

PARENT CORNER

weekly

TODAY: NOVEMBER 1-2

Bible Story: Ruth *Ruth 1-4*

Big Idea: God deserves our thanks

Focus: God deserves our thanks even when things are hard

Memory Verse: "Give thanks to the Lord, because he is good. His faithful love continues forever" *Psalm 136:1 (NirV)*

Bible Story Summary:

Read and meditate on Ruth 1-4, Psalm 16:7-8; Psalm 34:1-4;
Habakkuk 3:17-19, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

During the Judges era, famine struck, leading Elimelech to move his family to Moab, where he and his sons died. Left with her sons' wives, Ruth and Orpah, Naomi decided to return to Judah. Orpah left, but Ruth vowed to stay with Naomi. Struggling in Bethlehem, Ruth gleaned in Boaz's field. Boaz, a relative, offered kindness. As a kinsman-redeemer, Boaz married Ruth. They had a son, Obed, bringing joy to Naomi.

Life is sometimes hard. Naomi & Ruth had some very hard times, but God was with them through it all. He provided food for them to eat and eventually added to their family. Their family line was in Jesus' genealogy. When we go through pain, God is with us through it all and still works out His good plan.

He Question: Why does God always deserve to be praised?

God is sovereign over all. He always deserves our praise for who He is. He is good, just, holy, loving, and He sits on the throne.

We Question: Does God care about my hurt?

God created us and our emotions. Jesus experienced hurt, making it possible for Him to understand us. God is not far away from our pain. He is mighty enough to understand and be with us.

Me Question: What does God want me to know about Him, and what does this mean for my life?

Kids will be given the opportunity to reflect on the truth they learned about God and respond accordingly.



Before you get in the car, write a note that says, "God deserves our thanks, even when things are hard!" Put that note somewhere in the car where your child will see it every time they get in the car. Let this be a reminder for your whole family that when you go through hard times, and don't know what to do, God is always with you and deserves your thanks.

November 1-2 | 2nd-4th

WEEK 1



DAY 1

READ "Give thanks to the Lord, because he is good. His faithful love continues forever". *Psalm 136:1 (NirV)*

To review the memory verse, grab at least one family member and a ball. You can sit on the floor several feet apart or sit across from each other at a table. Roll the ball back and forth to each other. Each time you roll the ball to the other person, say one word of the verse. Keep rolling it back and forth until you have said the whole verse out loud. If you mess up and say the wrong word, you have to restart!

When that becomes easy, add in a timer, and see how fast you can say it together while rolling the ball back and forth. Try and beat your record each time!

Memorizing this verse can help you remember that God always deserves your thanks.

PRACTICE this memory verse as a reminder that God always deserves our thanks.

DAY 2

READ *Psalm 16:7-8 (NirV)*

Write the opposite of each word in the blank:

Up _____ Hot _____ Quiet _____ Night _____

Sad _____ Angry _____ Easy _____ Hurt _____

That was pretty easy, right? But, it's not so easy when it comes to doing the opposite of what you feel. When someone is hurtful, is it easy to be joyful? When you are doing something tough, is it easy to be happy?

This week you learned about Ruth. Ruth went through some really tough things. But no matter what she went through, she continued to love God. She knew that God would help her and give her strength. She knew she could always rely on God. She even learned that God is worthy of her thanks even when things were hard for her.

This week, when you feel like giving up when something is tough, remember that God is always worthy of your thanks, even when things are hard.

KNOW that God is worthy of our thanks even when things are hard

DAY 3

READ Ruth 1-4 (NirV)

In the Bible story this week, you learned about Ruth. Ruth struggled and went through some tough situations, but no matter what happened, she always stayed faithful to God. She learned to give thanks to God even when things were hard for her.

The Focus for this week is: **GOD DESERVES OUR THANKS EVEN WHEN THINGS ARE HARD.**

How many words can you create using the letters from the words in the Focus? Write your answers on the lines below.

BE THANKFUL that God deserves our thanks even when things are hard

**HEY PARENTS
SIGN HERE!**

Have a parent sign your completed GodTime.

Parent signature

Date

Return for 5 Bible Bucks!

parent CUE:

We want to let you know that we have an amazing opportunity for you and your child. We are learning the importance of giving (tithing) in UpTown. For many years the kids in UpTown have been caring for children through Compassion International and Forgotten Children Worldwide. We are currently sponsoring a boy named John that lives in Tanzania and a girl named Akeelo that lives in Uganda.

Our support will provide John and Akeelo with:

- Food to combat malnutrition
- Health care and immunizations
- Education and income generating skills
- The Gospel message and spiritual guidance
- The love and support of the church staff

Every week during Studio24 and Clubhouse, your child will have the chance to give an offering to help sponsor John and Akeelo. We pray that you will partner with us in this. Learning to have a heart of generosity will help your child grow to have a heart like Jesus.

DAY 4

READ Psalm 34: 1-4 (NirV)

You have probably had something really tough or hard happen lately that you have had to deal with. No one wants to deal with tough things. But, no matter how tough it feels, you can still give God thanks because He is always with you. No matter how hard something feels you can be thankful that you can always trust God. He already knows what is going to happen today, tomorrow and the next, and you can be thankful that He is always with you.

Take some time and talk to God. Pray and thank Him for what He has done and what He will do! Thank God for always being with you even when things are hard.

"Dear God, You are good, and You are faithful. Thank You for always being with me through everything, even when things feel tough. I pray that I can always see your goodness and celebrate it! Thank You for all you do in my life. I love you! In your name I pray, Amen."

PRAY and thank God even when things are hard

at a GLANCE



Bibles-N-Bucks Shopping

November 8-9	1st Grade
November 15-16	Kindergarten
November 22-23	4th Grade
November 29-30	3rd Grade
December 6-7	2nd Grade



Ways to Earn Bible Bucks

Bring a friend 1 Buck
 Bring your Bible 1 Buck
 Recite Bible Verse .. 1 Buck
 Do your GodTime ... 5 Bucks
 UpTown Challenge . 20 Bucks

Child's Name: _____