



LESSON SNAPSHOT

BOTTOM LINE:

Thank God for every good thing.

OBJECTIVE:

Preschoolers will remember, "when good things happen, I can say 'thank you God.'"

KEY PASSAGE: Luke 17:11-19, Jesus Heals 10 Sick Men

MEMORY VERSE:

"Give thanks to the Lord, because he is good." 1 Chronicles 16:34a (NIRV)

SUMMARY:

When Jesus healed 10 sick men, only one came back to thank Him. God gives us so many good things. We should always take time to give Him thanks.

SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Thank you for every good thing you have given us.

Amen



MEMORY VERSE

"Give thanks to the Lord, because he is good." 1 Chronicles 16:34a (NIV)

LARGE GROUP MV ACTIVITY: Teach the kids the verse, using the following hand motions: "Give thanks" [Extend your arms in front of you, palms up] "to the Lord," [Raise your extended arms up toward heaven] "because he is good." [Bring your arms down and place your hands on your heart.]

SMALL GROUP MV ACTIVITY: Do a call and response. When you say, "Give thanks to the Lord," they answer, "because he is good." Repeat 4-5 times with the kids.



SKIT OR PUPPET SHOW

TITLE: Thank God Every Day

ITEMS NEEDED: None.

CHARACTER BREAKDOWN: 2 Flexible

CHARACTERS: C, D

C is talking to himself/herself. D enters.

C: Gracias, Grazie, Merci, Arigato.

D: What are those weird words you're saying?

C: They're not weird. They're just in other languages.

D: I didn't know you spoke other languages.

C: I just know a few words. Gracias. That's how you say "Thank you" in Spanish. Merci. That's how you say "Thank you" in French. Arigato is how the Japanese say... gets interrupted

D: Let me guess, thank you.

C: That's right. My favorite one is the Thai language. When they want to say "thank you," they say khop khun mak kha.

D: Why do you know all this?

C: I have so much to say "thank you" for, I wanted to figure out all the ways I could say it.

D: Who are you saying "thank you" to?

C: Why God, of course. He's given me my great family. He's given me amazing friends, food to eat, a safe place to live, a healthy mind and body, and so many other things.

THANK YOU: THANK GOD EVERY DAY

SKIT OR PUPPET SHOW

D: Wow, that is a lot to be thankful for.

C: That's right. I want to tell God "thank you" every day.

D: When I think about it, I have a lot to thank God for too.

C: We all do.

D: Say, do you know how to say "thank you" in Italian?

C: Grazie.

D: Grazie.

They exit together. End.



SNACK

ITEMS NEEDED: Pretzel sticks, red licorice

ADVANCED PREPARATION: Cut the red licorice into pieces the same length as the pretzel sticks. On each plate, place 9 pretzel sticks and 1 piece of licorice.

Post a sign outside the preschool area that says: "Today's snack is pretzel sticks and licorice. Please let your child's teacher know if it is not ok for your child to have this snack."

CONNECTION: There are 10 items in today's snack. One of those items is different from the rest – special. One of the men that Jesus healed was different from the rest; he came back and thanked Jesus. We can stand out and thank God for the good things he has done.



CRAFT

Thankful feet

ITEMS NEEDED: Card stock, pen or marker, crayons

ADVANCED PREPARATION: None.

DIRECTIONS: Have leaders trace the outline of each kids' shoes onto a sheet of card stock. This can be done in one or two ways: Set the card stock on the ground and have kids step lightly onto the paper (one foot at a time so as not to damage the paper), or kids can take their shoes off and set them on the paper.

Remind kids that 10 men were healed but only 1 came back to thank Jesus. Only one man had "thankful feet." Give kids crayons so that they can decorate their own "thankful feet."



HANDS-ON ACTIVITY

ITEMS NEEDED: Apple, framed picture of the leader's family, jump rope (or 1-2 pound dumbbell)

ADVANCED PREPARATION: None.

DIRECTIONS:

Present the items one at a time, ask kids to identify the items, then allow them to pass them around.

In today's story, one man thanked Jesus for something very good that Jesus had done. Jesus healed the man of a terrible disease. That was pretty big. We don't have to wait for something that big to thank God. God has given us many good things.

Hold up the picture as you say: He gives us families to love us and take care of us.

Hold up the apple as you say: He gives us good food to eat.

Hold up the jump rope as you say: He has given us our bodies to move and play and help people.

Thank you God for all of these things. What are some other things we can thank God for?

Allow kids to answer.

Those are great. We can thank God for every good thing. Remember, when good things happen, I can say "thank you God."



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WORSHIP TIME:

Prior to the lesson, sing one or two songs with the kids. Use CDs or live lyrics of songs that the kids are familiar with.

LESSON:

Today’s story comes to us from the Bible. (Hold up a Bible.) The Bible is God’s word to us, so we know that everything it says is true. (Open the Bible and set it down in front of you as you give the lesson.)

In life, we can choose to grumble and be selfish, or we can choose to be grateful. Everyday, we should praise God and give Him thanks. When good things happen, we can say “thank you, God.”

One day while Jesus was walking, he came upon 10 men. All of these men were sick; they had a bad skin disease. From a far distance, the men called out to Jesus, “Master, have pity on us.”

Jesus loves us. Jesus loved these men. He told them, “go and show yourselves to the priests.” The men did what Jesus said. As they were walking, they realized that Jesus had healed them. The skin disease was gone.

One of the men went back and found Jesus. He fell at Jesus’ feet and thanked Him for healing him. All of the men were healed by God, but only one of them went back to thank Jesus.

When something good happens, we are happy. Of course! We should share our happiness with God. We can take the time to thank God.

When good things happen, I can say “thank you, God.”

MAIN LESSON

SIMPLE PRAYER:

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Amen



MAIN LESSON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

WIGGLE TAMER: Play a few rounds of Special Rock. (When leader says “Special rock, special rock,” kids curl into a ball on the ground. Then the leader gives the name of an animal, and kids come to life as that animal until they hear “special rock, special rock” again.)

SMALL GROUP MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY: Do a call and response. When you say, “Give thanks to the Lord,” they answer, “because he is good.” Repeat 4-5 times with the kids.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

How many men did Jesus heal of their skin disease?

How many went back to thank Jesus?

What is something you thank God for?

SMALL GROUP GAME OR ACTIVITY: Have kids pretend to be one of the people Jesus healed, and their goal is to go and thank Jesus. Use a small action figure to represent Jesus. Line kids up against a wall, facing the wall. Place the Jesus figure somewhere in the room. When you give the go ahead, kids will turn around and rush to find Jesus and say, “thank you.”



SPECIAL 1 PAGE LESSON FOR 1 & 2 YEAR OLDS

PLAY TIME: Spend the first 15 minutes on the floor playing with the kids. Cars, dolls, blocks, and simple puzzles are great for this time.

BIBLE TIME: Seat the kids in the place they will be having snack. Hold up a Bible or Illustrated Kids' Bible and say, "This is the Bible. God wrote the Bible. Everything in the Bible is true." Then allow each child to pat the Bible with his hand.

LESSON: (*Sung to the tune "Frere Jacques"*)

There were 10 men, there were 10 men

Jesus healed, Jesus healed.

One came back to praise.

And give God thanks always.

We should too. Give God thanks.

When good things happen, I can say "thank you, God."

MAKE IT REAL: After the lesson say, "God loves you, and he wants you to love him too." Then point to each child and say, "God loves you (child's name)."

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY: Teach the kids the verse, using the following hand motions: 1 Chronicles 16:34a. "Give thanks" [Extend your arms in front of you, palms up] "to the Lord," [Raise your extended arms up toward heaven] "because he is good." [Bring your arms down and place your hands on your heart.]

PRAYER TIME: Ask the children to fold their hands and bow their heads. Say, "Let's pray before our snack. Thank you God for our mommies and our daddies. Thank you for loving me. Thank you for this snack we get to eat. Amen."

SNACK TIME: Wash each child's hand with a wet wipe and then serve the snack. At this age crackers or goldfish with water are generally best, but you always want to be mindful of any food allergies.

POTTY BREAK: After snack is a great time to ask those who are potty trained if they need to use the bathroom, or change diapers of those who are not yet potty trained.

PLAY TIME: Finish the day with more playtime until it's time for dismissal.



MAKE IT STICK

4 Simple Ways You Can Make This Lesson Stick With your Kids

Thank You Lesson 1

THIS WEEK'S LESSON: THANK GOD EVERY DAY



IN THE CAR:

Spend your next drive in an open-eyed, group prayer with your kids. Challenge yourselves to see how many things you can come up with to thank God for: family, friends, providing for your needs, love, sending Jesus, etc. When you reach your destination, finish the prayer with an “amen” and acknowledge that there is still so much more to thank God for.



HANGING OUT:

Read the story of Jesus healing the 10 men in Luke 17:11-19. Play a game of hide and seek, where the hider is Jesus and the seekers have been healed by him. Whoever finds Jesus first yells “Thank you.”



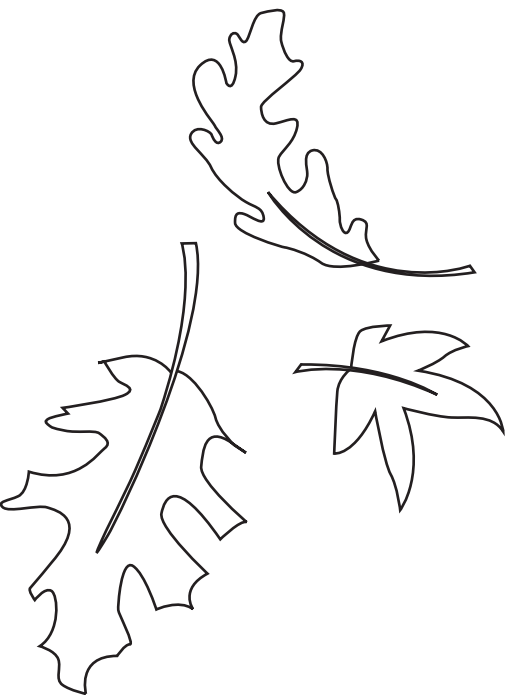
AT DINNER:

Pray before the meal, thanking God for his goodness and all of the good things that he has done for your family.



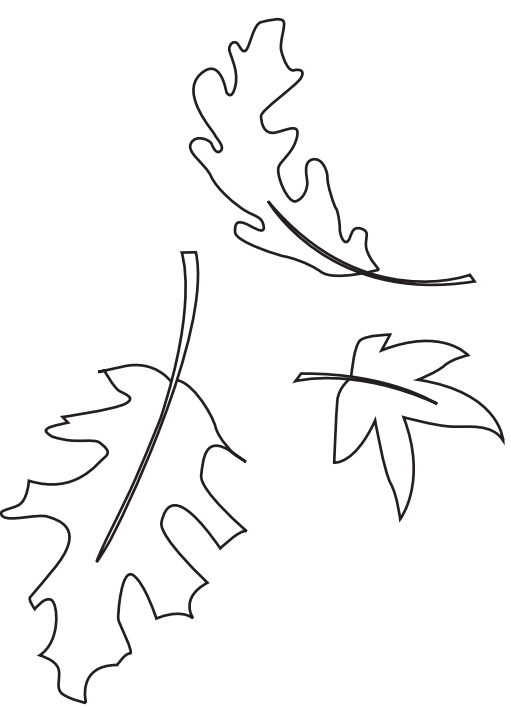
AT BEDTIME:

Snuggle up and read the memory verse together. “Give thanks to the Lord, because he is good.” 1 Chronicles 16:34a (NIRV) Talk about some of the good things that have happened to each of you recently, and say a prayer of thanks to God.



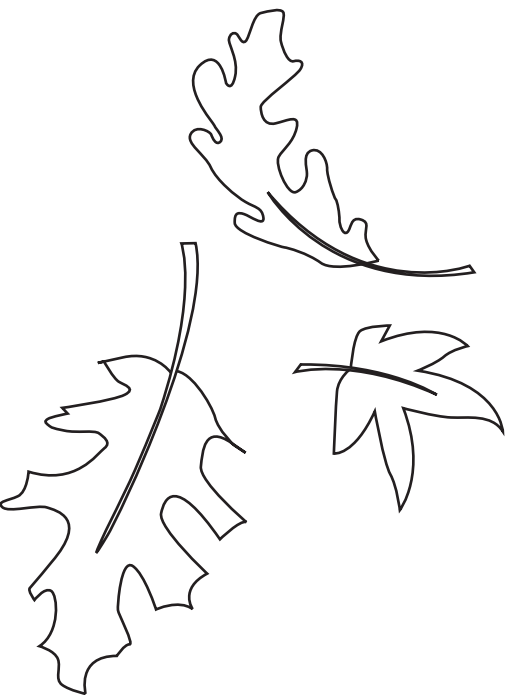
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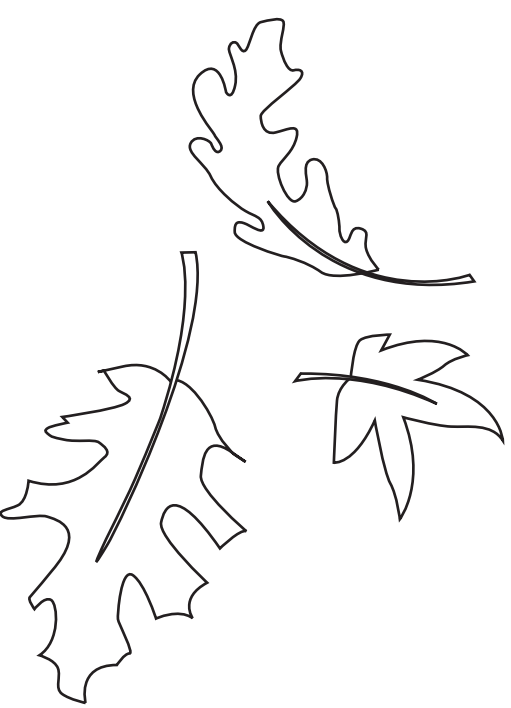
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