TWO-THREE CURRICULUM

NOV 15

GRATITUDE

Verse of the Month: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. (1 Chronicles 16:34)
Bible Story: Give thanks all the time – 1 Thessalonians 5:18
Bottom Line: You always have something to be thankful for.

BEFORE LARGE GROUP

Opening Activity

SUPPLIES:
• Activity Page-Be Thankful– 1 per kid
• Markers or crayons

HOW-TO:
1. Give each kid an Activity Page and crayons or markers.
2. Encourage them to "fill" the plate with drawings of their ideal Thanksgiving meal—but dream beyond the typical turkey and mashed potatoes! Kids can choose whatever foods they want—ice cream, French fries, pancakes, etc.!
3. Have the kids share their meals with the group!
4. As the kids are working, ask them questions from the "**HIGH FIVE**" list below.

HIGH FIVE:
1. If you could have any animal come to Thanksgiving dinner, what animal would you invite?
2. If you could jump into a giant pile of ANYTHING, what would it be? (leaves, marshmallows, pillows, popcorn, etc.)
3. What is one thing you are thankful for today?
4. Would you rather play in a giant pile of crunchy leaves or build the biggest blanket fort ever?
5. Would you rather eat pumpkin pie every day for a week or apple pie every day for a week?

AFTER LARGE GROUP

Bible Story and Bottom-Line Review

SUPPLIES:
• Activity Pages- Event Cards- 1 set per group
• Scissors

HOW-TO:
1. Cut out the Activity Page cards and group them into three piles based on the color of the card.
2. Each pile is a different category: Locations, Events, and Wild Cards.
3. Set the Location and Event cards on the ground, and hold onto the Wild Cards.
4. One at a time, have kids choose a Location and an Event card.
5. Help them read the cards out loud in a MadLibs-style, "[Kid's name] is [location] [event] when..." For example, "John is AT THE POOL DOING A SILLY DANCE when..."
6. Lastly, have the kid pull a Wild Card. Read it out loud to complete the MadLib. ("John is AT THE POOL DOING A SILLY DANCE when A SWARM OF MOSQUITOES APPEARS!")
7. Have the kids hold onto the Wild Cards, but return the Location and Event cards to the piles to be mixed in and reused.
8. After all the kids have gone, read the "SAY THIS" below.

SAY THIS:
We created some really silly situations where things went wrong today! In real life, when things get hard and things go wrong, it can be difficult to feel thankful. However, no matter the situation, we can still choose to be thankful because: God is with us. God loves us. God takes care of us. These things are true *even in hard times*. Remember, **[Bottom Line] You always have something to be thankful for. Let's say that together: [Bottom Line] You always have something to be thankful for!**

Today we learned that we need to [Bottom Line] You always have something to be thankful for!

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Prayer

Be sensitive to any visitor during this activity, and don't ask them to pray out loud if they're not comfortable.

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SUPPLIES:
• No supplies needed
HOW-TO:
1. Have the kids huddle up to pray.
SAY THIS:
Dear God,
We know that you love us. We know that you are with us. And we know that you will take care of us. So please help us remember to be thankful all the time, no matter what. We love you. Amen.

Verse Activity

SUPPLIES:
•Bibles – 1 per 2 kids
•Cups – 1 per kid
•Verse Cling Activity Page – 1 per group

HOW-TO:
LEARN IT! (Find the verse and understand what it means.)
The Bible is full of God's wisdom. Let's look up our verse to learn what God says about being thankful.
1. Divide the kids into pairs and give them each a Bible. Explain that the Bible is divided into the Old Testament and the New Testament. Demonstrate how to find the verse.
2. Have them find the book of 1 Chronicles in the Old Testament heading in the Table of Contents.
3. Have them find chapter 16 (big number), verse 34 (little number).
4. Read the verse aloud.

LOCK IT! (Memorize the verse to lock it in our hearts.)
It's important to lock the verse in our hearts. One way we do that is with this activity.

1. Scan the QR code to review the cup motions to learn the verse.
2. Pass out one cup per kid.
3. Rewatch the video, pausing it frequently to learn the motions.
4. See if your group can learn the entire verse using the cup and motions.
5. Repeat as time allows.

SAY THIS:
LIVE IT! (Apply the verse to the way we live every day.)
Now that we've learned the verse and locked it in, we need to live it out. Living out the verse is knowing what the verse means and applying it to the way we live every day.

God is so good to us, no matter what we're going through. How amazing is that? Plus, God's love never stops, especially when things are hard—that's what "endures" means. If we know he loves us, then we can trust him to do what's best for us and we can be thankful… no matter what. We can be thankful because not only is God good, but his love for us never stops!

Use a device to scan the QR code, then use any cup you have at your house to practice this verse.