K-5TH GRADE PRODUCTION



November 15th | Week 3

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.

8:45/10:45/12:30 **9:15/11:00**	PC (HOST) takes the stage; encourages kids to begin clean up; hypes kids for Large Group ■ Gives cue to Tech to begin 30 second monthly countdown ■ ½ House Lights Remain UP until end of Bust Out
8:48/10:48/12:33 **9:18/11:03**	**SFX: 30 Second Countdown** Bustout – Nobody Like You
8:51/10:51/12:36 **9:21/11:18**	**Welcome & Announcements** Boo-YAH!! PRAY
8:55/10:55/12:40 **9:25/11:10**	Welcome **HOST:** Howdy! Happy Sunday and happy Turkey Month. On the count of three, I want you to yell out what you're most excited to do for Thanksgiving. Ready? One, two, three! (Kids respond.) There really are so many ways to do Thanksgiving, and I wanna know how you all like to celebrate! So, I thought we could play a little "Would You Rather, Thanksgiving Edition" today! Opener **HOST:** I'm going to ask you a few turkey-day-related "would you rather" questions. You'll see your options on the screen. If you would choose the option on the left side of the screen, I want you to turn to this side of the room (turn to face the house left/stage right side of the room). And if you would choose the option on the right side of the screen, I want you to turn to this side of the room (turn to face the house right, stage left side of the room). Pretty simple right? Yeah, I thought I'd keep it pretty low-key today. In fact, in the spirit of learning more about my friends, I think I'll even invite my friend [COMMUNICATOR'S NAME] out here to play too. Hey, [COMMUNICATOR'S NAME], wanna come play a game? **COMMUNICATOR:** Hey, [HOST'S NAME], let's do it! **HOST:** Okay, here comes the first question! Host reads questions from cue card and CG volunteer puts options on the screen. Host and Communicator participate, ad libbing about what they would choose and commenting on the response from the audience. **CG: Turkey for every meal OR turkey costume at school?**

	CG: Cook OR clean up? **CG: Watch football but no dessert OR dessert but no football?** **CG: Pool of gravy OR pool of cranberry sauce?** **CG: Eat mashed potatoes with your toes OR green bean hair?** When Host gets to the final question... **HOST:** Okay people, I have one question left. And I think this one might be the hardest one! Your final question is... Would you rather take a mashed potato shower OR a gravy shower? **CG: Mashed potato shower OR gravy shower?** Host struggles to decide which way to turn and keeps going back and forth. **COMMUNICATOR:** Hold on a second, [HOST'S NAME]. You have to pick SOMETHING. If it truly came down to it and you HAD to pick, are you going [MASHED POTATOES OR GRAVY]? **HOST:** I really don't know, [COMMUNICATOR'S NAME]. This one stumped me! But it's all hypothetical anyway, so it doesn't matter, right? **COMMUNICATOR:** Right... (winks at audience, Host does not notice). **HOST:** Okay, that's helpful. For the sake of the game, I think I'll go gravy. It seems like it would be more moisturizing. **COMMUNICATOR:** He chose gravy!!! **AUDIO: Splish Splash by Bobby Darrin** Backstage managers and singers come out with props. They put the shower cap on the host's head, hand the host the loofah and rubber ducky, and bring out the baby pool for the host to step into. Then they hand the host the bowl of gravy. Host is surprised, but delighted, and dumps the bowl over their own head. **HOST:** Mmmmm! [COMMUNICATOR'S NAME], can you send me the recipe for this? **COMMUNICATOR:** I got you. **HOST:** Thanks for helping me choose, everyone! That was so much fun. But the fun's not done yet! Get up on those feet, it's time to sing! **CG: BigIdea_Nov** Worship Team enters. Host and communicator remove game supplies and exit.
9:00/11:00/12:45	**WORSHIP LEADER:** When you walk with God and follow him, he can and will do amazing things in your life. And when you experience that, it makes you say, “I can trust you!” Do these

9:30/11:15	motions with me (motions for "Jesus, I will Trust You"). That's great….now let's sing and worship together! **LIVE LYRIC: "Jesus I will trust you"**
9:03/11:03/12:48 **9:33/11:18**	LearnIt.LockIt.LiveIt. (Verse Segment) **HOST:** All month we've been talking about Gratitude and having a thankful attitude. **CG: BigIdea_Nov** **HOST:** In fact, our verse this month reminds us who we need to thank. This truth from God is so important that we want you to LEARN IT. LOCK IT. And LIVE IT. What are we gonna do? Say it with me… **CG: LEARN IT. LOCK IT. LIVE IT. (build)** Let's LEARN IT. **VIDEO: VerseVideo_Nov** **AUDIO: Upbeat music track** **CG: Verse_Nov** **HOST:** Yes! Such a good verse! Because God IS so good to us. Every good thing we have is from him. He is always good and loves us no matter what, and we should thank him for it! We should show our gratitude to God! But with this verse, we don't want to just LEARN IT… we wanna do what? (Let kids respond, "Lock it!") We've gotta LOCK IT. We've gotta memorize it so we can remember it when we need it. **HOST:** So I want to try the cup challenge from the video. (Pulls out a cup and sets it on a table or the stage.) Anybody been practicing? Who is brave enough to come up here and try it? Host picks a kid to come up on stage and say the verse with the cup chant from the video. **CG: Verse_November** **HOST:** (To kid) You think you can do it? Let's find out. Ready? 3… 2…1… GO! **HOST:** That's awesome! You know your verse which means you get to pick a sticker! **HOST:** Does anyone else think they can do the cup challenge? Host picks another kid to come on stage and attempt to say the verse with the cup. **HOST:** (To kid) You think you can do it? Ready? 3….2…1… GO! **HOST:** That's awesome! You know your verse which means you get to pick a sticker. **EVERYONE** **HOST**: Great job, everyone. Now, it seems like several of you have this verse locked down! Small Group Leaders, I need you to raise your hand if you have someone in your group who you know has this verse on LOCK and can say it without any help. If you can say it, you get to pick a sticker.

	Host moves around room, giving each kid 10 seconds to attempt to say the verse until there's just one winner (or Host lets a few kids try). Once a kid says the verse correctly, Host rewards with sticker. **HOST:** Don't worry if you didn't get a chance to say the verse today. Keep on locking in this month's verse in your heart because we have another chance next week to win a sticker. So we learned it. We locked it in. Now, let's see how we can LIVE IT. Check this out. Host exits.
9:08/11:08/12:53 **9:38/11:23**	Message Setup **LIGHTS: Stage Down** **VIDEO: TitlePackage_Nov** Communicator enters during title package. **LIGHTS: Stage Up** **CG: BibleStorySlide_Nov** **COMMUNICATOR:** Hey everyone! I'm SO glad to see everyone made it today. I love Thanksgiving—the turkey, the parade, the endless hours of football, and all the pies! It's my favorite! Thanksgiving is all about spending time with the ones you love and having a thankful attitude! That's gratitude—a thankful attitude. And you know, the Bible has quite a bit to say about being thankful. Check this out. In 1 Thessalonians 5:18 it says… **CG: 1 Thessalonians 5:18** Read from the Bible. "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." This verse reminds me that we need to give thanks always. Wait? We need to give thanks when? (Pause for audience to respond.) That's right. ALWAYS! See, no matter what happens, **[Bottom Line] you always have something to be thankful for.** Sounds pretty clear to me. But I'm wondering if you guys are really catching on. To check out what you know, I'd like to play a little game. **AUDIO CUE: Game Show Music** Communicator turns around and puts on the game show host jacket and grabs the mic. **COMMUNICATOR:** Let's play a game within our small groups to get our minds thinking about what we're thankful for. Here's what I want you to do. I'm going to give you a situation. Now at first it might seem like it's NOT necessarily something to be thankful for, BUT I bet with some creative thinking, you can come up with an example. Small Group Leaders, you have three notecards, one card for each example I'll give. Kids, you're going to call out reasons to be thankful and your leader will write down the best answer. Run your cards up here to me and I'll call out some of your creative answers! Ready? Okay, first one: Things to be thankful for if you lived in an igloo.

VIDEO: 30-Second Countdown

Let's see what you came up with. Things to be thankful for if you lived in an igloo.

Communicator reads a few answers and "plants" the following funny answers: Bear skin rug to keep warm, your drinks will always be cold.

Okay, next one: Things to be thankful for if you broke your arm. Ooo! That one might take some creativity.

VIDEO: 30-Second Countdown

I can't wait to read these. Here we go: Things to be thankful for if you broke your arm.

Communicator reads a few answers and "plants" the following answers: Everyone else does everything, can't unload the dishwasher, no folding laundry, lots of attention, etc.

Last one: Things to be thankful for if you're sick on your birthday.

VIDEO: 30-Second Countdown

And your answers are…

Communicator reads a few answers and "plants" the following answers: You get to celebrate later/open presents later, your mom gives you all the ice cream you want, your brother leaves you alone for the whole day.

Thanks for your participation and all your great, creative answers. That game we just played is exactly what God wants us to do in our everyday life. 1 Thessalonians 5:18 says to "give thanks in ALL circumstances".

I know it's not always easy to show gratitude. Sometimes when bad things happen or when things aren't perfect, it's hard to remember the things we are thankful for. But the truth is, we ALWAYS have something to be thankful for. We just have to look for it.

And here's the absolute best news! The NUMBER one thing on the list is God's love for you. No matter what is happening, God is with you and he loves you. When things are hard, or life seems unfair, or friends let you down, the real truth is that because God loves you and his love *never* changes, **[Bottom Line] you always have something to be thankful for.**

COMMUNICATOR: Can you guys say that with me…?

CG: BottomLine_Nov15

COMMUNICATOR: AND KIDS: **[Bottom Line] You always have something to be thankful for.**

Why don't we pray and thank God for loving us and to help us remember that **[Bottom Line] we always have something to be thankful for.** Y'all repeat after me.

CG: BibleStorySlide_Nov
AUDIO CUE: Prayer music
Prayer

	COMMUNICATOR: Heavenly Father, we know you do love us. (Kids repeat) Help us to remember to be thankful (Kids repeat) All the time, no matter what (Kids repeat) We love you. Amen. (Kids repeat) Host enters during prayer. Communicator exits. **CG: BigIdea_Nov**
9:15/11:15/1:00 **9:45/11:30**	**WORSHIP LEADER:** I realy love that we're leaning into GRATITUDE this month. And I am SO grateful the God is always with us! Let's sing! **LIVE LYRIC: "God is with Us"**
9:19/11:19/1:04 **9:49/11:34**	Send Off **HOST:** Man… it's true! We really do have SO MUCH to be thankful for! I don't think I'll ever run out of reasons to be grateful! So if things are going great, or if things are tough, no matter what, **[Bottom Line] we ALWAYS have something to be thankful for.** **CG: BottomLine_Nov15** And you know what? I'm thankful for YOU people. It's true. And now you guys can head back to small group. I bet you can come up with even more reasons to be thankful. See you later! **LIGHTS: House up** **AUDIO CUE: Post-Show Music** **CG: BottomLine_Nov15** (leave on screen during pick-up)
9:20/11:20/1:05 **9:50/11:35**	*Kids to Small Groups* *SFX: Play fun music as the kids exit.*