

4th-5th.

BIG IDEA:

Gratitude

BOTTOM LINE:

Thank God for
what he has done.

BIBLE STORY:

Feast Days
(Exodus 23:14–19)

After Large Group

Bottom Line Review

SUPPLIES:

- Snack pack of Skittles® – 1 per kid
- Napkin or plate – 1 per kid

HOW-TO:

1. Have each kid dump a pack of Skittles® on a napkin or plate.
2. Call out a Skittles® color for each kid to hold. Read a statement below for them to complete.
3. Let a few kids answer and then let everyone enjoy their candy. Repeat with the remaining colors.

STATEMENTS

- **PURPLE:** Thank you, God, for helping my family when ____ (e.g., we ran out of gas, my sister was sick).
- **RED:** Thank you, God, for teaching me ____ (e.g., to love people, to be kind).
- **ORANGE:** Thank you, God, for helping me ____ (e.g., at school, on my sports team).
- **GREEN:** Thank you, God, for giving me ____ (e.g., friends, a pet, my parents).
- **YELLOW:** Hold your yellow Skittles® and repeat after me: “Thank you, God, for all you’ve done.”

SAY THIS:

Wow! God has done so much for you! He’s done SO much more than a pack of Skittles® could cover. This week, take time with your family to pause and **[Bottom Line] Thank God for what he has done.**

BOTTOM LINE REVIEW

Use these questions to guide the kids on how to apply the Bottom Line: **Thank God for what he has done.** Engage everyone and give them a chance to share and participate in the discussion.

LEVEL UP THE DISCUSSION:

Use the idea below to encourage discussion and group participation.

SUPPLIES:

- Die - 1 per group

1. Use the die for the questions below.
2. Kids will take turns rolling the die before answering each question.
3. Ask for volunteers.
4. Use the key below to determine how each kid will answer the question.

If they roll...

- 1 - Answer the question themselves.
 - 2 - Ask a friend to answer the question.
 - 3 - Use one sentence to answer the question.
 - 4 - Ask the leader for their answer.
 - 5 - Work with another person to come up with an answer to share together.
 - 6 - Fast answer—see if you can answer the question in ten seconds or less.
5. 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. How did the celebrations we talked about today help people trust God for the future? (Let kids respond.) **It gave them a chance to remember all the things God has done for them.**
2. What's one thing God has done in your life that you're thankful for? (Let kids respond.)
3. What are some ways God is helping you right now? (Let kids respond.)
4. If your family had a "Thank You Party", what would you celebrate? (Let kids respond.)
5. How does remembering what God has done help you when you're worried or when you don't know how something will work out? (Let kids respond.)
6. Why is it sometimes easy to forget the good things God has done? (Let kids respond.)
7. What is one way you can show gratitude to God this week? (Let kids respond.)

God loves you, and God is so good. So this week, when God helps you do something big—or even something small—remember to throw a "Thank You Party" and remember that he's always with us.

PRAYER

Huddle up with your group and lead them in prayer.

Dear God,

Thank you for loving us. Thank you for what you've done for us in the past. Thank you for all the ways you help us each day. Help us remember that you're always good and we can be thankful for that. We love you, God. 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® cup – 2 per group

SAY THIS

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

The Bible is full of wisdom from God. Let's look up our verse to learn what God says about being responsible for the things we have. (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 our cup game this month.

1. Scan the QR code. Watch the video to review the cup game verse motions with the kids.
2. Divide the group into two equal groups.
3. Give each group a cup.
4. Groups will say the verse as they play the game, passing the cup to the right after each repetition of the verse.
5. The first group that gets their cup back to the starting person first wins.
6. Mix up teams and play again 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? If we didn't know that he's good and trustworthy, it would be harder to be thankful when things are hard. Plus, God's love never stops, especially when things are hard—that's what "endures" means. If we know he loves us,

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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.