

252 KIDS

NOVEMBER
2017GRADES
K-5

MONTHLY OVERVIEW

GOD VIEW: THE CONNECTION BETWEEN GRATITUDE AND GOD'S CHARACTER, AS SHOWN THROUGH GOD'S BIG STORY

Have you ever paused to think about everything God has done for you? He created a planet that's perfectly suited for otters and ostriches and you. Then, He sent His Son, Jesus, to that planet to die and be

raised to life so He could have a forever relationship with you. Through the month, we'll help kids refocus on all that God has done for them. Because when you know what God has done for you, **YOU CAN BE THANKFUL—ALWAYS.**

**WEEK
ONE****BIBLE STORY:**

A Psalm of Thanksgiving *
Psalm 100:1-5

BOTTOM LINE

Celebrate what God has done.

**WEEK
TWO****BIBLE STORY:**

Parable of the Vineyard Workers *
Matthew 20:1-15

BOTTOM LINE

Adjust your attitude.

**WEEK
THREE****BIBLE STORY:**

Jesus Heals 10 Men * Luke 17:11-19

BOTTOM LINE

Say thank you.

**WEEK
FOUR****BIBLE STORY:**

Give Thanks No Matter What *
1 Thessalonians 5:18

BOTTOM LINE

Always be grateful.

MEMORY VERSE

"GIVE THANKS NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS. GOD WANTS YOU TO THANK HIM BECAUSE YOU BELIEVE IN CHRIST JESUS."

1 THESSALONIANS
5:18, NIRV

GRATITUDE

Letting others know you see how they've helped you

Gratitude

letting others know you
see how they've helped you

Week 4
K-5TH GRADE

READ 1 THESSALONIANS 5:18

DAY 1

When should we be joyful? _____

When should we pray? _____

When should we give thanks? _____

What about when bad things happen? What about when someone is sick, or when you have to move, or when your mom loses her job? Is it possible to still be grateful even in these situations?

The answer is yes! These verses remind us that we can choose to give thanks no matter what happens. This doesn't mean that we should be thankful FOR the bad things. God doesn't ask us to be grateful for the difficult circumstance. But He does challenge us to find something, even in the midst of the not so awesome stuff, to be grateful for. Because there is always a reason to be grateful.

THANK God for the opportunity to show gratitude even when things are hard.

READ PSALM 34:1-3

DAY 2

God made you and He thinks you're pretty awesome. And one of the best ways you can say thank you to Him is to do good in the world. When you use your talents to make the world a better place, you show God how grateful you are for the amazing way He made you.

To show God your gratitude this week, we have a challenge for you! Your challenge is to share one of your talents with someone else. You could sing a song, tell a joke to make someone laugh, draw a picture to brighten someone's day or you could choose to listen and be a good friend. You honor God when you share your talents and make others happy.

ASK God to help you use your talents to make someone else's day.

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READ COLOSSIANS 3:17

DAY 3

Gratitude is letting others know you see how they've helped you. That means that even if you FEEL grateful, others won't know you really are unless you say and show it. This verse reminds us to give thanks when? Some of the time? Only when we feel like? Nope. Always.

Draw a clock on a blank piece of paper. In the center of the clock write this verse and decorate it anyway you choose. Cut out the clock and place it in your Bible as a reminder to be grateful at all times.

LOOK for ways to show gratitude this week.

READ 1 CHRONICLES 23:30

DAY 4

Do you have any habits? Some habits are good ones—like always brushing your teeth before bed or wearing your helmet when you ride your bike. Some habits are not so good—like biting your nails, or constantly interrupting, or grinding your teeth.

Here's a new gratitude habit you can begin TOMORROW. Every time you pray thank God for three things. Just three. You don't have to use big words. You can thank Him for simple things like sunshine or chocolate ice cream. The important part is to make sure that each time you pray, you're taking time to say 'thank you.' Once you start with something small, you'll begin to notice other ways you can show gratitude too. Before you know it, your every once in a while thank you's will become a regular habit.

KNOW that God loves it when we say thank you.

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