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ELEMENTARY

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2nd-3rd Grade

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BEFORE LARGE GROUP

Early Arriver Idea

SUPPLIES:

- Early Arriver (Activity Page) - 1 per kid
- Pens or markers

HOW-TO:

1. Give each kid an Activity Page to complete.
2. As they're working, ask them some **"HIGH FIVE"** questions below.

HIGH FIVE (Optional Conversation Starters):

1. Are you traveling anywhere this week?
2. What's something that was hard for you to finish, but you finished anyway? (e.g., piano lessons or a tough soccer season.)
3. What's something coming up that you're excited about?
4. What's something that you need help with right now?
5. Would you rather cover your food with gravy or eat a big spoonful of cranberry sauce?

Opening Activity

SUPPLIES:

- Non-latex medical gloves - 2 per group
- Masking tape

HOW-TO:

1. Blow up the gloves and tie them closed. These are your "turkeys" for the game.
2. Join with another group to play "Turkey Relay."
3. Tape two lines on the floor with enough distance between them to make it fun. (At least 3')
4. Each group will line up at the first tape line. When you say "go," the first kid from each group will run to the opposite line and back again, carrying the turkey in one of the positions listed below.
5. No hands are allowed. If they drop the turkey, they'll pick it up, return to the line, and start over.
6. Each kid will hand the turkey to the next kid in line. The relay continues until everyone has a turn.
7. The first group to finish wins! Play a few rounds.

HOW TO HOLD THE TURKEY

- Between your knees
- On your head
- Between your elbows
- Other ways you make up
- Under your chin

LEADERS: PICK UP ALL TURKEYS BEFORE LARGE GROUP TO REUSE IN THE BIBLE STORY REVIEW.

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AFTER LARGE GROUP

Bible Story Review

SUPPLIES:

- Glove turkeys from Opening Activity - 2 per group
- Plastic spoons - 1 per kid

HOW-TO:

1. Divide your group into two teams. Each team will stand shoulder to shoulder in a line, facing each other. You'll stand at the end of your group's line.
2. Give each kid a spoon. They'll pass a turkey down the line using only the spoon! If they drop it, they may pick the turkey up and place it back on the spoon.
3. The team that gets the turkey to the end of the line first will answer a question from the Bible Story and earn a point. If the teams tie, ask both teams the question for a chance to earn the point.
4. Have the kid at the front of the line go to the back and play again.
5. Give the turkey to the kid now at the front of the line. Repeat until all the questions are answered.
6. The team with the most points wins!

SAY THIS:

QUESTIONS

1. Gratitude is a ____ attitude. (A. Stinky **B. Thankful** C. Forgetful)
2. How did the Israelites celebrate being thankful to God for something? (**A. They had festivals or feasts.** B. They wrote him a thank-you card. C. They sent him flowers.)
3. What is a feast? (A. A sickness **B. A big party** C. A dance move)
4. How many different Israelite feasts did we talk about in Large Group today? (A. 4 B. 5 **C. 3**)
5. The first feast was to celebrate what God had done in the _____. (A. Sky B. Kitchen **C. Past**)
6. During the second feast, the Israelites showed God they were thankful that he _____ them. (A. Ignored **B. Helped** C. Scolded)
7. This feast celebrated that God was helping them when? (**A. Right now** B. In the field C. In the past)
8. The final feast was at the end of the year as they finished their harvest season and brought in the last of their _____. (A. Cows B. Gold **C. Crops**)
9. Every good thing comes from _____. (A. The store **B. God** C. TV)
10. Why did God tell the Israelites to feast? (**A. He wanted them to remember to thank him.** B. He loved parties. C. He was hungry for feast food.)

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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.**

**Today we learned that God is good and we can
[Bottom Line] Thank God for what he's done.**



**If you haven't had a chance to pray with your small group yet,
take the time now.**

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Prayer

Be sensitive to any visitor during this activity, and don't ask them to pray out loud if they're not comfortable.

✂️ **SUPPLIES:**

- No supplies needed

≡ **HOW-TO:**

1. Have the kids huddle up and lead them in the following prayer.

💬 **SAY THIS:**

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. We love you, God. Amen.

Verse Activity

SUPPLIES:

- Bible, marked with sticky note at 1 Chronicles 16:34 - 1 per group
- Verse Cling Activity Page - 1 per group
- Solo® cup - 2 per group

≡ **HOW-TO:**

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.

1. Divide the kids into pairs and give them each a Bible. Explain that the Bible is divided into the Old Testament and the New Testament. Demonstrate how to find the verse.
2. Have them find the book of 1 Chronicles under the Old Testament heading in the Table of Contents.
3. Have them find chapter 16 (big number), verse 34 (little number).
4. Read the verse aloud.

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. Pass out the red cup to the kids while you keep the yellow cup.
2. Scan the QR code. Watch the video to review the cup game verse motions with the kids.
3. Divide the group into two equal groups.
4. Give each group a cup.
5. Groups will say the verse as they play the game, passing the cup to the right after each repetition of the verse.



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6. The first group that gets their cup back to the starting person first wins.
7. Mix up teams and play again as time allows.

SAY THIS:

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, 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 your device to scan the QR code, then use any cup you have at your house to practice this verse.