

Week 4: Give Thanks to God

Lesson Overview:

Lesson Scripture: 1 Timothy 4:4-5; Psalm 136

Today's Point: Celebrate Thanksgiving every day by thanking God daily for everything that He provides

November Bible Verse:

1 Thessalonians 5:18 Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.

Lesson Video:

The First Thanksgiving:

https://youtu.be/oodJKjJ_VqY?si=KODSkoOIncTTI2_e

November Songs:

I Thank God: https://youtu.be/kkehaekJo_g?si=7HGfIGhSBWcuh7o2

Thankful: https://youtu.be/U_ewLEvA8_o?si=18JfEICuy9bQ8xaT

Schedule:

Warm Up Question (3 min.):

What are you most thankful for this year?

Review Classroom Rules (3 min.)

Review giving and collect offerings (2 min.)

Review point and Key verse: (5 min.)

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Lead Song time (8 min.)

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Activity: Thanksgiving Charades (5 Minutes)

Have the kids choose a card to act out. Consider playing boys against girls if you have more than 10 kids.

Say: This month, our Bible verse has taught us to be thankful to God in all circumstances. We will continue to learn about thankfulness, and we will celebrate Thanksgiving together as a class.

BIBLE STORY (15 minutes)

Watch Video: Thanksgiving Story for Kids

Say: This video explained to us why we celebrate Thanksgiving each year as Americans.

- What are some ways that God provided for the Pilgrims?

Say: Today we are going to read some verses that remind us why we are thankful to God.

Read 1 Timothy 4:4-5 (Have the students get Bibles and read along with you.) **Say:** The word “sanctified” means to set apart as or declare holy. Which means that as we pray and read God’s Word, He makes us holy. That is something to be thankful for!

Discussion Questions:

1. Is everything created by God? (Yes.)
2. Does scripture say that everything made by God is good or bad? (Good.)
3. Do you think the meal you will eat during Thanksgiving was created by God? (Yes, *while our parents or grandparents might buy and cook the food, it was created by God.*)

Say: The Pilgrims knew that God has told us to worship Him a certain way. They were willing to move to a new country so that they would worship God faithfully. They saw that God created everything good in their new land.

Read Psalm 136 (Have the students open their Bibles to the passage. That way they can look back to answer questions 3.) Explain that this Psalm is to remind the Israelites about how God protected them from the time they left Egypt until they were a powerful nation. This Psalm reminds them how important it is to be thankful.

Say: As I read Psalm 136, I have a line that I want you to repeat: **“His faithful love endures forever.”** (Read the Psalm to the kids, signaling them when to say the line. Have one teacher read the first line and the second teacher lead the kids in repeating the line.)

Discussion Questions:

1. Why does Psalm 136 say we should thank the Lord? (*Because God is good.*)
2. What endures forever? (*God's Love for us.*)
3. What is one thing mentioned in the scripture that God has done for which you are thankful? (*Allow for discussion. He alone does mighty wonders: He made the heavens and the earth; He protects His people; He remembers us, and He provides our needs such as food, water, shelter, etc.*)

Gospel Connection:

God has done so many great things for us. We have much to be thankful for, but the greatest gift was the gift of His Son, Jesus. Jesus died to pay the price for all of the wrong things we have done. Today, thank Jesus for His gift. Show Him your thankfulness by following Him and telling others about Him.

Review the ABC's of Salvation**Lead students in prayer.**

Thanksgiving Craft (10 minutes)

(While children are working on their craft, give them the chance to say their Bible verse from memory.)

Say: We are going to have a Thanksgiving feast in a different way. Each of you will prepare your own Thanksgiving plate. Instead of filling our plates with food, we are going to fill them with things that we are thankful for and give thanks to God for each item. Each of you will get a plate. Write your name on the back of the plate.

Crosstown: (Have students glue pictures to their plate showing what they are thankful for.) **Say:** You can choose as many pictures as you like to put on your plate. Glue the pictures of the items you are thankful for onto your plate. Each time you glue a new picture on your plate thank God for that item.

For example, I might glue on a picture of my family, teacher, or pet. I would then say, "Thank You God for my family. Thank You God for my teachers. Thank You God for my pets."

Konnect: Have students draw pictures on their plates of things that they are thankful for this year such as family, church, teachers, coaches, pets, sunshine, water, food, etc. After children have finished their plates allow them to share what they are thankful for and why.

Ideas for time remaining:

Coloring sheet - talk to the kids about the lesson again

Sword Drills

Free play

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Questions to Discuss with Your Child:

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