Kids | November - Week 2

Nov 8,2026| 4TH-5TH

Elementary Service Flow Large Group
- Pre-Service
- Opener
- Worship
- Memory Verse
- Story Time
- Salvation moment | ABC Salvation

Small Group Transition (EHT ONLY)
K-1st grade: Move to K-1st classroom
2nd-3rd Grade: Stay in current classroom

Small Group
- Activity One
- Activity Two
- Prayer and Dismiss



Bible Story

Always Something to Be Grateful For • Habakkuk 3:17-18; 1 Thessalonians 5:18 (supporting: 2 Corinthians 4:17)

Bottom Line

I can thank God no matter what.

Memory Verse

Every good and perfect gift is from God. This kind of gift comes down from the Father who created the heavenly lights. These lights create shadows that move. But the Father does not change like these shadows. • James 1:17 NIrV

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Social

Providing Time for Fun Interaction

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Preteen - Opening Activity | Made to Play *Uses Minimal Supplies*

What You Need

- "The Great Gratitude Challenge" Gameboard (from Week One's challenge) 1
- Deck of Uno® Cards 1

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- *Optional: If you do not have the gameboard from Week 1, print "The Great Gratitude Challenge" on 11-inch x 17-inch cardstock, one per Small Group.*

During the Activity:

- Greet each kid by name with a fist bump, high-five, smile, or wave as they arrive.
- Check in with kids to find out if they completed Week One's challenge in The Great Gratitude Challenge. Check off their name on "The Great Gratitude Challenge" Gameboard from last week.
- Instruct kids that the group will be playing a game of Uno. (Up to 10 kids can play on one deck of Uno cards).
- Review the rules of Uno:
  - Deal seven cards to each player.
  - Place the remaining cards face down as the draw pile and turn over the top card to start the discard pile.
  - Match the card on the discard pile by color, number, or symbol.
  - If you can't play a card, draw one card. If you can play it, you may play it right away.
  - Special Rule: When a 0 card is played, the next player swaps all of their cards with the player after them.
  - Skip = the next player loses their turn.
  - Reverse = play changes direction.
  - Draw Two = the next player draws two cards and misses their turn.
  - Wild = choose the color.
  - Wild Draw Four = choose the color, and the next player draws four cards and misses their turn.
  - When you have one card left, don't forget to say "UNO!"
  - The first player to get rid of all their cards wins the round.

What You Say:

"Our special rule today with the zero card may have felt like bad luck or unfair at times. Or maybe it worked out great for you. In today's true story from the Bible, a prophet named Habakkuk lived through a really difficult time, but he still chose to honor God as Numero Uno—the almighty God who deserves honor and gratitude."

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Large Group Opener

Setting the Tone for the Experience

5 min

Opener

What You Need

Host	1
A few predetermined leaders to help split the kids into groups	1
Floor Tape	1
Brown paper bags	2
Real Gumdrops	Several
Fake candy	Several
Bowl/jar	1

What You Say:

Worship *(10 minutes)*

AUDIO: Play high-energy music as kids enter.

SLIDE: Theme

(Host enters with energy and excitement.)

Countdown

SLIDE*: Theme*

(Things to have ready: Starting line for game, brown paper bags, real candy, and fake candy mixed in a jar. Game slide. Bottom Line slide.)

OPENER

HOST: "Hey, everybody! Welcome to FUSION KIDS. If we haven't met, my name is [name], and I am so pumped you are here today.

"We are in a series called The Great Gratitude Challenge—Thank God for Every Good Thing, and today, we are learning all about how we can thank God no matter what!

"When it comes to gratitude, there are times when we really feel it, right? When we get that present we've wanted, when we get to go to our favorite restaurant, or when we're in the car and the red light turns green right before our grown-up has to stop. We've all been there!

"Gratitude isn't only for the moments when we get something good. Gratitude is something that we can have even when we don't get the present, don't go to the restaurant, or get stopped at the red light. We can be grateful even when things don't go our way!

"We're going to talk more about that, but for now, I have a game I want to play with you guys!

GAME SLIDE 1: Candyland Conquerors!

"Who doesn't love getting candy! I know I do. In today's game, we're going to split you up into teams, and each team is going to get a paper bag to gather up as much candy as they can from this jar.

(*Hold up jar*)

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"Easy enough! But here's the thing: some candy in here is fake. Your team's goal is to get as much real candy as possible and place it in your bags.

"Teams are going to line up, single file, behind our starting line over there with our bags on the ground.

(*Point out the starting line*)

"The bags are going to stay on the ground the whole time we're playing–we do not pick them up and take them to the jar with us, cool?

"When we say go, the first person in line will run to the jar, grab only one piece of candy, and run back to your team and drop off the piece in your team's bag. Only one person from each team goes at a time!

"Once the candy has been dropped in your bag, make sure to high-five the next person in line, and they will go and get one piece of candy, and you'll go to the back of the line and wait until your next turn.

"We'll keep going for just 30 seconds, and then at the end of 30 seconds, we'll see who has the most real candy in their bags. Whichever team has the most real candy in their bags wins the round!

(Leaders help kids split up into teams—try to make sure that teams are equal.)

"Are we ready? Which team thinks they're going to get the most candy? We'll find out! Ready? GO!"

(Start thirty-second timer.)

AUDIO: Upbeat music

(Encourage the kids and help spur them along to grab their piece of candy and go.)

"Great job, everyone! Our leaders are going to count up your candy to see which crew conquered the candy.

(*After the candy has been counted, announce the winner. Continue playing as many rounds as time allows.*)

"Awesome job, everyone! You guys sure are good at getting candy. We had real and fake candy we had to gather up, and so my question to you is this: would you be grateful if someone gave you a bag of fake candy?

"It would be pretty tough to show gratitude if someone gave you fake candy. We're going to learn more about having gratitude when things don't go our way today. For right now, it's time to check out our Bottom Line for today. Here, check this out—

SLIDE: Bottom Line

***[Bottom Line]* "I can thank God no matter what.** Can you say that with me?"

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KIDS AND HOST: ***[Bottom Line]*** **"I can thank God no matter what."**

HOST: "Awesome, thank you, guys! I love that we can thank God no matter what. Even if someone gave us a bag of fake candy, we always have something to be thankful for with God."

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Worship | Amazing Music

Inviting People to Respond to God

5 min

I THANK GOD | Worship Song

What You Need

Worship Leader(s) 1

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Memory Verse

What You Need

No supplies needed

What You Say:

"We can see some of this goodness in our memory verse for the month from James 1:17. I'm going to read it for us, and then we're all going to say it, piece by piece.

SLIDE: Memory Verse

"'Every good and perfect gift is from God. This kind of gift comes down from the Father who created the heavenly lights. These lights create shadows that move. But the Father does not change like these shadows' (James 1:17 NIrV).

"Now, I'm going to read a line, and I want you to repeat it after me. Let's make this Scripture loud! Here we go!"

LEADER: "Every good and perfect gift is from God."

KIDS AND LEADER: "Every good and perfect gift is from God."

LEADER: "This kind of gift comes down"

KIDS AND LEADER: "This kind of gift comes down"

LEADER: "from the Father who created the heavenly lights."

KIDS AND LEADER: "from the Father who created the heavenly lights."

LEADER: "These lights create shadows that move."

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LEADER: "But the Father does not change like these shadows."

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LEADER: "James 1:17!"

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LEADER: "There may be times when we look around, and it may feel like there's not much to be grateful for. In those moments, we can remind ourselves of just how good God has been to us.

"God's given you breath in your lungs, He brought you here this morning, He promises that even in tough times He's right there with us; those are incredible gifts to remember! This week, whether it's at school, the ball field, play practice, wherever–we can remember that every good and perfect gift is from God, that He is always good to us, even when we don't see it, and that we can thank Him no matter what."

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Bible Story

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So and So Show Bible Story | Video

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Bible Story (Live)

What You Need

Storyteller	1
Host	1
Table	1
Bible	1
Three empty snack containers (like Pringles, Pop-Tarts, cereal, etc.)	3
Either print off a cross or draw one on a piece of paper	1

What You Do:

- Download the slides and have them ready to use. If you do not have screen capabilities, you have Amazing Life's permission to enlarge and print the slides on paper.
- Confirm that your church has appropriate licensing to perform or play music and sound effects in your kids' environments (see above under Opener).
- Place the picture of the cross inside one of the snack containers and make sure that it is the last one referenced.

What You Say:

BIBLE STORY (STORYTELLER SCRIPT)

SLIDE: Theme Background

(Things to have ready: Set up the table at the front of the teaching area so the Storyteller can place their Bible on it and read from it. Three empty snack containers, paper with a cross on it in one of the containers.)

Introduction

STORYTELLER: "Hey, everyone! It is so great to be with you all today as we continue to learn about The Great Gratitude Challenge. Gratitude is like a muscle; it's something that we can work out. I know that may seem kind of silly, but it's true!

"Today, we're going to be talking about a way to strengthen that gratitude muscle, and I can think of no better way than what I have here on my table–snacks! Is there anything better on a family game night than a good snack? What are some of your favorites?

(Take a few answers)

"I personally love [snack name]. Here on my table, I have [name all three snacks]. I want you guys to imagine with me that you come home from a long day at school. It was grueling! Tests, difficult assignments, your best pencil snapped, I mean, a really tough day.

"Now imagine you come home and see this bad boy sitting on the counter waiting just for you. I don't know about you, but I would be pretty stoked. You run to the counter, grab the box, and then...

(Show kids the box is empty)

"Uh-oh. Not good. Not good at all! It would be pretty tough to be grateful if that were to happen, right? You see, this happens all the time. Our gratitude comes from what happens around us. We feel gratitude most when good things happen to us.

"That doesn't have to be the case, though! We can still thank God, even when things don't go our way. We can always be thankful to God, no matter what."

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Setting up the Story

STORYTELLER: "Today, we're going to take a look at a story from a book of the Bible we may not be too familiar with, Habakkuk. Habakkuk was a prophet in the Old Testament times, and let me tell you, he was living during some tough times.

"God's people were breaking His laws, treating others poorly, and doing things they shouldn't have been doing. Not only that, but another nation, Babylon, had conquered the nations around them, and there was fear that they would march in and conquer them, too.

"It was probably pretty tough for Habakkuk to feel grateful with all of this going on. Well, we're going to take a look at his story and how we can learn to be grateful to God, no matter what."

Habakkuk's Gratitude

STORYTELLER: "Habakkuk saw all that was happening around him, and he brought his questions, frustrations, and concerns to God. But he didn't stay there. Habakkuk chose to remember how powerful God is and all the ways God had saved His people before. Here, check this out in Habakkuk 3:17-18."

(Open the Bible and read Habakkuk 3:17-18 NIrV.)

"'The fig trees might not bud. The vines might not produce any grapes. The olive crop might fail. The fields might not produce any food. There might not be any sheep in the pens. There might not be any cattle in the barns. But I will still be glad because of what the Lord has done. God my Savior fills me with joy.'

"There are a couple of things I think you can learn from Habakkuk here. He recognized that things may not go his way. He talked about how the plants might not bring food and that there might not be any animals. That would have been a really serious, painful situation. You may hear that and not really care all that much, unless you're a huge fan of fig bars.

"For Habakkuk and the people, failing crops meant they didn't eat. They didn't have stores to go to for groceries! If the crops didn't grow, the people didn't eat. Things seemed empty for Habakkuk.

(*Pick up the second box of snacks and show that this one is empty, too*)

"You see, you may not run into situations quite like his, but there are definitely times when something like this empty box would be really upsetting for you. You really want the snack, and it isn't there. Or maybe, you really want the part in the school play and don't get it, or you really want the invite, and it doesn't come your way. Like the people in the times of Habakkuk, things may feel empty, and gratitude is hard to feel.

"Even in those moments where it may feel like things are empty, you can still have gratitude just like Habakkuk. How? Notice what he was saying: He would still be glad because of what the Lord has done, and he knew God, his Savior, filled him with joy.

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"That is important to remember: God is with you even in the middle of difficult times. When these tough times come, we can think about all Jesus has done for us. God has already taken care of our greatest need through Jesus. That means even when life is hard, we always have a reason to thank Him.

Our Reason for Gratitude

STORYTELLER: "You don't just have to take my word for it, either. Check this verse out from 1 Thessalonians 5:18.

(Open the Bible and read 1 Thessalonians 5:18 NIrV.)

"'Give thanks no matter what happens. God wants you to thank him because you believe in Christ Jesus.'

"Two things really stick out to me here: the first is that Paul, the author of 1 Thessalonians, tells us that it is possible to give thanks no matter what. Even when things feel empty, or you're discouraged, or whatever the world may throw at you, you can be thankful.

"Paul then reminds us why we can be thankful: because we belong to Jesus and believe in Him. When you make the decision to follow Jesus, you get to experience life with Jesus now and forever. He's the best friend that will never leave you. He's the mighty God who is always with you and cares for you, He's the perfect peace even in the middle of the tough things of life.

"Things may feel empty sometimes.

(*Pick up the third snack box and pull out the paper with the cross*)

"But you can know, without any doubt, that Jesus is with you, even in trouble. With Him, you always have hope."

Our Troubles

STORYTELLER: "Even though Jesus is always with us and always cares for us, that doesn't mean we won't have troubles. Here, let's check out one more verse from 2 Corinthians 4:17.

(Open the Bible and read 2 Corinthians 4:17 NIrV.)

"'Our troubles are small. They last only for a short time. But they are earning for us a glory that will last forever. It is greater than all our troubles.'

"Sometimes our troubles seem like the only thing we can see; they may seem huge! This verse tells me something, though. It tells me that as big as our troubles may be, God is bigger. As long as our troubles may seem to drag on, they will end, but we get to spend forever with God. Our time with Him will never run out!

"We get to experience life with God now and forever. That's something to be grateful for! Even though there's trouble here on earth, we have a God who loves us and sent His Son to die on the cross for us. That's

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something to be grateful for! There's nothing that could ever happen here on Earth that can take away these promises."

Wrapping up the Story

STORYTELLER: "Let's go back to our friend Habakkuk. He looked around and saw trouble. God's people weren't obeying Him; there was an army nearby that was causing fear; there was no shortage of things for Habakkuk and God's people to feel frustrated with, scared of, or worried about. But Habakkuk didn't only look at the trouble. He remembered what God had already done, and he chose to be glad in God.

"Paul helped remind us that we can give thanks no matter what because of what Jesus has done for us. And that even though we'll have trouble here on Earth, no troubles we face could ever stand against how big and powerful God is. No trouble could ever compare to the joy we'll have spending life with God here and now, and forevermore.

"And that's what our Bottom Line today is all about! Let's take a look at it together.

SLIDE: Bottom Line

***[Bottom Line]* "I can thank God no matter what.** Let's say it together!"

(Host enters and joins in.)

KIDS, STORYTELLER, AND HOST: *[Bottom Line]* "I can thank God no matter what."

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Bible Story Review

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Preteen - Bible Story Extension | Made to Reflect *Uses Minimal Supplies*

What You Need

Bibles	1
"Scrambled Scriptures" Activity Page	1
"Scrambled Scriptures Activity Key" Activity Page	1
Paper	1
Writing supplies	1
Markers	1

EveryChild tips

- *Partner kids with with a buddy who can help them with unscrambling the words (and writing, too, if needed).*

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Print "Scrambled Scriptures" Activity Page double-sided on paper, one per kid.
- Print "Scrambled Scriptures Activity Key" Activity Page on paper, one per Small Group.

During the Activity:

- Give each kid a "Scrambled Scriptures" Activity Page and make writing supplies available.
- Say: "The verses from today's Bible Story need to be sorted out. You'll see that some of the words are scrambled. We're going to work on unscrambling the words in these scriptures to help us understand what they say and what they mean."
- Instruct kids to unscramble the words in the first passage (Habakkuk 3:17-18).
- Tip: Have a Bible ready to look up any words that kids have difficulty unscrambling.
- After they have unscrambled the passage, instruct kids to draw a picture or write a response in the blank space about what the passage means.
- Invite kids to share their drawings or thoughts about the meaning of Habakkuk 3:17-18.
- Tell the kids to flip their page over.
- Instruct kids to unscramble the words in the two passages (1 Thessalonians 5:18 and 2 Corinthians 4:17). When kids are finished unscrambling, have them draw a picture or write a response in the blank space about what those passages mean.
- Invite kids to share their drawings or thoughts about the meaning of 1 Thessalonians 5:18 and 2 Corinthians 4:17.

What You Say:

"For Habakkuk, failing crops meant desperation. But even with conflict, hunger, and enemy armies around him, he said: '*I will still be glad because of what the Lord has done. God my Savior fills me with joy*' (Habakkuk 3:18 NIrV).

"Habakkuk remembered what God had already done. We can do that too. God has taken care of our greatest need through Jesus. Jesus died for our sin, rose again, and made a way for us to live with God forever. No matter what happens, we have Jesus.

"That does not mean we pretend hard things are not happening. God sees us and cares about us. But when we choose to thank Him for what is good, even in trouble, we are choosing to trust Him. Because of Jesus and the hope we have in Him, **[Bottom Line] I can thank God no matter what.**"

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Application Activity

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Memory Verse Activity

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Preteen - Verses to Take with You | Made to Move

What You Need

Bibles	1
Game buzzer	1
Timer or smartwatch	1
Screen or whiteboard	1

What You Do:

Before the Activity:
- Display the Memory Verse on a screen or write it on a whiteboard.

During the Activity:
- Give every kid a Bible.
- Invite them to look up James 1:17 NIrV using the Bible Navigation Tips below:

Finding verses with 4th-5th graders: *Ask kids to tell you if the book of the Bible they're looking for is in the Old Testament or New Testament. If it's in the Old, instruct kids to flip slowly, starting at the front of the Bible and heading toward the back, until they find the book they're looking for. If it's in the New, instruct kids to start flipping from the back, going forward to find the book they're looking for. Once they find the book, explain that the big numbers on the page are the chapter numbers. First, have them find the chapter they're looking for. Then explain that the small numbers are verse numbers. Tell kids to find the verse within the chapter they've already found.*

- Read the Memory Verse out loud together several times.
- Review any words that might be unfamiliar to the kids.
- Invite the kids to set their Bibles aside.
- Direct the group to form a circle (close enough to pass a game buzzer from person to person).
- Explain to the group that you will hand the game buzzer to a kid who will say the first word of the Memory Verse, then pass the game buzzer to the left. The next person will say the second word of the Memory Verse and then pass the game buzzer to the person to their left. Keep going until the Memory Verse is complete (including the reference). The last person should hit the buzzer after they say the reference to stop the timer.
- Inform the group that they will compete against themselves to see how quickly they can recite the Memory Verse. Let them know you will time them, and with each turn they can try to beat their best time.
- Lead the group through four or five rounds
- After the final round, have the group circle up for a discussion.

What You Say:

"Great job, everyone. The first part of our Memory Verse says, '*Every good and perfect gift is from God.*' (James 1:17a). When I think of good gifts, I think of *fun*, like the kind of fun we just had trying to work together to get faster. Did you know God created *fun* for us to enjoy—like laughter with friends or playing a fun game? When I think of good gifts, I think of *beauty*—like a beautiful sunset, a rainbow in the sky, or the colorful patterns of a butterfly. There are so many good gifts to be grateful for.

"When I think of a perfect gift, I think of how God sent His Son, Jesus, who lived a perfect life. He gave up His perfect life for us, taking the consequences of our sin so that we can be restored to a close relationship with God. He rose to life again, giving new life to us when we believe in Him as our Savior. That's what I call a perfect gift. Because everyone who trusts in Jesus can live forever with God, you can thank

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God no matter what, and ***[Bottom Line]*** **I can thank God no matter what."**

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Discussion Questions

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Preteen Discussion Questions

What You Need

No supplies needed



EveryChild tips

- *Provide a "think time" of 15-20 seconds after you ask a question before calling on anyone. This helps kids who need more time to process their thoughts.*

What You Do:

- **Ask these questions and discuss:**
- ***[Conversation Starter] What can you thank God for, even when life feels hard?***
- Do you have some tough things in your life that make it difficult to feel grateful?
- What are some reasons to be grateful even when life is hard or isn't perfect?
- What can help you turn your thoughts back toward gratitude when things don't go your way?

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Prayer

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Preteen - Make It Personal with Prayer | Made to Reflect

What You Need

"Gratitude Challenge Gameboard" Activity Page	1
11-inch x 17-inch cardstock	1
Uno® Cards	1
Dark permanent markers	Several

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Print "The Great Gratitude Challenge Gameboard" Activity Page on 11-inch x 17-inch cardstock, one per Small Group.

During the Activity:

- Say: "As part of The Great Gratitude Challenge, you will be invited to accept a new Gratitude Challenge each week. This is a way we can all practice what we're learning on gratitude. Our Week 2 Challenge is to thank God two times this week when life feels hard. Let's create a reminder to take home."
- Hand each kid an Uno Card and a dark permanent marker
- Instruct kids to write Week 2's Gratitude Challenge on the Uno card: *"Thank God two times this week when life feels hard."*
- Say, "For those of you who choose to accept this week's challenge, find a space on 'Gratitude Challenge Gameboard' and write your name."

What You Say:

"Before we pray, let's think of some ways you can thank God this week. Maybe you're really struggling in math—but you can thank God that you're growing in patience and persistence. Or maybe your brother is driving you nuts, but you can thank God for the times you have fun playing together. Any other ideas? *(Allow kids to share.)*

"This week, work to find ways to say 'thank you' to God even in challenging situations because He's *(hold up an Uno card)* 'Numero Uno'—the one and only God who deserves our gratitude for all He's done. When you come back next week, I will check in to see who completed Week Two's Great Gratitude Challenge. Let's pray."

Prayer:

"God, thank You for loving us so much that You sent Jesus to take on our sins so that we can live forever with You. We are so grateful for that perfect gift. Holy Spirit, when we experience challenges or get disappointed this week, help us to continue to be grateful for all that You have already done. I pray for the kids in this group who truly have some difficult situations. I ask that You give them peace and help them to trust You. I pray You will do a great work in their lives. We love You and pray for all these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

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Supplies

Preteen - Opening Activity | Made to Play *Uses Minimal Supplies*		Quantity
1.	"The Great Gratitude Challenge" Gameboard (from Week One's challenge)	1
2.	Deck of Uno® Cards	1

Opener		Quantity
1.	Host	1
2.	A few predetermined leaders to help split the kids into groups	1
3.	Floor Tape	1
4.	Brown paper bags	2
5.	Real Gumdrops	Several
6.	Fake candy	Several
7.	Bowl/jar	1

I THANK GOD | Worship Song		Quantity
1.	Worship Leader(s)	1

Bible Story (Live)		Quantity
1.	Storyteller	1
2.	Host	1
3.	Table	1
4.	Bible	1
5.	Three empty snack containers (like Pringles, Pop-Tarts, cereal, etc.)	3
6.	Either print off a cross or draw one on a piece of paper	1

Preteen - Bible Story Extension | Made to Reflect *Uses Minimal Supplies*		Quantity
1.	Bibles	1
2.	"Scrambled Scriptures" Activity Page	1
3.	"Scrambled Scriptures Activity Key" Activity Page	1
4.	Paper	1
5.	Writing supplies	1
6.	Markers	1

Preteen - Verses to Take with You | Made to Move		Quantity
1.	Bibles	1
2.	Game buzzer	1
3.	Timer or smartwatch	1
4.	Screen or whiteboard	1

Preteen - Make It Personal with Prayer | Made to Reflect		Quantity
1.	"Gratitude Challenge Gameboard" Activity Page	1
2.	11-inch x 17-inch cardstock	1
3.	Uno® Cards	1
4.	Dark permanent markers	Several

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