

4th-5th Grade.

BIG IDEA:
Gratitude

BOTTOM LINE:
Take time to say thank you.

BIBLE STORY:
Jesus and the Ten Lepers
(Luke 17:11–19)

After Large Group

Bible Story Review

SUPPLIES:

- No supplies needed

HOW-TO:

1. Review the Bible Story using the prompts in “Say This” below.

SAY THIS:

Start the Bible Story with the prompts below. If a kid wants to add something, have them raise their hand and tell ONE part. Then let another kid continue the story. Use the format below to give them hints if they miss a part or get stuck. The idea is to have them retell the story as much as possible.

ONE DAY WHEN JESUS WAS TRAVELING, HE SAW... (HINTS TO KEEP THE STORY GOING)

- Ten men who had leprosy.
- Jesus walked by.
- They shouted out, “Jesus, help us!”
- Jesus walked right up and healed them.
- The men were excited!
- The men ran back to their families.
- Only one man came back to Jesus.
- And thanked him.

Do you think all the healed men were grateful? Yes! But only one took the time to say thank you. Now, you might think, *Well, I'd definitely remember to say thank you to Jesus!* But sometimes we don't. The thing is, even if we feel thankful inside, the only way people know we are is if we say it.

BOTTOM LINE REVIEW

Use these questions to guide the kids on how to apply the Bottom Line: **Take time to say thank you.** 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. Have kids line up, shoulder to shoulder, facing you.
2. Explain that you will ask a question, and if they know the answer, they must come to you and give you a high-five before they can answer.
3. Optional: Once a kid answers a question correctly, have them sit down in their spot so others have the opportunity to answer as well.

SAY THIS

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

1. What does the story of these ten lepers teach us about gratitude? (Let kids respond.) **To take time to say thank you. That it shows the other person they matter and that you appreciate what they have done for you.**
2. Have you ever been so excited about getting something that you forgot to say thank you? What happened? (Let kids respond.)
3. When was the last time you remembered to say "thank you" without being reminded? (Let kids respond.)
4. Who is someone you should thank this week? Why? (Let kids respond.)
5. What can you do if you realize you've forgotten to thank someone? (Let kids respond.)
6. This is a hard one: How is gratitude different from good manners? (Let kids respond.) **Good manners is saying it because you know it's the right thing to do. Gratitude is being genuine and truly appreciating the person for what they have done.**

It's so easy to forget to say "thank you." It's not that we aren't grateful, it's just that we forget or get in a hurry. This week, I want to encourage you to pause and really take time to thank the people in your life that do things for you.

PRAYER

Huddle up with your group and lead them in prayer.

Dear God,

We don't want to just BE thankful—we want to remember to say it. Please help us remember to thank people who do things for us. Thank you for loving us and for everything you do for 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.

2. Scan the QR code to review the cup motions to learn the verse.
3. Pass out one cup per kid.
4. Rewatch the video, pausing it frequently to learn the motions.
5. See if your group can learn the entire verse using the cup and motions.
6. 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.

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 at home.