Kids | November - Week 2

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November 2026, Week 2

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

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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5 min

Large Group Opener

Setting the Tone for the Experience

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: 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 [environment name]. 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!

Large Group Game_

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

SLIDE: 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.

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What You Need

Real Gumdrops	Several
Floor tape	1
Brown paper bags	1
Bow/Jar	1

(*Hold up jar*)

"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

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

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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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: "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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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. What was the name of the Old Testament prophet we learned about today?

Answer: Habakkuk!

2. What did Habakkuk do when he was worried and frustrated?
   Answer: He talked to God and remembered how powerful God is and what God had done for His people.

3. According to Paul, why can we always be thankful?
   Answer: Because we believe in Jesus and belong to Him!

4. Why can we thank God even when life is hard?
   Answer: Because God is always with us, and Jesus loves us!

5. Who is bigger than all our troubles?
   Answer: God! He is bigger than any trouble.

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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 giving us this day. Thank You that You're always showing us You love us, and that we always have something to be thankful for. Lord, I pray that if there is a friend here who's discouraged or feels like things are empty, that You would remind them of Your great love, and that Your love would help give them a heart of gratitude. Please help us to have eyes to be looking and ears to be listening for You this week, so we can express just how thankful we are. In the mighty name of Jesus, we pray, amen."

(Dismiss kids to Small Groups.)

SLIDE: Play calm music as the kids exit.

SLIDE: Theme

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