Kids | November - Week 1

NVC_Collide | W1

COLLIDE — November(Week One)

9:15AM Service

9:25 - 9:40 AM: Arrival and Game Time
- Kids arrive and engage in a fun game to help them settle in and socialize.

9:40 – 9:45 AM: Worship
- Dedicated to worship time.

9:45 - 10:05 AM: Bible Story
- Bible story time varies anywhere from 10-17 minutes.

10: 05ish - 10:25 AM: Small Group Time
- Kids break into small groups for discussion, activities, or crafts that relate to the Bible story or theme of the day.

10:25 AM: Dismissal

11:00AM Service

11:10 - 11:25 AM: Arrival and Game Time
Kids arrive and engage in a fun game to help them settle in and socialize.

11:25 - 11:30 AM: Worship
- Dedicated to worship time.

11:30 - 11:50 AM: Bible Story
- Bible story time varies anywhere from 10-17 minutes.

11:50ish - 12:10 PM: Small Group Time
- Kids break into small groups for discussion, activities, or crafts that relate to the Bible story or theme of the day.

12:10 PM: Dismissal



Bible Story

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

Conversation Starter

What can you thank God for?

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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Large Group Opener

LARGE GROUP

Optional Video: Countdown
Optional Video: Theme Loop

OPENER
HOST: "Hey, everybody! Welcome to Collide! I'm so glad you're here today!

"We're kicking off a brand-new series called The Great Gratitude Challenge. All month long, we're going to discover what happens when we stop focusing on what we don't have and start noticing all the good things God has given us. Gratitude isn't just something we feel once in a while. It's something we can practice every single day.

"Speaking of challenges, I need your help settling a very important debate. If you could only keep one of these forever, which would you choose?

"Unlimited pizza, or unlimited dessert? Team Pizza, let me hear you! And now Team Dessert! Wow, I wasn't expecting Team Dessert to be that loud! Alright, one more. Would you rather have every homework assignment magically disappear forever, or never have to clean your room again? I think some of you answered that before I even finished the question!

"It's funny how quickly we can think about the things we wish we had. Today, though, we're going to flip that around. Instead of focusing on what we don't have, we're going to spend a few minutes noticing what's already good.

"And we're going to start with today's challenge!"

GAME SLIDE 1: What's Good Challenge!

HOST: "When you came in, everyone should have received a challenge card.

"This card is filled with 25 different challenges. Some will get you moving. Some will make you laugh. Some will help you meet someone new.

"Here's how it works. When the music starts, everyone gets up and starts moving around the room. Once you have done a challenge, you can mark off that square. Then you have to find a new person to do the next challenge with.

"You'll keep playing for the next several minutes, trying to complete as many challenges as you can before time runs out. The goal isn't to finish first. The goal is to meet new people, encourage each other, and have a lot of fun together. Some challenges ask both people to answer. Some ask you to work together. Some ask you to explain your answer. So don't just rush through it.

"Everybody ready? Let's kick off Gratitude Challenge!"

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AUDIO: Upbeat music.

"That was awesome! If you made a secret handshake let me see it!

"There were a lot of things you all just probably learned about each other! And you talked about some things that are really good! We are learning that we can thank God for it all today! Let's check out our Memory Verse.

"Every month we memorize a new Memory Verse. The more we fill our minds with God's Word, the easier it becomes to remember His truth when we need it the most.

"Let's check out this month's Memory Verse."

SLIDE: Memory Verse

HOST: "'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).

"Let's say it together!"

KIDS AND HOST: "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).

HOST: "Great job! I love this verse because it reminds us of something we can easily forget. Every good thing in our lives has a Giver. Sometimes we enjoy the gift so much that we forget to thank the One who gave it to us. This month, every time something good happens, let it remind you of God. He's the One who gives every good and perfect gift, and He never changes."

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Worship

WORSHIP
HOST: “Hey, everyone! I always look forward to this part of our morning because this is our chance to stop everything else and spend some time with God.
"You know, we use the word 'awesome' for a lot of things. We say a movie was awesome. That pizza was awesome. That game was awesome.

But when we call God awesome, it means something completely different. There is no one like Him. No one is as powerful as He is.

No one loves the way He loves. No one keeps promises like He does.

"So as we sing, don't just sing because everyone else is singing. Think about who God is and let these words remind you just how awesome He really is."

“Let’s worship God and lift our voices together.”

VIDEO: “(Lyric Video)”

“Great time worshiping God together!
Let’s go ahead and sit down and hear our true story from the Bible today!”

VIDEO: Bible Story W1

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After Bible Story

AFTER BIBLE STORY
HOST: "Every day, you have a choice about what you'll focus on. You can spend your day looking through the filters of complaint, comparison, or fear, or you can choose to notice God's goodness. The amazing thing is that the more you recognize His gifts, the more you begin to recognize His heart. Every good thing points back to a good God who never changes. And when you remember that, you'll discover there's always a reason to thank Him.

SLIDE: Bottom Line

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

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

HOST: "So here's the question I want you to think about, not just right now, but all week.

SLIDE: Conversation Starter

***[Conversation Starter]* "What can you thank God for?**

"Maybe the first thing that comes to your mind is something big, like your family, your home, or your friends.
Or maybe it's something small that you don't think about very often, like a warm meal, a good laugh, your favorite place outside, or even the breath God gives you every day.

"As you head to Small Groups, don't just think about the biggest blessings in your life.
Challenge yourself to notice the everyday gifts that point back to God's goodness. I can't wait to hear what you come up with!"

PRAYER
HOST: "God, thank You for every good and perfect gift. Thank You for the big gifts we notice right away and the everyday gifts we sometimes forget to see.
Help us pay attention to Your goodness this week. When we are tempted to focus only on what is frustrating, disappointing, or scary, help us remember what is true.
You are good. You are faithful. You do not change. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

(Dismiss kids to Small Groups.)

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Small Group Activity

Creating a Safe Place to Connect

What You Need

"Thought Bubbles" Activity Page	1
"Scenarios" Activity Page	1
Scissors	1

SMALL GROUP
The **B**LESSED lifestyle
Begin with prayer
Take a few minutes to pray with your small group
We want to encourage the kids to start with prayer.
Lead them by praying for the group.
Ask if there are any prayer requests.
To make them more comfortable you can start praying then ask if anyone would like to pray after you.
You can also use the **Bottom line** or monthly theme as key prayer points.

Made to Imagine

Take a Snapshot

What You Do:
During the Activity:

- Say: "What are some things that you can thank God for? *(Allow kids to respond.)* When it comes to going through our usual routines and circumstances (such as getting ready for school, going through our school day, when we're at home), it's a lot easier to think of things that are frustrating than things that are good. Our brains actually give more attention to negative thoughts than positive ones. Sometimes it's easy to focus on negative things or just repeat what others say. But you can make a decision on your own, to not just say the usual thing, but to start directing thankfulness to God. This is a way of renewing your mind. A negative thought comes in, and you choose to stop it and replace it with a positive thought. Let's practice that right now!"
- Have kids form groups of three.
- Hand each group of kids a scenario card.
- Say: "Your card has an open-ended scenario which means you fill in the rest of the scenario. It also has instructions. Let's read those now.
  - Choosing a character to act—"Captain Gratitude," "Negative Ninny," or "Thankful Thinker."
  - Filling out thought bubbles in response to the scenario—one negative thought and one thankful thought.
  - Acting out the scenario in a way that "Negative Ninny" shares a negative thought, then "Captain Gratitude" captures that negative thought and replaces it with a thankful thought from "Thankful Thinker."
- Give kids 10 minutes to prepare and practice.
- Have kids act out their group's scenario if they feel comfortable
- Tip: If you need more than three kids in a group, each group could have more than one kid play 'Negative Ninny' or 'Thankful Thinker.'"

What You Say:

"That was some fabulous creativity! Our thoughts can move quickly, and sometimes it takes practice to notice when we are focusing only on what is frustrating or negative. God gives us good gifts every day, and when we notice them, we can thank Him.

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"In James 1:17, we read: '*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).

"Every good thing comes from God, and God never changes. So this week, when you notice something good, thank Him right away. And when you do not feel thankful, ask the Holy Spirit to help you build a habit of gratitude. The Holy Spirit is greater than Captain Gratitude in our skits, and He helps us grow. **[Bottom Line] I can thank God for everything.**"

[Make It Personal] (Share a kid-friendly time when you could have responded negatively, but you chose to be thankful instead. For example, you can share something like: "Once when I was traveling home, my flight was cancelled (or I got a flat tire or missed the bus)..."

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Discussion Questions

DISCUSSION

- **Ask these questions and discuss:**
  - ***[Conversation Starter] What can you thank God for?***
  - James 1:17 says that every good and perfect gift is from God. What are some good things in your life right now? How can you connect those as being from God?
  - It's ok to be honest and say that sometimes we don't *feel* like being grateful. What are things that lead to us not being grateful?
  - Why do you think God gives us good gifts? What does that show us about who He is?
  - What can you do this week to practice gratitude?

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Supplies

Creating a Safe Place to Connect		Quantity
1.	“Thought Bubbles” Activity Page	1
2.	“Scenarios” Activity Page	1
3.	Scissors	1

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