Kids | November - Week 2

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COLLIDE — November(Week Two)

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

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

Conversation Starter

What can you thank God for, even when life feels hard?

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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Large Group Opener

LARGE GROUP

Optional Video: Countdown
Optional Video: Theme Loop

OPENER
HOST: "Hey, everybody! Welcome to Collide! I am SO glad you're here today.
"This month, we're talking about gratitude in a series called The Great Gratitude Challenge. We're discovering that no matter what life looks like, there's always a reason to thank God.

"Before we get started, I need everyone to stand up! You've got 20 seconds to give as many different people a high five as you can. You can't high five the same person twice! Ready?

"Three... two... one... GO! Freeze! Nice job! How many people did you high five? Anybody get more than 10? What about 15? That was awesome!

"Today, we're kicking things off with a game based on a classic card game. It's called... WAR!

GAME SLIDE 1: WAR!

"I need 12 volunteers! Six of you will be on one team, and six of you will be on the other team!"

(Pick 12 volunteers from the kids who have their hands raised, and invite them to the game area.)

AUDIO: Upbeat music

(Choose 12 volunteers and divide them into two teams.)

"Each team is starting with six tokens and will also have one deck of cards that are placed on the floor in the center of the room. Here's how it works. The first player from each team will flip over the top card at the exact same time. Whoever has the higher card wins that battle and gets to take ONE token from the other team's pile and add it to their own.

"Then the next teammate in line steps up, and they'll do the same thing. You'll keep taking turns one player at a time until the timer runs out.

"If both players flip the same card, that's WAR! Just flip another card until someone has the higher card. The winner takes one token, and play continues.

"You'll have three minutes to capture as many tokens as you can. When time is up, whichever team has the most tokens wins! Or if you lose all your tokens before the time is up, you lose!

"Is everybody ready? Three... two... one... GO!"

Optional Video: Cued 3-Minute Countdown

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“Keep it moving! Great flip! We've got a close battle!

(Count the tokens and declare the winning team.)

“You know, at the beginning of the game, both teams started with the exact same number of tokens. But by the end, things looked different. One team had more, one team had less, and not every flip went the way you wanted it to.

“That happens in real life too. Things do not always go the way we hope. We lose things. Plans change. We get disappointed. Life can feel unfair.

“But today we’re going to discover something really important: even when life is hard, God is still good.

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: “I love this verse because it reminds us of two incredible truths about God. First, every good and perfect gift comes from Him. Every time you laugh with a friend, enjoy a meal with your family, see something beautiful in creation, or experience His love, you're receiving a gift from a good Father.

“But James doesn't stop there. He reminds us that God 'does not change like these shadows.' Everything in our lives changes. Our feelings change. Our circumstances change. Even the seasons change. But God never does. His love is always the same. His goodness is always the same. His faithfulness is always the same.

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Worship

WORSHIP
HOST: “Hey, everybody! I'm so glad you're here today!

“Have you ever noticed that it's really easy to sing, smile, and celebrate when everything is going your way? But sometimes life doesn't go the way we planned. We have hard days.
We get disappointed. Things don't always work out the way we hoped.

“The amazing thing about worship is that it isn't based on how our week went. It's based on who God is. God is always good. He's always faithful. He's always worthy of our praise.
That's why we can worship Him on our best days and on our hardest days. Let's stand together and worship Him!”

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 W2

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After Bible Story

AFTER BIBLE STORY
HOST: "Today, we learned that no matter what you're facing this week, remember this: your circumstances may change, but God never does. The same God who was faithful to Habakkuk is faithful to you today. So even when life feels hard, you can choose to trust Him, thank Him, and remember that because of Jesus, your hope is secure.
And that's what our Bottom Line today is all about! Let's check it out.

SLIDE: Bottom Line

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

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

HOST: "Nice job! 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, even when life is hard?**

"That's not always an easy question to answer, especially if you're going through something difficult.
But maybe you'll discover that even in the middle of the hard things, God has given you reasons to hope, reasons to trust Him, and reasons to thank Him.

"Let's take a moment to pray together, friends."

PRAYER
HOST: "Dear God, thank You that You are good no matter what we are facing. Thank You for caring about our hard days, our questions, and the things that feel uncertain.
Help us remember that gratitude does not mean pretending everything is OK. It means trusting that You are still with us, still faithful, and still working.
When life feels hard, help us notice what is still true about You. 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

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

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 Reflect

Bible Story Extension

What You Do:
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

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and the hope we have in Him, **[Bottom Line] I can thank God no matter what.**"

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Discussion Questions

DISCUSSION

- **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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Supplies

Creating a Safe Place to Connect		Quantity
1.	Bibles	1
2.	“Scrambled Scriptures” Activity Page	1
3.	“Scrambled Scriptures Activity Key” Activity Page	1
4.	Writing supplies	Several
5.	Markers	Several

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