Let kids respond.) **It changes our focus from what we don't have to being happy about all the things we do have.**
3. What happens when we spend more time thinking about what we don't have instead of what we do have? (Let kids respond.) **We don't appreciate the things that have been given to us. Our attitude can become ungrateful. Our mood changes and we can be grumpy or mean.**
4. What is one thing you usually take for granted that you could thank God for today? (Let kids respond.)
5. Can you name three things you are grateful for today? (Let kids respond.)
6. What can you do the next time you are starting to feel ungrateful? (Let kids respond.)
Demonstrate what we learned in Large Group.

I want us to remember ANY time we start to feel ungrateful that we have so much to be grateful for. So this week when you start feeling ungrateful or thinking about things you DON'T have, I want you to pause, name three things you are grateful for, and remember everything you have been given has come from God, so thank him too! Let's do that right now.

PRAYER

Huddle up with your group and lead them in prayer.

Dear God,

Thank you so much for giving us our families, our friends, our homes, and all the other good things we have in our lives. Help us when we start to feel ungrateful to remember to be thankful for what we have. Thanks for loving us. We love you. Amen.

VERSE OF THE MONTH

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love endures forever. (1 Chronicles 16:34)

VERSE ACTIVITY

- Bibles
- Solo® cups - 1 per kid
- Verse Cling Activity Page - 1 per group

SAY THIS

LEARN IT! (Find the verse and understand what it means.)

The Bible is full of God's wisdom. Let's look up our verse to learn what God says about being thankful. (Pass out Bibles and look up the verse. Demonstrate how to locate the Table of Contents to find the correct book, and explain how to find the verse based on the reference.) **Read the verse together as a group.**

LOCK IT! (Memorize the verse to lock it in our hearts.)

It's important to lock the verse in our hearts. One way we do that is with this activity.

5. Scan the QR code to review the cup motions to learn the verse.
6. Pass out one cup per kid.
7. Rewatch the video, pausing it frequently to learn the motions.
8. See if your group can learn the entire verse using the cup and motions.
9. Repeat as time allows.



LIVE IT! (Apply the verse to the way we live every day.)

Now that we've learned the verse and locked it in, we need to live it out. Living out the verse is knowing what the verse means and applying it to the way we live every day.

Small Group

Week 1

November 1, 2026

God is so good to us, no matter what we're going through. How amazing is that? Plus, God's love never stops, especially when things are hard—that's what "endures" means. If we know he loves us, then we can trust him to do what's best for us and we can be thankful... no matter what. We can be thankful because not only is God good, but his love for us never stops!

You'll get a verse cling like this (hold up Verse Activity Page) when you leave. Use a device to scan the QR code, then use any cup you have at your house to practice this verse.