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Four[Five- November 15

Bible Story: Jesus Heals Ten Men • Luke 17:11-19

Bottom Line: Remember to thank God.

Conversation Starter: What are ways you can remember to thank God?

Monthly Memory Verse: *Every good and perfect gift is from God. This kind of gift comes down from the Father who created the heavenly lights. These lights create shadows that move. But the Father does not change like these shadows.* • James 1:17 NIrV

What You Do:

- Welcome kids by name as they arrive
- . Have a couple students be door greeters, a couple more help with communion in the big church and a few more to volunteer to stay and help with the littles once we finish in the elementary room.

I took out the activity time before the lesson, but it is available if you see fit.

Instead, spend this time playing games with the students or talking to them about how their week went.

This is the get to know your students time.

9:05/10:50 Leave for the Elementary Room

9:45/11:30 Leave for the Merge room

Communion

What You Do:
First - have one of the students pass out communion once everyone is seated.

Discuss communions and the importance of taking it and have one of the students pray.

Mysterious

What You Need:

- [ ] Bibles
- [ ] “Mystery Word Cards” Activity Page
- [ ] “Voice Challenge Cards” Activity Page
- [ ] Bucket or bowl
- [ ] Timer or smartwatch

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Print “Mystery Word Cards” Activity Page on cardstock and cut, one set per Small Group.
- Print “Voice Challenge Cards” Page on cardstock and cut, one set per Small Group.
- Place Mystery Word Cards in a bucket or bowl, one per Small Group.
- Place Voice Challenge Cards in a bucket or bowl, one per Small Group.

During the Activity:

- Say: “Let’s play a game called *Mystery Word*. This is a word-guessing type of game that we will play in teams. To make it a little easier for you, I’ll give you a little hint—all of the mystery words are from today’s Bible Story. Here’s how the game is played.”
- Split the kids into two teams.
- Explain how to play *Mystery Word:*
    - When it is a team's turn, choose one kid to be the clue giver. That kid will draw a Mystery Word Card and a Voice Challenge Card.
    - Mystery Word Card: The clue giver must help their team guess the Mystery Word (the word above the line) without saying the Mystery Word or any of the forbidden words listed on the card.
    - Voice Challenge Card: The clue giver must give all of their clues using the voice or speaking style shown on the card for the entire turn.

    - If the clue giver accidentally says the Mystery Word or any of the forbidden words on the card, the turn ends immediately, and no points are awarded.
    - The team has 60 seconds to guess the Mystery Word. If they guess correctly within 60 seconds, their team earns 1 point.
    - If the team does not guess the Mystery Word, the opposing team gets one guess. If they guess correctly, they earn 1 point.
    - Play then moves to the other team.
    - Continue playing until all Mystery Word Cards have been used.
    - The team with the most points at the end of the game wins.
- Gather the Mystery Word Cards and place them face up in random order.
- Instruct the kids to gather around the cards.
- Say, “These words were all important parts of today’s Bible Story. Let’s put them in the order that they come in the story to recall the main plot of the Bible Story.”
- Guide the kids to recall the Bible Story from Luke 17:11-19 using the Mystery Cards (*Note: there may be more than one correct sequence of the Mystery Cards…allow the kids to use critical thinking skills to put the cards in any order that accurately portrays the Bible Story).*
- Mystery Cards suggested sequence:
    - Jesus- Jesus was traveling toward Jerusalem with his friends, walking along the border of Samaria. Even though the Jews did not like Samaritans, Jesus loves everyone and chose not to avoid the Samaritan land.
    - Leprosy- As Jesus approached a village, 10 men with leprosy stood at a distance and called out to Him.”
    - Medicine- At this time, there was no treatment for leprosy.
    - Healthy- Since leprosy is contagious, anyone with the disease was forced to live apart and not come close to healthy people.
    - Punishment- Even worse, during this time, any kind of disease was seen as a punishment for sin—so people believed if you had leprosy, you had done something wrong.
    - Heal- When they saw Jesus, they cried out to Him: ‘Jesus! Master! Have pity on us!’
    - Priests- Instead of healing them immediately, Jesus said to them, *“Go. Show yourselves to the priests.”* (Luke 17:14 NIrV) When someone was healed from leprosy, the priests would have to examine them and declare them truly healed. Jesus asked them to go to the priests in faith. In faith, they turned and started walking to where they would find the priests. Along the way, they were healed!
    - Bow- One of the men ran back to Jesus and threw himself at Jesus’ feet.
    - Thank You- He praised God at the top of his lungs, saying, “Thank You! Thank You!”

- Remember- Jesus noted that only one of the 10 men who were healed came back to say thank you. He encouraged the one who had returned by saying, *"Get up and go. Your faith has healed you."* (Luke 17:19 NIrV)

What You Say:

"This Bible Story is a good reminder that we should ***[Bottom Line]*** **Remember to thank God**.

"First, give thanks to God! Thank Him for the good things He's done for you. Thank Him for His love and for sending Jesus to take the consequences for your sins so you could be close to Him! Thank God that He is with us all the time through the Holy Spirit—and that we will be able to live forever with Him in heaven. Thank Him for all the ways you've seen Him show up in your day, like helping you stay calm during a big test, or giving you patience with your little sister.

"After you've given thanks to God, make sure to say 'thank you' to all the people who help you every day. Your mom and dad. The bus driver. Your teacher. Friends who help you with homework or make you laugh. The librarian and the check-out clerk at the grocery store. Saying 'thank you' helps you become a person of gratitude and shares the love of Jesus with those around you."

Please take time to Pray!

Ask:

- **Ask these questions and discuss:**
  - ***[Conversation Starter] What are ways you can remember to thank God?***
  - Imagine being one of the men with leprosy in today's story. What would you miss the most if you had to live outside of your community?
  - When is a time that God has answered a specific request that you have prayed? *(Encourage kids to share even if it's something small.)*
  - Has anyone ever said "thank you" for something you did for them? What did they thank you for? How did that make you feel?