Kids | November - Week 1

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NOVEMBER WEEK 1

Today's Suggested Schedule

Kids arrival: 9:25 / 11:10
Play high-pitch music as kids arrive

Countdown: 9:30 / 11:15
Start the countdown with excitement!

Large Group: 9:30-9:55 / 11:15-11:40
→ Opener
→ Game
→ Worship
→ Bible Story
→ Memory Verse
→ Talk it Out!
→ Prayer

Transition to Small Group: 9:55-10:00 / 11:40-11:45
Kids move with their leader to small groups

Small Group: 10:00-10:25 / 11:45-12:10
Creating a safe place to connect



Bible Story

Every Good Gift Is From God • James 1:17; Philippians 4:8

Bottom Line

I can thank God for everything.

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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5 min

Large Group Opener

5 min

Opener

What You Need

No supplies needed

What You Say:

SLIDE: Play high-energy music as kids enter.

SLIDE: Theme

(Host enters with energy and excitement.)

SLIDE: Countdown

SLIDE: Theme Intro

(Things to have ready: Present bow and blindfold. Game slide. Bottom Line slide.)

OPENER

HOST: "Hey, everybody! Welcome to [environment name]! I am so grateful you're here today. Quick question for you guys, ***what are some things that you are grateful for***?

(*Take answers from a few of the kids*)

"I'm grateful for [name a few things you're grateful for], and of course, you guys! I wanted to mention gratitude because that's what we'll be learning about all month long. You see, a lot of you have things that you're grateful for; some cool gizmos and gadgets, some sports equipment, your family—the list could go on and on. There's something that you can all be grateful for all the time, too. Well, maybe not something, but someone. That someone is God!

"This month, we're going to really focus on being grateful to God for all that He's done in our lives, and I am so excited to learn alongside you guys! If that sounds good, let me hear you guys say in the deepest voice you can make, 'sounds good!'

Large Group Game_

"Before we dive into Scripture to learn about gratitude, I think it's time for a game!

SLIDE: Pinpoint the Present!

"Does everyone see this bow?

(*Hold the bow up for kids to see.*)

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What You Need

Present bow	1
Blindfold	1
1 kid volunteer (Ask for a new volunteer at the start of each round!)	1
2 leaders	1

"Everyone say, 'ooh,' everyone say, 'ahh.' It's a pretty fancy bow, right? What do you put a bow on? Presents, right! Getting a present is an awesome feeling and is something that can absolutely make us feel grateful!

"Today, in Pinpoint the Present, I am going to select one of you to be our Pinpointer Present Person. You are going to wait outside with two leaders, and while you're outside waiting, we are going to place this bow on a random object in the room; that's going to be our present. Your goal is simple: find the present!

"Once we've decided on what to put the bow on, your leaders will help put the blindfold on you and bring you back into the room right up here to the front with me.

"Then, when I say go, you're going to take your blindfold off, and you will only have [you determine the appropriate amount of time for your space] seconds to find the present! Once you find it, grab it and bring it up to the stage with me. Does that make sense to everyone?

"I need to find our first Pinpointer Present Person, who wants to go first?!

(Pick one volunteer and have them leave the space with two leaders while you and the rest of the kids decide what object to put the bow on. After the bow has been placed, invite the blindfolded child and leaders back in the room.)

"Are you ready to Pinpoint the Present? You have [amount of time] seconds as soon as you take that blindfold off. In 3... 2... 1... GO!"

AUDIO: Upbeat music

"Great job! You found the present! Now, let me ask you this: is this a present you would be grateful for if someone gave it to you? I think I would like it, too!

"Who wants to be our next Pinpointer Present Person?

(Select another child and play as many rounds as time allows.)

"Awesome job, everyone! Did you guys have a good time trying to pinpoint the presents? Some of them were pretty good, right? Could you imagine if someone actually gave you a [name one of the objects you selected]? That would be pretty cool, huh? I know if someone gave me a [name one of the objects you selected], I would be feeling pretty grateful!

"We're going to be talking about gratitude all month long, and I think it's a really important thing to learn about! A great place for us to start is with our Bottom Line for the day. Let's check it out together!

SLIDE: Bottom Line

***[Bottom Line]* "I can thank God for everything.** Can you say that with me?"

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KIDS AND HOST: ***[Bottom Line]*** **"I can thank God for everything."**

HOST: "Awesome! It may be something that you say out loud and think, 'Of course I can thank God,' but it's something that you have to really think about! There are big things to thank God for, but also small things. A lot of your minds may jump right to presents when thinking about gifts, but there's so much more than presents that you can be grateful for."

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10 min

Bible Story

10 min

StoryLab Bible Story | Video

What You Need

No supplies needed

Creating a Safe Place to Connect

SLIDE: Bible Story

Wrapping up the Story

STORYTELLER: "These verses from James and Paul have an awesome message for us today as we learn about gratitude. Every good and perfect gift comes straight from God. He deserves our gratitude because He is the source of every beautiful, awesome, and wonderful thing we experience.

"And even though our brains might naturally want to lean toward the frustrating or negative thoughts, God has given us the ability to think about the good things, and that can completely change our mindset. You can choose to stop the negative thoughts and replace them with thoughts that are true, pure, and lovely. Choosing to focus on God and His good things doesn't mean everything hard automatically goes away, but it means you start learning how to find joy even in the difficult moments!

"Let's look at our Bottom Line together.

SLIDE: Bottom Line

***[Bottom Line]* "I can thank God for everything.** Can you say that with me?"

(Host enters and joins in.)

KIDS, STORYTELLER, AND HOST: *[Bottom Line]* "I can thank God for everything."

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Memory Verse Activity

SLIDE: Memory Verse

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10 min

Closing

5 min

Talk It Out!

What You Need

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Prompting Action Beyond the Experience

Now, before we move on, I have a question for you… (lean in and whisper) do you know what time it is?
It's time to… (pause, cup your hand to your ear) TALK IT OUT!
That means it's your turn to do the talking! You get to share your thoughts, ask questions, and see how this story connects to YOUR life. So, let's put on our 'thinking caps' … zip up our listening ears… and get ready to Talk. It. Out!"

SLIDE: Talk It Out!

1. Where do all good gifts come from?
Answer: All good gifts come from God. (James 1:17)

2. What are some good gifts God has given us?
Answer: Family, friends, food, nature, our lives, and Jesus!

3. Does God ever change?
Answer: No! God never changes. His love and care for us last forever.

4. What does Paul tell us to think about instead of negative things?
Answer: Things that are true, good, pure, lovely, and worthy of praise. (Philippians 4:8)

5. What can you thank God for, even when you're having a bad day?
Answer: We can thank God for His love, His care, and the good things He gives us, even when life is hard.

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5 min

Prayer

What You Need

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What You Say:

PRAYER

STORYTELLER OR HOST: "Dear God, thank You for all the good gifts You give us. Thank You that we are here, that we have life, and that Your presence is with us. As we go from here, would You please give us the grace to see Your gifts in our lives, and help us to show You our gratitude. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

(Dismiss kids to Small Groups.)

SLIDE: Play calm music as the kids exit.

SLIDE: Theme

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