



TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

I Could Not Ask for More

Lord's Supper / Last Supper
1 Corinthians 11:23-26, Exodus 12

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

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MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

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MONTHLY LIFE APP

Gratitude—Letting others know
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Opening Activity

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STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

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"10,000 Reasons" from *Kidmin Worship Vol. 2*)
Bible Story
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GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Bible Story Review: A Good Habit
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1. EARLY ARRIVER

WHAT YOU NEED: Offering container, passable object, music, and music player or phone

WHAT YOU DO:

- Greet kids by name as they arrive. Let them know you're grateful they are there!
- Show kids where they can place their offerings in the offering container. Thank them for their gift!
- Sit with the kids in a circle.
- Give one kid the object and start the music.
- Lead kids to pass the "potato" as the music plays.
- When you stop the music, the kid holding the "potato" tells something they ate or did for Thanksgiving, or something they did this past week.
- Kids can join the circle as they arrive.

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2. OPENING ACTIVITY

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

- Briefly define "habit."
- You might say, "Today we're using the word 'habit.' What is a habit? (*Something you do all the time; something you do a lot.*) Yes! A habit is something that you do often, or something that you usually do.
- Ask: What are some things that YOU do every day? (*I eat breakfast; I brush my teeth; I tease my sister!*) Discuss their answers and how they are habits.
- Lead kids in a game of "Follow the Good Habit."
- Ask kids to copy your motions as you act out different good habits, such as:
 - brushing your teeth
 - making a bed
 - putting away toys
 - washing your hands
 - exercising
 - eating healthy foods
- Feel free to explain your actions by narrating them as you go.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"You did a great job following the good habits. **In Large Group, we'll hear about a time when Jesus taught us a VERY special habit. Let's go learn more.**"

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

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[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

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WHAT YOU DO:

- Guide kids to wash or sanitize their hands.
- If possible, spread the tablecloth on the floor and have kids sit around it.
 - If you provided pillows or cushions, kids can sit on them.
 - Explain that when Jesus and His friends ate the Passover meal, they sat on cushions around a low table.
- Invite kids to distribute the plates, cups of water, and snacks.
- As kids enjoy the snack, ask guiding questions to review the story. You can ask questions like:
 - What special meal did Jesus grow up celebrating? (*Jesus grew up celebrating the Passover every year.*)
 - What special meal did Jesus celebrate with His friends the night before He died? (The Passover meal.)
 - Do you remember what Jesus did that was different at the Passover meal that night? (*He said that the bread was a reminder of how He would let Himself die—for us. He said the drink was a reminder of how He would let His own blood be spilled so that we can live.*)
 - Why did Jesus give us the Lord's Supper or communion? (*To help us remember what He did for us so we can be thankful.*)
- When kids finish, they can brush off their plates and draw one way they are thankful for Jesus with the paper and markers.
- If kids are stuck for ideas, you might suggest:
 - He died on the cross for our sins.
 - He made a way for us to be His friend forever.
 - He will always love us.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Jesus took an old habit of gratitude—the Passover meal—and turned it into a NEW habit of gratitude—the Lord's Supper/communion. Now, the Lord's Supper/communion is a celebration of how God made it possible for EVERYONE to be rescued from sin and death, all because Jesus lived, died, and came back to life!

"As we eat the bread and drink the juice [or insert details about how your church traditionally takes communion] we remember what Jesus has done for us. And we can be grateful.

"Some churches celebrate the Lord's Supper/communion every Sunday or every month. Others do it a few times a year. People use different kinds of bread



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(1. A GOOD HABIT, CONTINUED)

or wafers, wine or juice. But in every case, the habit is the same. It's a beautiful chance to remember together the amazing way that God rescued us—and to **get in the habit of being grateful** for all that Jesus did."



CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
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MADE TO CREATE

an activity that explores ideas through the process of drawing, building, designing, and problem-solving



***2. GIVE THANKS**

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Index cards, markers, and decorating supplies

WHAT YOU DO:

- Set out the index cards, markers, and decorating supplies.
- Allow each kid to choose two or three index cards.
- Instruct or help kids write "Give thanks" on each card.
- Invite kids to use the materials to decorate their cards.
- **[Make It Personal] (As the kids work, decorate your own cards, too.)**
- Prompt kids to put the cards where they'll see them often: on their refrigerators, by their beds, on their bathroom mirrors, in their Bibles, etc.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"God wants us to **get in the habit of being grateful**. So, take your cards home and put them where you'll see them a lot. **[Make It Personal] (Tell kids where you'll place your cards—in your car, on your desk, or on your mirror.)**

When you see your cards, remember to be grateful and give thanks. You can thank Jesus and celebrate what He's done for you, and you can thank God for His goodness. You can even give thanks to God for what He's given you: your family, your friends, your food, and a place to live. So remember to **get in the habit of being grateful.**"



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3. REMEMBER!

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Bibles, painter's tape, prepared paper plates

WHAT YOU DO:

- Adhere (12) one-foot strips of painter's tape to your floor at two-foot intervals.
- The lines can follow either a straight or curved path—whatever works for your environment.
- Secure each of the memory verse plates in order on the side of each of the twelve lines.
- Help kids look up and read the verse using the Bible navigation tips from Week 1.
- Lead kids to line up at the start of the path.
- Guide them to jump from line to line, saying the words of the verse as they go.
- Provide help as needed.
- Add a challenge by guiding kids to hop backward, jump sideways, or hop on one foot.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"It's important to celebrate what Jesus has done. We can **get in the habit of being grateful** for what Jesus has done when we eat the bread and drink the wine or juice at the Lord's Supper/communion. It's a beautiful chance to remember the amazing way that God has rescued us—and to remember His goodness and His love that never ends!"



CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that creates space for personal processing and application



4. PRAY AND DISMISS
[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

- Use the conversation below to lead kids into prayer.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"Because of Jesus, we don't have to try to prove to God that we're good enough. All we have to do is believe that Jesus came to rescue us and choose to follow Him! And THAT is something we can **get in the habit of being grateful** for! Let's pray.

(Pause briefly after each sentence, leading kids to whisper the sentence after you.)

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Get in the habit of being grateful.

"Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus. Thank You that He rescued us from our sins. Thank You that we can be Your friend forever. Thank You for Your goodness. Thank You for Your never-ending love. We love You, Lord. Amen."

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As adults arrive to pick up, encourage kids to show them their "Give Thanks" cards and tell what they are for.

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GETTING READY

HERE'S EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW TO GET READY FOR THIS WEEK

SOCIAL: PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION (15 MINUTES)

Welcome kids and spend time engaging in conversation and catching up. Get ready to experience today's story. **(Choose one or both of these activities.)**

In the Prelude folder of your curriculum, you'll find a general summary of Social Distancing Recommendations. Please refer to this document so you can plan your Small Group experience with health and safety in mind.

1. EARLY ARRIVER

Made to Connect: an activity that invites kids to share and collaborate with others while growing their understanding

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Offering container
- An object kids can pass, such as a stuffed animal (a stuffed turkey would be great!) or small ball
- Music
- Music player or phone

2. OPENING ACTIVITY

Made to Move: an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body

WHAT YOU NEED:

- No supplies needed

GROUPS: CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT (25 MINUTES)

Create a safe place to connect and learn how the Bible story applies to real life experiences, through interactive activities and discussion questions.

(Choose as many of these activities as you like.)

** If you don't have time to do all these activities, be sure to do activity #2.*

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[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

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WHAT YOU NEED:

- A handwashing or sanitizing station
- Tablecloth
- Snack items appropriate for your kids and environment. Fish crackers or O-shaped cereal are possible options.
- Small cups of water; one for each kid
- Unwaxed paper plates; at least one for each kid
- Crayons or colored pencils
- Paper
- (Optional) pillows or cushions, one for each kid

*** Note: Be aware that some kids have an allergy to the materials used in this activity.*

*2. GIVE THANKS

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

Made to Create: an activity that explores ideas through the process of drawing, building, designing, and problem-solving

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Colorful index cards; three for each kid
- Markers
- Decorating supplies such as a variety of stickers and dot markers

3. REMEMBER!

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

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WHAT YOU NEED:

- Bibles; for kindergarteners, mark Bibles at Psalm 136
- Painter's tape (or similar)
- Paper plates; 12 for each small group
- Marker
- On each plate, print a word or phrase from the memory verse (NIV) or (NIV)
- For example: "Give / thanks / to the / Lord, / because / he is / good. / His / faithful / love / continues / forever."



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HOME: PROMPTING ACTION BEYOND THE EXPERIENCE

- Print on cardstock or email this week's GodTime devotionals and Parent Cue cards.
- Tell parents about our additional family resources: **Studio252.tv** and the **Parent Cue app**.

Bible Story Outline

I Could Not Ask for More (Lord's Supper / Last Supper) • *1 Corinthians 11:23-26, Exodus 12*

SETTING UP THE STORY

- In 1 Corinthians, Paul was talking to the believers in Corinth about a special kind of celebration
- We have lots of celebrations that remind us of something important (birthday, Christmas, Easter)
- There's another celebration that happens often, in churches around the world: communion

I AM THE LORD

- Paul wanted the Corinthians to remember what happened the night before Jesus gave up His life on the cross
- **1 Corinthians 11:23-26**
- We eat the bread and we drink the cup as we remember what Jesus did for us
- Paul explained how the night before Jesus died, Jesus had gathered with His disciples to celebrate a DIFFERENT special occasion
- They were eating the Passover meal together
- God's people had been celebrating Passover for thousands of years
- God's people, the Israelites, had been forced to work as slaves in Egypt for hundreds of years
- God sent Moses to challenge the pharaoh and demand freedom for His people
- Moses told Pharaoh to let God's people go
- Over and over, Pharaoh promised to let the Israelites go free . . . but each time, he changed his mind
- Each time he changed his mind, God sent a terrible plague to get Pharaoh's attention
- Plagues: waters turned red with blood, frogs, gnats and flies, livestock died, hail and locusts

THE TENTH PLAGUE

- The tenth plague was that every oldest son would die
- But God made a way to save the sons of the Israelites
- Each Israelite family was supposed to sacrifice a "Passover" lamb, and put some blood from the lamb on the top and sides of their door frame on their house
- That way, the plague would "pass over" their house and leave them and their children safe
- That night, after his oldest son died in the plague, Pharaoh ordered the Israelites to leave
- The Israelites left so quickly they didn't have time to finish what they were baking—so they quickly made flat bread without yeast
- After the Israelites had made it to freedom, God told them to always remember the way He had led them out of Egypt
- To celebrate, they ate a special feast called the "Passover meal"
- The meal included lamb and flat bread with no yeast
- Both of these foods reminded them of how God had rescued His people from Egypt
- From that point on, Passover became an important tradition

FAST-FORWARD TO JESUS

- Fast-forward to Jesus with His disciples the night before He died on the cross
- Jesus and His friends were celebrating the Passover meal, which Jesus had done every year of His life
- **1 Corinthians 11:24-25**
- Jesus changed the meaning of the Passover in an amazing way
- The original Passover meal was a way to celebrate how God had brought His people out of slavery
- When Jesus died on the cross, He set us FREE from sin
- The bread of communion is a reminder of how Jesus sacrificed Himself for us—just like the Passover lamb
- The drink is a reminder of how Jesus allowed His OWN blood to be spilled so that WE could live

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

- Jesus added NEW meaning to an old habit
- He took the tradition of Passover and fulfilled it, creating a new celebration that we call communion
- We take communion to remember how Jesus died on the cross for us and set us free
- We celebrate communion together as a way to share our gratitude for Jesus
- We need to find those kinds of reminders every day that will help us remember to be thankful—to God and to other people
- **BL: Get in the habit of being grateful.**



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WHAT YOU DO:

- Welcome each kid by name as they arrive. Let them know you're grateful they came!
- Invite kids who brought an offering to put it in the offering container and thank them for their gift.
- Play a "SHOUT-OUT" game with the group.
 - You say a category—food, sports, candy bars, songs, movies, or things outside.
 - Kids then shout-out what they are grateful for related to that category.
 - Once the kids have shouted out five things they're grateful for, call out a new category.
- Keep the game fast-paced. As kids shout-out what they're grateful for, tick each one off on your fingers, up to five.
- As kids continue to arrive, quickly explain the rules of the game and encourage them to join in.
- List as many categories as time allows.

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MADE TO PLAY

an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and/or working as a group



2. OPENING ACTIVITY

WHAT YOU NEED: Index cards, markers or pencils, and mobile device or timer

WHAT YOU DO:

- Gather the kids in a circle.
- Ask the kids to name some activities that are good habits. (*brushing your teeth, eating breakfast, praying at bedtime, reading the Bible, practicing piano, etc.*)
- Write each "good" habit on an index card. Make sure the ideas you write can be easily acted out.
- Ask the kids to name things that might be considered a bad habit. (*biting nails, talking with your mouth full of food, leaving your coat on the floor, picking your nose, etc.*)
- Write each "bad" habit on an index card.
- Tell kids they're going to play a game of "Habit Charades." Share the rules:
 - The kids will take turns being the actor.
 - The actor selects a card and acts out the habit without making any sound.
 - The group tries to guess what the habit is.
- Play the game until every kid who wants to has had a chance to act out a habit.
- Use a timer or phone to time each round. Share the times for each round with the kids.

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"We talked a lot about habits today—things we do over and over. I wonder what habits have to do with gratitude? **[Transition] Let's head to Large Group to find out.**"

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

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1. REMEMBER ME

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: Large container, markers, paper plates, and masking tape

WHAT YOU DO:

- Place the container against a wall.
- Divide the group into two teams.
- Assign each team a color according to the markers you have.
- Give each kid a paper plate and a marker that corresponds to their team color.
- Ask them to write "Get in the Habit of Being Grateful" on their plate.
- With the masking tape, create a throw line about 15 feet from the container and instruct kids stand behind the line.
- Explain the rules:
 - You will read a review question.
 - The kids then try to frisbee-toss their plate into the container.
 - Any kid who thinks they know the answer can try to toss their plate into the container.
 - The first team to throw a plate into the container gets to answer the question. If the team answers correctly, award them a point.
- The team with the most points, wins!
- Depending on the plates and the groups' skill level, be prepared to adjust the distance of the throw line to the container.
- You can allow teams the opportunity to expand on their answers to the questions and earn more points.
- Play the game. Here are the questions:
 - What happened during the first Passover? (*God saved His people from the last plague in Egypt by passing over the houses of the people who had lamb's blood painted on their doorposts.*)
 - Why did people continue to celebrate Passover? (*to remember that God rescued them from slavery*)
 - What are some of the things that were a part of the Passover celebration? (*People ate a big feast with lamb and flat bread*) Depending on the answer, you can ask follow up questions. For example: Why did they eat flat bread? Why did they eat lamb?
 - Who celebrates communion/the Lord's Supper? (*people who follow Jesus*) A good follow-up question is: *What makes someone a Jesus follower? (someone who believes Jesus is their Savior and chooses to follow Him)*
 - Why do followers of Jesus celebrate communion/the Lord's Supper? (*to remember Jesus rescued us*)
 - What's one of our Bottom Lines from this month? (*You always have something to be grateful for. Celebrate what God has done. Say thank you. Adjust your attitude. Get in the habit of being grateful.*)
 - Recite this month's memory verse. (*Give thanks to the Lord, because he is good. His faithful love continues forever, Psalm 136:1, NIV.*)

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(1. REMEMBER ME, CONTINUED)

WHAT YOU SAY:

“Passover is a celebration of how God rescued His people, the Israelites, from Egypt and slavery. Communion, or the Lord’s Supper, is a celebration of how God rescued us from sin and death. Communion is a way Jesus asks us to remember that He died on the cross to rescue us. Communion is a habit of gratitude celebrated by churches all over the world. It is important to celebrate communion and to **get in the habit of being grateful** for all He has done. When we remember that God sent Jesus to make a way for us to have a relationship with God that lasts forever, it helps us be grateful. We definitely want to **get in the habit of being grateful** for Jesus and what He has done!”



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**Gratitude—Letting others know
you see how they've helped you**

BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what.



2. GRATITUDE GAZETTE
[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Paper, stapler and staples, markers, and stickers

WHAT YOU DO:

- Gather kids in a circle.
- Set supplies in the center of the circle.
- Inform the kids that only you will use the stapler.
- Guide kids to make a "Gratitude Journal."
- Each kid gets eight pieces of paper that they stack together then you staple a few times down the left side to make a small booklet.
- Let the kids decorate the cover of their journal with the markers and stickers.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"To **get in the habit of being grateful**, you have to practice gratitude every day. During this next week, end each day by writing three things in your "Gratitude Journal" that you are grateful for. Maybe you had a delicious dinner or your friend said something encouraging to you. Maybe you scored your personal best in a video game or in your basketball game. **[Make it Personal]** **(Share three things that you are grateful for today.)**

"Practice gratitude every day and eventually, you won't even have to think about it. You will just start noticing things you are grateful for because you developed a good habit—the habit of being grateful."



PRELUDE SOCIAL STORY WORSHIP GROUPS HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO CREATE

an activity that explores ideas through the process of drawing, building, designing, and problem-solving



***3. GRATITUDE KNOCKS**

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Bibles, cardstock, hole punch, markers, scissors, and yarn, (optional) decorating supplies

WHAT YOU DO:

- Give kids a Bible and look up the memory verse, Psalm

136:1.

- Explain to the kids that they get to make a door hanger to help them remember this month's verse.
- Give each kid a piece of cardstock.
- Instruct the kids to write Psalm 136:1 on their door hanger.
- Allow the kids to decorate the cardstock.
- Show kids how to punch two holes at the top of the short end of the card stock. Make sure the holes are directly across from each other.
- Thread a piece of yarn or ribbon through the holes and tie the ends together.
- As the kids work, challenge them to say the verse from memory.

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

I Could Not Ask for More

Lord's Supper / Last Supper
1 Corinthians 11:23-26, Exodus 12

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Get in the habit of being grateful.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

**Give thanks to the Lord,
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love continues forever.**

Psalm 136:1, NIV

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Great job decorating your door hangers! Your door hanger can help remind you to **get in the habit of being grateful**. When you get home, hang it where you will see it every day. When you see it, remember the truth that the verse teaches: Give thanks to God because He is good and He will always love you. Let the doorhanger remind you to be grateful for God and how He loves you." **[Make it Personal] (Share something that helps you remember to be grateful.)**

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Let 'em know you're thankful

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MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that creates space for personal processing and application



4. PRAY AND DISMISS [PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Gratitude Journals" from the "Gratitude Gazette" Activity, "GRATITUDE SHOUT-OUTS" wall, and markers, (optional) "Megaphone" Activity Page, scissors, and tape

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WHAT YOU DO:

- Set out markers.
- Ask the kids to write three things they're grateful for today in their "Gratitude Journal."
- Allow time for kids to share a couple of things they are grateful for with the group.
- If you didn't do the "Gratitude Journal" Application Activity then do the following:
 - Give each kid a "Megaphone" Activity Page.
 - Instruct kids to cut out three megaphones.
 - Ask kids to write three things they are thankful for today on the megaphones.
 - Tell kids to tape their megaphones to the "GRATITUDE SHOUT-OUT" wall.
- Close in prayer.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Wow! We have a lot to be grateful for. Just listen to all of those things in our Gratitude Journal! (Or 'Just look at all SHOUT-OUTS on the GRATITUDE SHOUT-OUT wall.') We are thankful for people in our lives, for things we enjoying doing, for animals, nature . . . and the list goes on. Remember to **get in the habit of being grateful** and let others know you're grateful for them. One person we are grateful for is Jesus, so let's pray and give a SHOUT-OUT to Jesus.

"God, thank You so much! You have given us so much! And the most important gift You gave us is Jesus. Help us **get in the habit of being grateful** so we can remember what Jesus has done for us. And help us **get in the habit of being grateful** so we can recognize the good things You give us every day. You ROCK! Amen."

As adults arrive to pick up, encourage kids to show them their "Gratitude Journal" and share how they plan to get in the habit of being grateful by filling it out each night.



PRELUDE SOCIAL STORY WORSHIP GROUPS HOME

GETTING READY

HERE'S EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW TO GET READY FOR THIS WEEK

SOCIAL: PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION (15 MINUTES)

Welcome kids and spend time engaging in conversation and catching up. Get ready to experience today's story. **(Choose one or both of these activities.)**

In the Prelude folder of your curriculum, you'll find a general summary of Social Distancing Recommendations. Please refer to this document so you can plan your Small Group experience with health and safety in mind.

1. EARLY ARRIVER

Made to Connect: an activity that invites kids to share and collaborate with others while growing their understanding

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Offering container

2. OPENING ACTIVITY

Made to Play: an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and/or working as a group

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Index cards; 10-15 for each small group
- Pencils or markers
- Mobile device or timer

GROUPS: CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT (25 MINUTES)

Create a safe place to connect and learn how the Bible story applies to real life experiences, through interactive activities and discussion questions.

(Choose as many of these activities as you like.)

** If you don't have time to do all these activities, be sure to do activity #3.*

1. REMEMBER ME

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

Made to Move: an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Large plastic tub or container; one for each small group

- Paper plates; one for each kid
- Markers in two different colors; enough for each kid to have one
- Masking tape

2. GRATITUDE GAZETTE

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

Made to Create: an activity that explores ideas through the process of drawing, building, designing, and problem-solving

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Paper in various colors
 - Cut each page of colored paper into four even rectangles roughly 4.25" x 5.5". Cut eight rectangles for each kid.
- Markers
- Stapler and staples; one for each small group
- Fun, decorative stickers

*3. GRATITUDE KNOCKS

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

Made to Create: an activity that explores ideas through the process of drawing, building, designing, and problem-solving

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Bibles
- Cardstock in various colors and 3.5" x 8.5" in size; at least one piece for each kid
- Hole punch; one for each small group
- Markers
- Yarn or ribbon
- Scissors
- (Optional) decorating supplies like stickers, stamps and inkpads, jewel stickers, pom poms, glue, decorative craft scissors, etc.

4. PRAY AND DISMISS

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

Made to Reflect: an activity that creates space for personal processing and application

WHAT YOU NEED:

- The "GRATITUDE SHOUT-OUT" wall from Week 1
- "Gratitude Journals" from the "Gratitude Gazette" Activity



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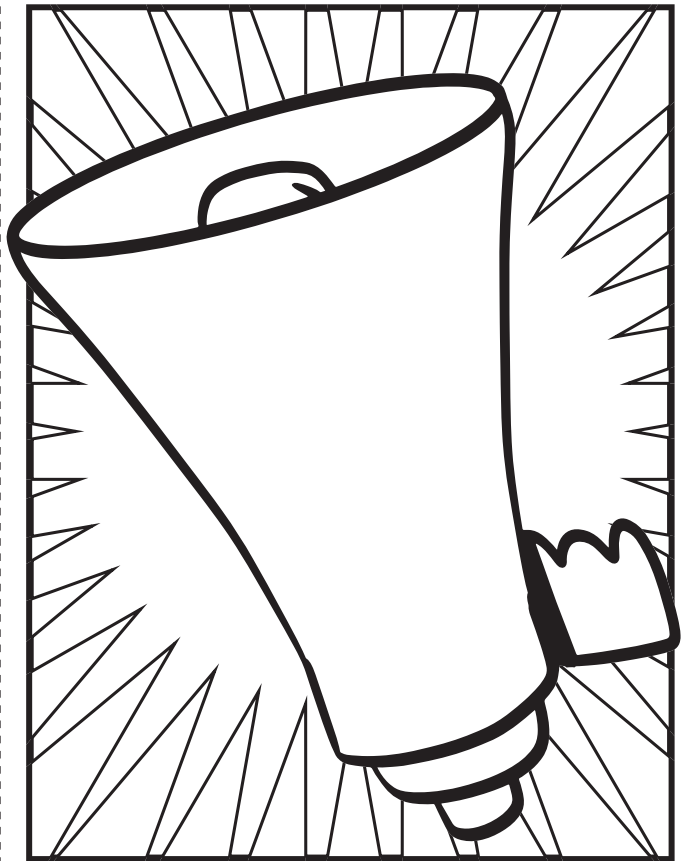
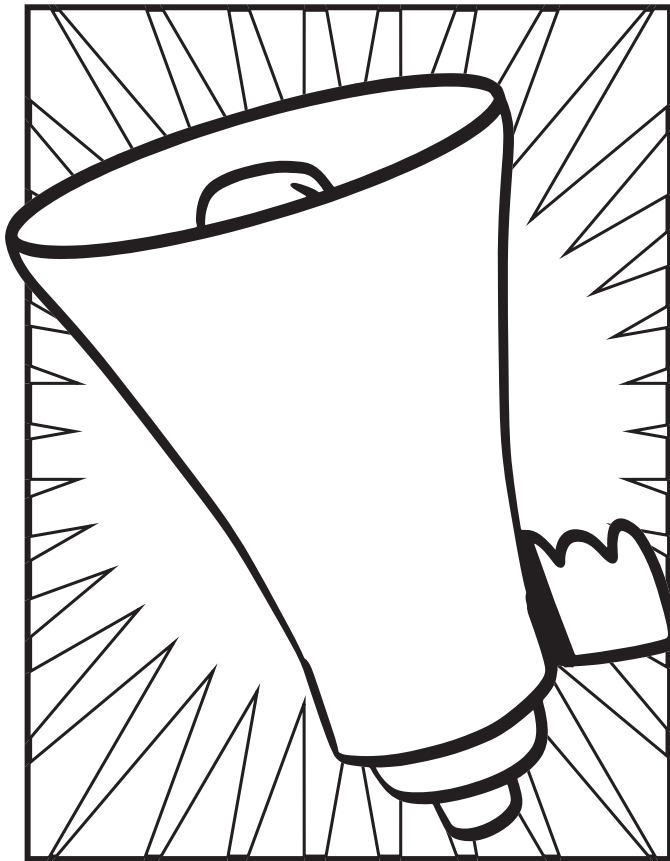
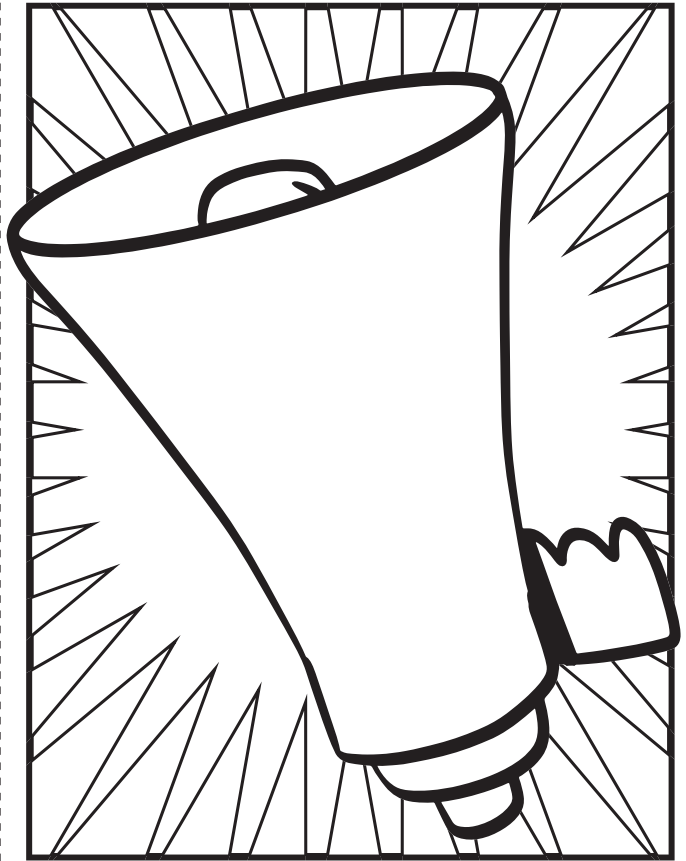
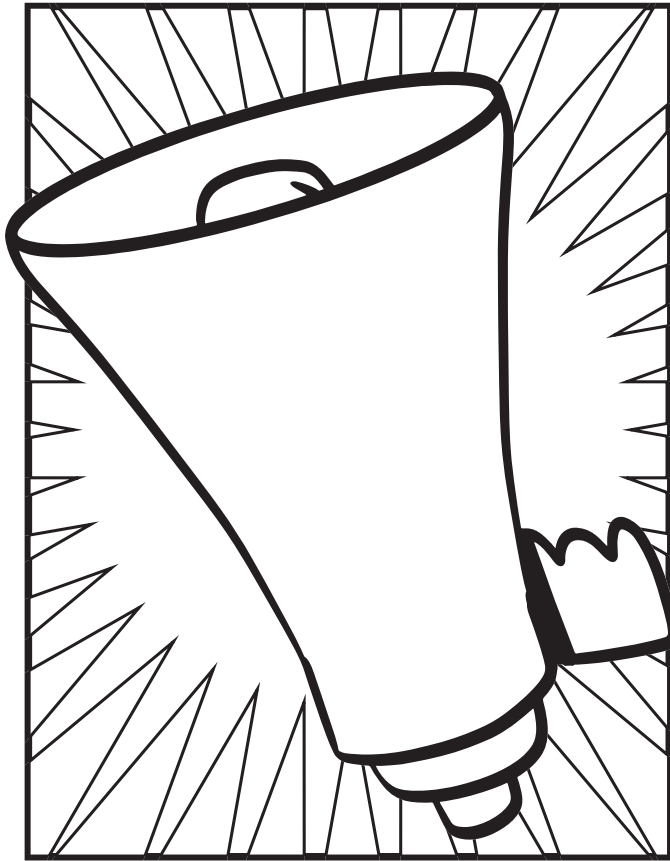
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- Markers
- (Optional) "Megaphone" Activity Page, tape, paper, and scissors

HOME: PROMPTING ACTION BEYOND THE EXPERIENCE

- Print on cardstock or email this week's GodTime devotionals and Parent Cue cards.
- Tell parents about our additional family resources: **Studio252.tv** and the **Parent Cue app**.



What to Do:
Print one for each kid.

"Megaphone" Activity Page

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Bible Story Outline

I Could Not Ask for More (Lord's Supper / Last Supper) • *1 Corinthians 11:23-26, Exodus 12*

SETTING UP THE STORY

- In 1 Corinthians, Paul was talking to the believers in Corinth about a special kind of celebration
- We have lots of celebrations that remind us of something important (birthday, Christmas, Easter)
- There's another celebration that happens often, in churches around the world: communion

I AM THE LORD

- Paul wanted the Corinthians to remember what happened the night before Jesus gave up His life on the cross
- **1 Corinthians 11:23-26**
- We eat the bread and we drink the cup as we remember what Jesus did for us
- Paul explained how the night before Jesus died, Jesus had gathered with His disciples to celebrate a DIFFERENT special occasion
- They were eating the Passover meal together
- God's people had been celebrating Passover for thousands of years
- God's people, the Israelites, had been forced to work as slaves in Egypt for hundreds of years
- God sent Moses to challenge the pharaoh and demand freedom for His people
- Moses told Pharaoh to let God's people go
- Over and over, Pharaoh promised to let the Israelites go free . . . but each time, he changed his mind
- Each time he changed his mind, God sent a terrible plague to get Pharaoh's attention
- Plagues: waters turned red with blood, frogs, gnats and flies, livestock died, hail and locusts

THE TENTH PLAGUE

- The tenth plague was that every oldest son would die
- But God made a way to save the sons of the Israelites
- Each Israelite family was supposed to sacrifice a "Passover" lamb, and put some blood from the lamb on the top and sides of their door frame on their house
- That way, the plague would "pass over" their house and leave them and their children safe
- That night, after his oldest son died in the plague, Pharaoh ordered the Israelites to leave
- The Israelites left so quickly they didn't have time to finish what they were baking—so they quickly made flat bread without yeast
- After the Israelites had made it to freedom, God told them to always remember the way He had led them out of Egypt
- To celebrate, they ate a special feast called the "Passover meal"
- The meal included lamb and flat bread with no yeast
- Both of these foods reminded them of how God had rescued His people from Egypt
- From that point on, Passover became an important tradition

FAST-FORWARD TO JESUS

- Fast-forward to Jesus with His disciples the night before He died on the cross
- Jesus and His friends were celebrating the Passover meal, which Jesus had done every year of His life
- **1 Corinthians 11:24-25**
- Jesus changed the meaning of the Passover in an amazing way
- The original Passover meal was a way to celebrate how God had brought His people out of slavery
- When Jesus died on the cross, He set us FREE from sin
- The bread of communion is a reminder of how Jesus sacrificed Himself for us—just like the Passover lamb
- The drink is a reminder of how Jesus allowed His OWN blood to be spilled so that WE could live

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

- Jesus added NEW meaning to an old habit
- He took the tradition of Passover and fulfilled it, creating a new celebration that we call communion
- We take communion to remember how Jesus died on the cross for us and set us free
- We celebrate communion together as a way to share our gratitude for Jesus
- We need to find those kinds of reminders every day that will help us remember to be thankful—to God and to other people
- **BL: Get in the habit of being grateful.**

SHOUT OUT

LET 'EM KNOW YOU'RE THANKFUL

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TODAY'S SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

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TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

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PRELUDE: Setting the tone for the experience

See the **Getting Ready** pages at the end of this document for a detailed description of what you'll need for today. In the **Prelude** folder of your curriculum, you'll find a variety of other resources to help you prepare.

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SOCIAL: Providing time for fun interaction

Early Arriver
Opening Activity

LARGE GROUP

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STORY: Communicating God's truth in engaging ways WORSHIP: Inviting people to respond to God

Welcome/Opener
Worship ("Jesus I Will Trust You" from *This Love*, "All About Love" from *Can't Stop Won't Stop*, and "Who You Say I Am" from *Who You Say I Am* single)
Bible Story
Prayer
Bottom Line

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GROUPS: Creating a safe place to connect

Application Activity: Take a Snapshot
Bible Story Review: Bible Story Review and Discussion Questions
Memory Verse Activity: Verses to Take with You
Prayer Activity: Make it Personal with Prayer

HOME: Prompting action beyond the experience

Parent Cue Card (print or email)
GodTime devotional for kids
Studio252.tv
Parent Cue App

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Before kids arrive, take some time to lift up your group to God in prayer. Pray for each of your kids individually by name, asking God to reveal to you how you can specifically serve each one of them. Lift up a prayer of gratitude for each of your kids.

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1. JUST FOR FUN

WHAT YOU NEED: Offering container, feathers

WHAT YOU DO:

- **Sit** together in a circle.
- **Give** each kid two feathers and ask them to hold one feather in each hand.
- **Explain** that the object of the game is to have exactly five feathers raised up at all times.
 - Any kid can raise one or both of their feathers but can leave them up for no more than five seconds at a time.
 - After putting a feather down, kids can raise them again right away if they want but only if there are less than five feathers in the air.

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2. OPENING ACTIVITY

WHAT YOU NEED: Paper clips

WHAT YOU DO:

- **Sit** together in a circle.
- **Give** each kid five paper clips.
- **Explain** that the goal of the game is to take turns verbally adding a letter to a word but avoid being the one who adds the final letter that completes a word. For example:
 - The first kid calls out a letter such as, "B."
 - The second kid adds another letter but NOT one that would finish the word, such as the letter, "E," which would spell BE. Instead, they could add "O."
 - The third kid does not want to add a Y or a W because those letters would complete words—BOY and BOW. The third kid could add an "M" which would still not complete a word.
 - Continue until a word is spelled.
 - The kid who ends up with no other option than to add a letter that will complete a word, loses a paper clip.
 - Kids are out of the game if they run out of paper clips.
- **Play** for a designated time then determine the winner based on highest number of paper clips.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"NOT spelling a word is almost harder than actually spelling it. Your brain had to work in a completely different way—the opposite of what your language arts teacher tries so hard to teach you. Getting in the habit of being grateful can take some rethinking as well but it's a challenge worth the effort. **[Transition] In Large Group we're going to take one more look at gratitude as we finish out the month and take away some new attitudes and habits.**"

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

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MADE TO MOVE

an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body



1. TAKE A SNAPSHOT

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Paper plates

WHAT YOU DO:

- **Form** a circle then give each kid a paper plate to stand on.
- **Tell** kids to listen as you read a statement then move to another plate if the statement is true of them.
 - As they move, several kids may need to stand together on the same plate.
 - If a kid is already where another kid needs to relocate, they can put their foot on top of the first foot.
 - If several kids are stacked up and one needs to move, the kids whose feet are on top of his foot (but not beneath it) move as well.
 - Move to the left if you said THANK YOU to someone today.
 - Move to the right if you can remember what you were given for your birthday last year.
 - Move two plates to the right if you did something for someone today and they thanked you for it.
 - Move to the left if you thanked God today for sending Jesus.
 - Move two plates to the left if you know how to say THANK YOU in another language.
 - Move to the right if you can think of something you're grateful for right now.
 - Move to the right if you are always thankful.
 - Move two plates to the right if you sometimes forget to say thanks.
 - Move to the left if you thanked God the last time you ate a meal.
 - Move three plates to the left if you thanked Jesus in the last 24 hours for His death on the cross for you.
 - Move to the left if you are thankful for school.
 - Move to the right if you thanked God for helping you with something at school this week.
 - Move two plates to the right if you feel you are a grateful person.
- Before you end the game, **tell** kids they must share something they are grateful for today before they can step off of the plates.

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2. BIBLE STORY EXTENSION

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: Bible, "Memory Words" Activity Page

WHAT YOU DO:

- Sit together in a circle.
• Shuffle the "Memory Words" so that the cards are in no

particular order.

- Tell kids to silently watch as you show them the series of "Memory Words" one by one. They don't need to remember the order of the cards, but they will need to remember as many of the words as possible. Don't tell them that some of the words pertain to the story and others do not.
• For the next couple of minutes, set the cards aside and ask kids random questions such as what kind of candy they like, what is the weather supposed to be like today, what is their favorite animal.
• Go around the circle and let kids take turns naming one of the words they remember seeing on the cards.
• Place the card they name on the floor but hold on to any they do not remember.
• Shuffle all the cards together.
• Play again but this time tell kids that there are 10 cards that pertain to the story and 10 that do not.
• Tell them to take note of any cards they forgot in the last round.
• When finished, repeat the process of letting each kid name one word they remember then place the card on the floor. Below is a complete list of the "Memory Words."

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Table with 2 columns: Words found in the Bible story, Words not found in the Bible story. Rows include: Jesus, Fly, Frog, Bread, Lamb, Cup, Egypt, Plague, Passover, Disciples, Washing Machine, Tree, Dog, Car, Cell Phone, Hammer, Turkey, Ice Cream, Santa Claus, Shoe.

- Discuss the story by asking kids to share how certain cards relate to the events they heard about in Large Group.
• Read Luke 22:19-20 as you remind kids that Jesus took an old habit of gratitude, the Passover, and turned it into a BRAND NEW habit of gratitude—the Lord's Supper, or Communion.

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(2. BIBLE STORY EXTENSION, CONTINUED)

- What does Jesus ask us to remember when we eat bread during Communion?
- What does Jesus ask us to remember when we drink from the cup during Communion?
- Why is it important to remember what God has done for us?
- What are three things God's done that you feel the most grateful for today?

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3. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

Ask:

- What are some things you can do when you don't feel like celebrating what God has done?
- Why do you think there are times we don't show gratitude to those who help us, especially those people who help us all of the time?
- If we can't think of a way to show gratitude, we can think how we would like to be treated. What are some of those ways and how can you use those ideas to thank someone else?
- What are some ways we can show God we remember how He has helped us?

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*4. VERSE TO TAKE WITH YOU

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Bible, "Gratitude Stix" cards (Activity Page), craft sticks, markers

WHAT YOU DO:

- **Set out** craft sticks and markers.
- **Direct** kids to use the markers to color each craft stick a different color of their choosing.
- **Hand out** the "Gratitude Stix" cards and let kids fill in the boxes with the colors they used on their craft sticks.
- **Give** each kid a resealable sandwich-size bag then have them place their colored craft sticks and card in the bag.
- **Encourage** kids to take the "Gratitude Stix" home and use them as a reminder to thank God often for all He has done. They can also share them with family or a friend.

Optional Activity: If you have arranged to have a church leader visit your group, introduce them to the kids. Ask the leader to share how your church carries out Communion and then let kids ask questions.



LET 'EM
KNOW YOU'RE
THANKFUL

WEEK
FIVE
NOVEMBER 2020

SMALL GROUP
PRETEEN

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

STORY

WORSHIP

GROUPS

HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that creates space
for personal processing
and application



5. MAKE IT PERSONAL WITH PRAYER [PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

- **Read** Psalm 150:6 aloud.
- **Challenge** the kids to take a deep breath then begin saying Psalm 150:6 as loud and long as they can before running out of breath.
- **Close** in prayer by inviting kids to reflect back on what they learned about gratitude this month then ask God to help them with one particular area where they need His help to improve.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Dear God, when You sent us Your Son to die in our place, You gave us the one thing we can always be grateful for every day. Even on our worst days, followers of Jesus can have a heart of gratitude because we know You are watching over us and Your plans are always good. Help us to remember what You've done for us and to thank You often. In Jesus' name, amen."

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

I Could Not Ask for More

Lord's Supper / Last Supper
1 Corinthians 11:23-26, Exodus 12

TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

What helps you remember
to be grateful?

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

Get in the habit of being grateful.

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

Give thanks to the Lord,
because he is good. His faithful
love continues forever.

Psalm 136:1, NIV

MONTHLY LIFE APP

Gratitude—Letting others know
you see how they've helped you

BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what.



GETTING READY

HERE'S EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW TO GET READY FOR THIS WEEK

SOCIAL: PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION (15 MINUTES)

Welcome kids and spend time engaging in conversation and catching up. Get ready to experience today's story.
(Choose one or both of these activities.)

In the Prelude folder of your curriculum, you'll find a general summary of Social Distancing Recommendations. Please refer to this document so you can plan your Small Group experience with health and safety in mind.

1. JUST FOR FUN

Made to Play: an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and/or working as a group

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Offering container
- Feathers; two for each kid

2. OPENING ACTIVITY

Made to Play: an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and/or working as a group

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Paper clips; five for each kid

GROUPS: CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT (25 MINUTES)

Create a safe place to connect and learn how the Bible story applies to real life experiences, through interactive activities and discussion questions.

(Choose as many of these activities as you like.)

** If you don't have time to do all these activities, be sure to do activity #4.*

1. TAKE A SNAPSHOT

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

Made to Move: an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Large paper plate; one for each kid

2. BIBLE STORY EXTENSION

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

Made to Play: an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and/or working as a group

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Bible
- Print the "Memory Words" Activity Page on cardstock and cut apart; one for each small group

3. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

Made to Connect: an activity that invites kids to share and collaborate with others while growing their understanding

WHAT YOU NEED:

- No supplies needed

*4. VERSE TO TAKE WITH YOU

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

Made to Create: an activity that explores ideas through the process of drawing, building, designing, and problem-solving

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Bible
- Thin craft sticks; eight for each kid
- Sealable sandwich bag; one for each kid
- Markers
- Print the "Gratitude Stix" Activity Page on cardstock and cut apart; one card for every kid
- (Optional) If you have arranged to have a church leader visit your group, prepare that leader to share how your church carries out Communion.

5. MAKE IT PERSONAL WITH PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

Made to Reflect: an activity that creates space for personal processing and application

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Bible

HOME: PROMPTING ACTION BEYOND THE EXPERIENCE

- Print on cardstock or email this week's GodTime devotionals and Parent Cue cards.
- Tell parents about our additional family resources: **Studio252.tv** and the **Parent Cue app**.

Gratitude Stix

How to Play

1. Gather your family together or invite a friend to play Gratitude Stix.
2. Grip the entire bundle of sticks upright in one hand just above the floor or table.
3. Release the sticks and let them fall randomly.
4. Take turns carefully removing one stick without any of the other sticks moving.
5. Follow the color chart below to help you get your gratitude on.

- Tell someone in your family that you are grateful for them.
- Thank someone today that you don't normally thank.
- Look around the room and thank God for 10 things you see that He has provided for you.
- Thank God for a way He cared for you today.
- Thank God for someone who made you happy this week.
- Thank God for Jesus.
- Think of something that didn't go well today and ask God to help you see something good that can come out of it.
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What to Do:

Print on cardstock for every four kids.

"Gratitude Stix" Activity Page

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Jesus

Washing Machine

Fly

Tree

Frog

Dog

Bread

Car

Lamb

Cell Phone

Cup

Hammer

Egypt

Turkey

Plague

Ice Cream

Passover

Santa Claus

Disciples

Shoe

WHAT TO DO:

Print on cardstock and cut apart. Provide one set for each small group.

Bible Story Outline

I Could Not Ask for More (Lord's Supper / Last Supper) • *1 Corinthians 11:23-26, Exodus 12*

SETTING UP THE STORY

- In 1 Corinthians, Paul was talking to the believers in Corinth about a special kind of celebration
- We have lots of celebrations that remind us of something important (birthday, Christmas, Easter)
- There's another celebration that happens often, in churches around the world: communion

I AM THE LORD

- Paul wanted the Corinthians to remember what happened the night before Jesus gave up His life on the cross
- **1 Corinthians 11:23-26**
- We eat the bread and we drink the cup as we remember what Jesus did for us
- Paul explained how the night before Jesus died, Jesus had gathered with His disciples to celebrate a DIFFERENT special occasion
- They were eating the Passover meal together
- God's people had been celebrating Passover for thousands of years
- God's people, the Israelites, had been forced to work as slaves in Egypt for hundreds of years
- God sent Moses to challenge the pharaoh and demand freedom for His people
- Moses told Pharaoh to let God's people go
- Over and over, Pharaoh promised to let the Israelites go free . . . but each time, he changed his mind
- Each time he changed his mind, God sent a terrible plague to get Pharaoh's attention
- Plagues: waters turned red with blood, frogs, gnats and flies, livestock died, hail and locusts

THE TENTH PLAGUE

- The tenth plague was that every oldest son would die
- But God made a way to save the sons of the Israelites
- Each Israelite family was supposed to sacrifice a "Passover" lamb, and put some blood from the lamb on the top and sides of their door frame on their house
- That way, the plague would "pass over" their house and leave them and their children safe
- That night, after his oldest son died in the plague, Pharaoh ordered the Israelites to leave
- The Israelites left so quickly they didn't have time to finish what they were baking—so they quickly made flat bread without yeast
- After the Israelites had made it to freedom, God told them to always remember the way He had led them out of Egypt
- To celebrate, they ate a special feast called the "Passover meal"
- The meal included lamb and flat bread with no yeast
- Both of these foods reminded them of how God had rescued His people from Egypt
- From that point on, Passover became an important tradition

FAST-FORWARD TO JESUS

- Fast-forward to Jesus with His disciples the night before He died on the cross
- Jesus and His friends were celebrating the Passover meal, which Jesus had done every year of His life
- **1 Corinthians 11:24-25**
- Jesus changed the meaning of the Passover in an amazing way
- The original Passover meal was a way to celebrate how God had brought His people out of slavery
- When Jesus died on the cross, He set us FREE from sin
- The bread of communion is a reminder of how Jesus sacrificed Himself for us—just like the Passover lamb
- The drink is a reminder of how Jesus allowed His OWN blood to be spilled so that WE could live

WRAPPING UP THE STORY

- Jesus added NEW meaning to an old habit
- He took the tradition of Passover and fulfilled it, creating a new celebration that we call communion
- We take communion to remember how Jesus died on the cross for us and set us free
- We celebrate communion together as a way to share our gratitude for Jesus
- We need to find those kinds of reminders every day that will help us remember to be thankful—to God and to other people
- **BL: Get in the habit of being grateful.**