KIDS LEADER GUIDE BOOK 1

TEAM KID

KIDS IN DISCIPLESHIP

Thanksgiving

GOD'S AMAZING STORY

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SESSIONS 1–18 + 2 BONUS SESSIONS



THE GOSPEL

GOD'S PLAN FOR ME

gos·pel [noun.] good news; the message about Christ, the kingdom of God, and salvation



GOD RULES.

The Bible tells us God created everything, including you and me, and He is in charge of everything. *Genesis 1:1; Revelation 4:11; Colossians 1:16-17*



WE SINNED.

We all choose to disobey God. The Bible calls this sin. Sin separates us from God and deserves God's punishment of death. *Romans 3:23; 6:23*



GOD PROVIDED.

God sent Jesus, the perfect solution to our sin problem, to rescue us from the punishment we deserve. It's something we, as sinners, could never earn on our own. Jesus alone saves us. *John 3:16; Ephesians 2:8-9*



JESUS GIVES.

He lived a perfect life, died on the cross for our sins, and rose again. Because Jesus gave up His life for us, we can be welcomed into God's family for eternity. This is the best gift ever! *Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 3:18; Ephesians 2:8-9*



WE RESPOND.

Believe in your heart that Jesus alone saves you through what He's already done on the cross. Repent, turning from self and sin to Jesus. Tell God and others that your faith is in Jesus. *John 14:6; Romans 10:9-10,13*

CLASSROOM RULES

1	Chair Check Sit in your seat when asked
2	Hands Up Raise your hand
3	Safe Hands Keep your hands to yourself
4	Clean Crew Clean up after yourself
5	Feet Flat Keep your feet flat on the floor
6	Listen to Leaders Listen to what the leaders are saying
7	Bear your Badge Keep your student badge on at all times
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BIBLE CLUB SCHEDULE

2:50pm - 3:12pm	Check - In & Snacks
3:12pm - 3:27pm	Recreation
3:27pm - 3:42pm	Worship & Large Group Bible Lesson
3:42pm - 3:57pm	Bible Activity
3:57pm - 4:20pm	Small Groups
4:20pm - 4:24pm	Missions
4:24pm - 4:30pm	Clean - Up / Check Out
4:30pm	Pick-Up

BIBLE CLUB LEADERS

STARKEY	WALSINGHAM	BARDMOOR
Pastor Alex	Pastor Alex	Pastor Alex
Betty Jackson	Shelby Bode	Shelby Bode
Linda Wallace	Mattie Effertz	Barb Hart
Mary Wahl	Jeremiah Anderson	Anne Blum
Maureen Peltier	Renee Lindquist	Renee Lindquist
Rebecca Mitten		Hailey Lindquist

Check-in & Snack 2:50pm – 3:12pm

1. Car riding students arrive / Have each check in for attendance
2. Students' energy levels are all different. Allow the ones that need to move around and get the "wiggles" out. Others be there for conversation and encouragement. Either way get to know the students more!
3. Leave to go get RClub/YMCA students. Make sure you bring the attendance sheet and only bring students preregistered back. Discuss with staff if you have questions.
4. Give everyone a snack and have them take a seat.
5. Go over Club rules and introduce leaders

Recreation 3:12pm – 3:27pm

1. Thanksgiving Four Corners
    a. Students must go to the corner of the room that best fits their answer.
        i. **What's your favorite Thanksgiving food?**
        ii. **Pick a dessert!**
        iii. **Pick a drink!**
        iv. **What animal would you invite to Thanksgiving?**
        v. **What would you rather jump into?**
        vi. **Pick a silly Thanksgiving hat!**
        vii. **Pick a fall activity!**
        viii. **What's your favorite fall color?**
        ix. **What are you thankful for?**

And more!

Worship 3:27pm – 3:42pm

Have the students stand up and play the video that leads the worship and motions to go with it. If this time is not effective with students then do not force it. If they do not respect or understand the purpose of the worship time explain it, but if it continues then skip the worship time and get start into the lesson.

Bible Club Thanksgiving Lesson

a. **Title:** Thankful in ALL Things!
b. **Bible Passage:** 1 Thessalonians 5:18
c. **Main Point:** We can thank God in every situation because He is always good!

Introduction: What Are You Thankful For?

1. Raise your hand if you're excited for Thanksgiving!
2. What is your favorite thing about Thanksgiving? (Allow 3-4 students to answer.)
3. Thanksgiving is a time when we think about all the good things in our lives. Maybe you're thankful for your family, your friends, your favorite food, or even your toys!
4. But I have a question for you:
   a. Is it easy to be thankful when things are going GOOD? (YES!)
   b. Is it easy to be thankful when things are going BAD? (NO!)

Did you know that the Bible tells us to be thankful even when things aren't going our way?

Give Thanks in All Circumstances

a. Listen to what the Bible says in 1 Thessalonians 5:18:
   i. "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." (ESV)
b. That means God wants us to be thankful when things are going great AND when things are difficult.
c. But here's something important: **Being thankful doesn't mean pretending everything is good. It means remembering that God is good, even when life is hard.**

Let's see if you can help me!

Interactive Game: Can You Still Be Thankful?

a. I'm going to give you a situation. If you think it would be EASY to be thankful, give me two thumbs up! If you think it would be HARD to be thankful, give me two thumbs down!
   i. You get your favorite dessert after dinner! (Easy!)
   ii. Your favorite toy breaks! (Hard!)
   iii. You get to play outside with your friends! (Easy!)
   iv. You get sick and have to stay home! (Hard!)
   v. Someone gives you a surprise present! (Easy!)
   vi. Your friend doesn't want to play with you! (Hard!)
b. **Here's the big question: Can we still thank God when things are hard?**
   i. YES! Because even when things are hard, God still loves us, cares for us, and is with us.

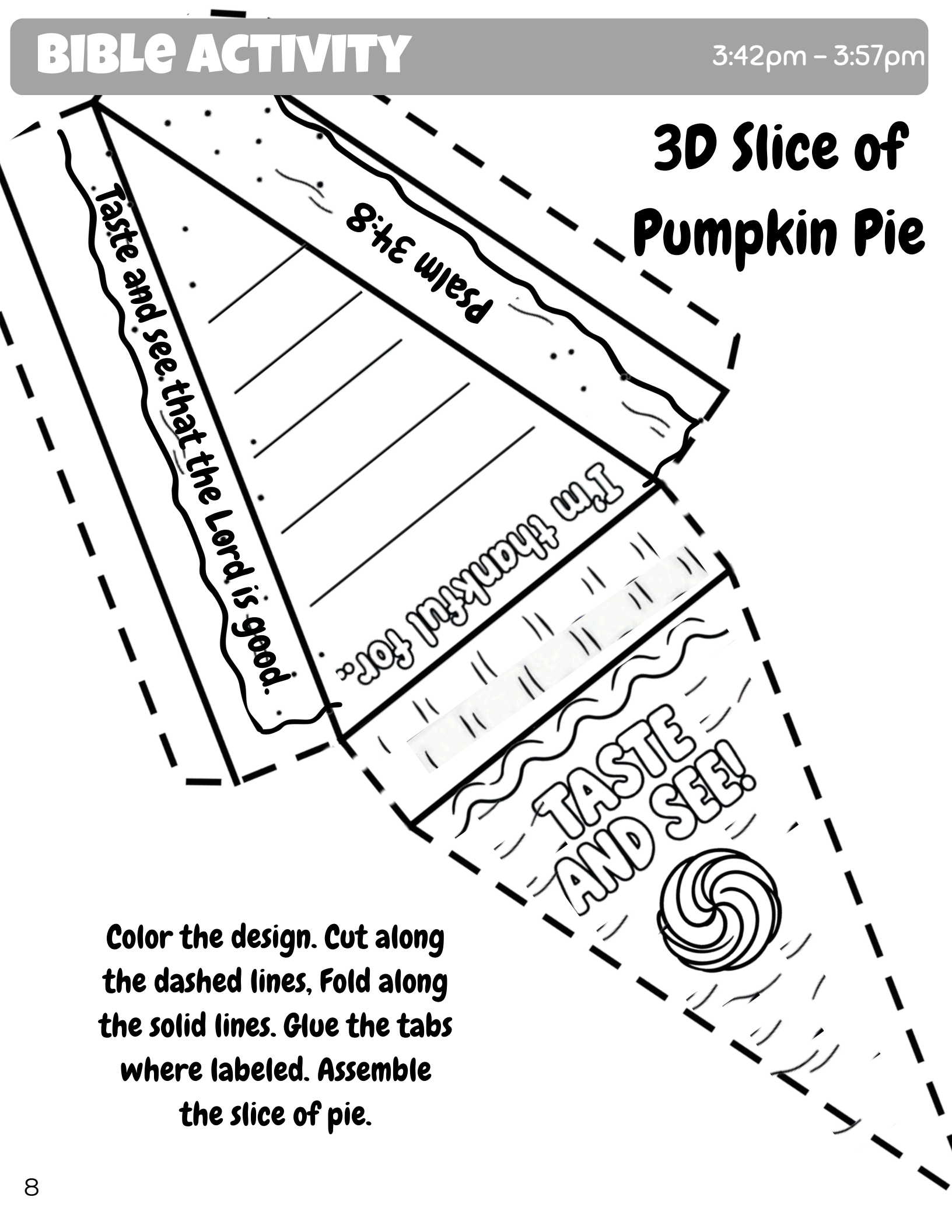
The Greatest Reason to Be Thankful

a. We've talked about being thankful for food, friends, toys, and family. **But** what is the GREATEST gift God has ever given us? **JESUS!**
b. John 3:16 tells us that God loved the world so much that He gave His only Son, Jesus.
c. Jesus came to save us from our sins. He died on the cross and rose again so that everyone who trusts in Him can have eternal life!
d. Even if we didn't have our favorite toys, our favorite foods, or everything we wanted, we would still have the greatest reason to be thankful: God loves us and sent Jesus to save us!

Three Ways to Show Thankfulness

1. We can show our thankfulness to God in three simple ways.
2. SAY IT! Tell God thank you when you pray.
3. SHOW IT! Show thankfulness by helping others and being kind.
4. SHARE IT! Tell others about the good things God has done, especially sending Jesus

3D Slice of Pumpkin Pie



Color the design. Cut along the dashed lines, Fold along the solid lines. Glue the tabs where labeled. Assemble the slice of pie.

SMALL GROUPS 3:57pm – 4:20pm

Kindergarten

1. **Welcome**
   a. What is something really fun or exciting you remember doing?
2. **Look: God Took Care of His People!**
   i. **Show the children a picture of Moses leading the Israelites through the wilderness.**
      1. Who do you see in this picture?
      2. Where do you think all these people are going?
      3. Who helped God's people when they were in the wilderness?
      4. What are some ways God took care of them?
3. **Touch: Remember God's Blessings!**
   a. A small bag containing pictures of familiar objects that represent things we can thank God for.Place all the pictures inside a bag. Let each child take a turn reaching inside and pulling out one object. Ask them to identify what the object represents. Have them share something related to that object they are thankful for. Continue until everyone has had a turn.
      i. What is something good God has given you?
      ii. Why is it important to remember the good things God has done?
      iii. How can we thank God for taking care of us?
4. **Main Point:** REMEMBER WHAT GOD HAS DONE!
5. **Pray**

1st - 4th Grade

1. **The Israelites forgot about the amazing things God had done for them. Why do you think it's sometimes easy to forget the good things in our lives?** Examples: We focus on what we don't have, what goes wrong, or what we want next.
2. **Moses reminded the Israelites of how God had taken care of them. What is something good in your life that you can thank God for?** Examples: Family, friends, food, a home, or someone who cares about you.
3. **The Israelites were afraid to enter the Promised Land, even though God had helped them before. When have you been afraid to try something new or difficult? What helped you be brave?**
4. **Moses told the Israelites to love God and remember His commands. What are some ways you can show love to God in your everyday life?** Examples: Praying, obeying God, being kind to others, telling the truth, and helping someone in need.
5. **Moses wanted the Israelites to tell their children about the wonderful things God had done. If you could tell a friend one thing you've learned about God at Bible Club, what would you tell them?**

Pray

5th Grade Leadership

Leadership Principle: Leaders Set the Example

- **Bible Connection:** After 40 years in the wilderness, Moses reminded the Israelites of everything God had done for them. He reminded them of their past mistakes, God's faithfulness, and the importance of following His commands (Deuteronomy 1; 6). Moses wanted the next generation to learn from the past so they could make better choices in the future.
- **Big idea:** Good leaders learn from their past experiences and use what they've learned to make better choices.
- **Questions**
  - Why do you think Moses wanted the Israelites to remember both the good things God had done and the mistakes they had made?
  - Have you ever made a mistake that taught you an important lesson? What did you learn?
  - Why is it important for a leader to remember what they've learned instead of making the same mistakes over and over?
  - As a 5th-grade leader at Bible Club, how can you use something you've learned to help a younger student make a good choice?

Pray

PRAYER REQUESTS

Missions

4:20pm – 4:24pm

Provide: "Facts and Faces Cards" (item 1.16), "For All Nations" missions video (optional)

To Do: Print and cut apart the "Facts and Faces Cards."

Consider reviewing the "For All Nations" missions video from Session 8.

Say: Emanuel Grozea is a missionary who moved from Romania to New York with his family. They wanted to lead a Romanian church in New York City, but they soon realized there were more Romanians living in Ridgewood, New York. Emanuel knew God wanted Morantha Baptist Church to be a church for all nations."

Form five groups. Invite one person from each group to choose a card. Each card includes facts about people from the different nations attending Morantha Baptist Church in Ridgewood, New York (Romania, Poland, Albania, Egypt, and Nepal).

Invite TeamKIDs to pray in their groups for people from the country on their fact card. Remind kids to pray that they will grow in their knowledge of Jesus and that they will be able to take the good news of their Savior back to their home countries. Close in prayer, thanking God that the free gift of salvation through His Son, Jesus, is for all people from every nation who believe in Him!

Clean - up / Check out

4:24pm – 4:30pm

As you get ready to leave please make sure that the room is as you found it. We want to continue to have a great relationship with the school and that is dependent on keeping spaces clean and oragnized as we found it.

Pick-up

4:30pm

- **RClub/YMCA** students will need to be walked back to their location.
- **Car riders** are walked to the front of the school to be picked up by an approved driver.