3PK

November 30-December 1, 2013
DATE

Give Thanks
LESSON TITLE

Luke 17:11-19
WHERE TO FIND IT

Jesus Wants Us to Give Thanks for Everything
MAIN POINT

schedule

First 10 minutes of the service hour: Engage kids in cooperative play activities to help them connect to other kids

Next 5 minutes: Connect Time

Next 25 minutes: Large Group

Last 25 minutes: Snack and Small Group

Finish early? Repeat the activity! Kids this age learn through repetition. Or, check out the end of the activities section to find an idea for this week.

tips

Be sure to check for Allergy Alert stickers before passing out snacks. Also, give kids only 1 snack option and change it up each week. Really, they will be OK if they don't get to choose exactly what they want. This will cut down on the distribution time. You can use snack time as an opportunity to review the Bible story, too.

check-in/out

As kids leave, remind them to tell their parents about the thankfulness tablecloth.

large group heads up

Today's story is about a guy who told Jesus "thank you." It's an important reminder that we need to thank God for every good gift he gives. (Every good thing comes from Him!)

CONNECT time

connect time

GOAL: *Connect time is all about engaging kids in a short, interactive game to prepare them for Large Group.*

- **Clean up! (10 minutes after the service start time, when you get the 5-minute warning from the presenter)**
- Line Up
- While in line, play, "Teacher, May I" with an added twist:
  - Stand back, about 10 feet away from the line of kids.
  - Let one kid at time say, "Teacher, may I take ____ (number) of baby/giant/regular steps?"
  - Give kids a moment to obey.
  - Say, "Yes you may."
  - Then the kid must say "thank you"!
    - ***Possible adaptation****: If it works better with your room, let all kids obey the command, not just one.*
  - When you hear the music, tell the kids that they should tip toe *as quietly as possible* into large group.

Before you go in, remember we have to be (Shhh!) quiet in Large Group. Then practice that together!

SMALL group

instructions

Goal: Kids will (1) recognize that we should thank Jesus for every good thing and (2) thank Jesus for good things in their lives!

Why? Even though Thanksgiving is over, we want kids to continue to think about ways they can show gratitude to Jesus. After all, Jesus asks us to give thanks *in all things*!

Tip: Plan ahead of time how to best get kids engaged. If you have a young group or can't easily fit around the tablecloth, have kids draw on pieces of paper. Then lay them ALL on top of the tablecloth for parents to see. (Throw it all away once the last kid is picked up.)

small group

***Give kids a snack right away. Make sure you've cleared away the water and crumbs before you begin the activity.**

REVIEW THE STORY

1. When Jesus was traveling, who did he meet? (10 sick men.)
2. What did the men say to Jesus? (Jesus, feel sad we are so sick!)
3. Was Jesus sad the men were sick? (Yes!)
4. When Jesus told the men to go to the priests, what did the men do? (They obeyed.)
5. While they were obeying and walking, what happened? (They were healed.)
6. How many men said "thank you"? (One.)

RELATE TO THE STORY

Jesus loves it when we say thank you. What are some things you guys are thankful for? (As kids finish their snack, you can make this into a game. Suggest things and let kids say, "Thank you, Jesus!" if they are thankful. It can be *anything*…like flowers, trees, potatoes, cupcakes, thumbs, tummies, etc.)

ACTIVITY: THANKFULNESS

- Put a **colored tablecloth** on the table or the floor.
- Have kids gather around with **crayons and markers**.
- They should draw everything they are thankful for—small or large.
- Encourage them to try to fill up the WHOLE tablecloth!
- Display it in a prominent way, so parents see it when they pick kids up.

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SMALL group (continued)

***Pray with kids, thanking God for loving us and giving us what we need. Ask him to help us remember to give thanks this week.**

Extra time? Play the "Teacher, May I" game from Connect Time again. Try to get all the kids engaged!

LARGE group

special notes

Kids just got done with Thanksgiving; today is all about how Jesus wants us to thank him *all the time*!

presenter tips

Find ways to keep kids engaged by having them repeat a word or phrase, act something out, make a face or a motion... every couple minutes give them a way to engage verbally or kinesthetically. Double bonus - It will actually help them remember what you're saying too!

script

Presenter: Hi Friends! Welcome to Kid's Club. I'm _____ and I'm really glad you're here today. Before we get started, I want you to meet my friend HOPS. She's going to remind us of the kind of choices we can make today in Kids' Club.

Video: HOPS 3 Put On Your Listening Ears *(about 1 minute)*

Wow, I can't wait to have some fun in Kids' Club today. Before we hear our story, can I see a big thumbs up from everybody who's ready to have some fun? (Let kids respond.) Great job! Now I think we're ready to hear God's story.

REVIEW
Presenter: (Hold up the Bible for kids to see.) This is where we can read about God's story. Out of all the stories in the world, this story is the most important. It's God's Rescue plan.

Remember how God made the whole world and everything was good? The world was perfect! Give me a smile! (Let kids respond. Then change your tone.) But THEN, something bad happened. A snake tricked the first two people, Adam and Eve, into thinking they didn't need to trust or obey God. So Adam and Eve disobeyed God, and sadness and death came into the world… Show me your sad face. (Let kids respond.) This was *really* sad.

But even though Adam and Eve disobeyed God…God loved them anyway! And he planned a great rescue so that Adam and Eve—and you and me—can be close to God again. We've been talking about that KING and Rescuer. His name is….(Let kids say: Jesus!) Yes, Jesus!

INTRO: BEING SICK
(Put on the **doctor's coat** and hold up the **band-aids**.) OK, raise your hand if you know what kind of a person I am. (Let kids raise hands and say: Doctor!) That's right, I'm a doctor! And everybody put your hand on your head if you've been sick before (lead kids in the motion). Yep,

all of us! Including me! Being sick is not fun. Everybody make your sad face (let kids respond).

Well today, we're going to talk about 10 men who were sick. Can everybody hold up 10 fingers? (Let kids hold up fingers.) Good job! But guess what? These 10 men didn't go to a doctor…(put aside your lab coat and props)…these men went to see Jesus! Let's find out what happened!

JESUS MEETS 10 MEN
OK, everybody stand up! I'm going to need you to do some actions to help me tell this story. Ready? Get up! (Let kids stand up.)

So one day, Jesus was traveling to a town called Galilee. Everybody march in place! (Lead kids to march in place.) While he was traveling, ten men met him. (**Click to show picture of 10 men.**)

Now, these men had a disease called leprosy. They were very, VERY sick. They were so sick, in fact, that they couldn't go near other people. Everybody, take a giant step backwards (lead kids in stepping backwards). Good job. OK, have a seat for this next part (let kids sit).

JESUS HEALS 10 MEN
So Jesus saw these 10 men. And the men said to him, "Master, have pity on us!" which is kind of like saying, "Jesus! Be sad we are so sick!" Can you guys yell, "Jesus! Be sad we are so sick!" 1-2-3: (Lead kids in YELLING: Jesus! Be sad we are so sick!) Good job!

And do you guys think Jesus was sad the men were so sick? (Let kids say: YES!) He sure was! Remember, Jesus came to rescue us from all the sickness and sadness and meanness and awful things in the world.

But Jesus didn't tell them he felt sad for them. He said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." So the men obeyed Jesus and started marching again. So everybody, stand up! Let's march! (Lead kids in marching in place. Feel free to weave around the room if you want. Keep marching in place as you continue.)

As the men are obeying Jesus….they realize (stop abruptly) they are healed! Say, "Wow! I'm all better!" (Let kids say: Wow, I'm all better.) Now let's jump for joy together! (Jump for joy.) Now have a seat. (Let kids sit.)

ONE MAN THANKS JESUS
After this, most of the men went on their way. But ONE man (hold up one finger) went back to Jesus. And what do you think he said? (Let kids respond.) He said, "Thank you!" in a LOUD voice, and he threw himself at Jesus' feet (throw yourself on the floor).

(Stand up again.) Jesus said, "Where are the other nine? Are the only one saying thank you?" (Look around for a minute.) There was only one man who said, "Thank you!" Jesus said to him, "Get up and go. Your faith has healed you."

LARGE group

script continued

WE CAN THANK JESUS
We just got done celebrating Thanksgiving. Raise your hand if you said thank you for something this week (let kids respond). Me too!

And guess what? Jesus wants us to say thank you all the time, for *everything*! We can thank him when he helps us feel all better or every time he gives us food to eat or for our favorite toy or our best friend. We can thank him on a good day…or on a bad day! Anytime! Let's thank Jesus together right now by praying (pray, breaking it into smaller, repeatable phrases).

Pray: Hi God! Thanks for everything you give us. Thanks for being God. Thanks for sending Jesus. We love you. Aaaa-MEN.

WORSHIP
Now let's stand up and thank God by singing to him!

Song: Thank You Lord
Song: Great Day

Dismiss kids to small groups. (Be creative as you dismiss them. Ask them to come give you a high five first, or maybe tiptoe or hop--like Hops--to their groups.)

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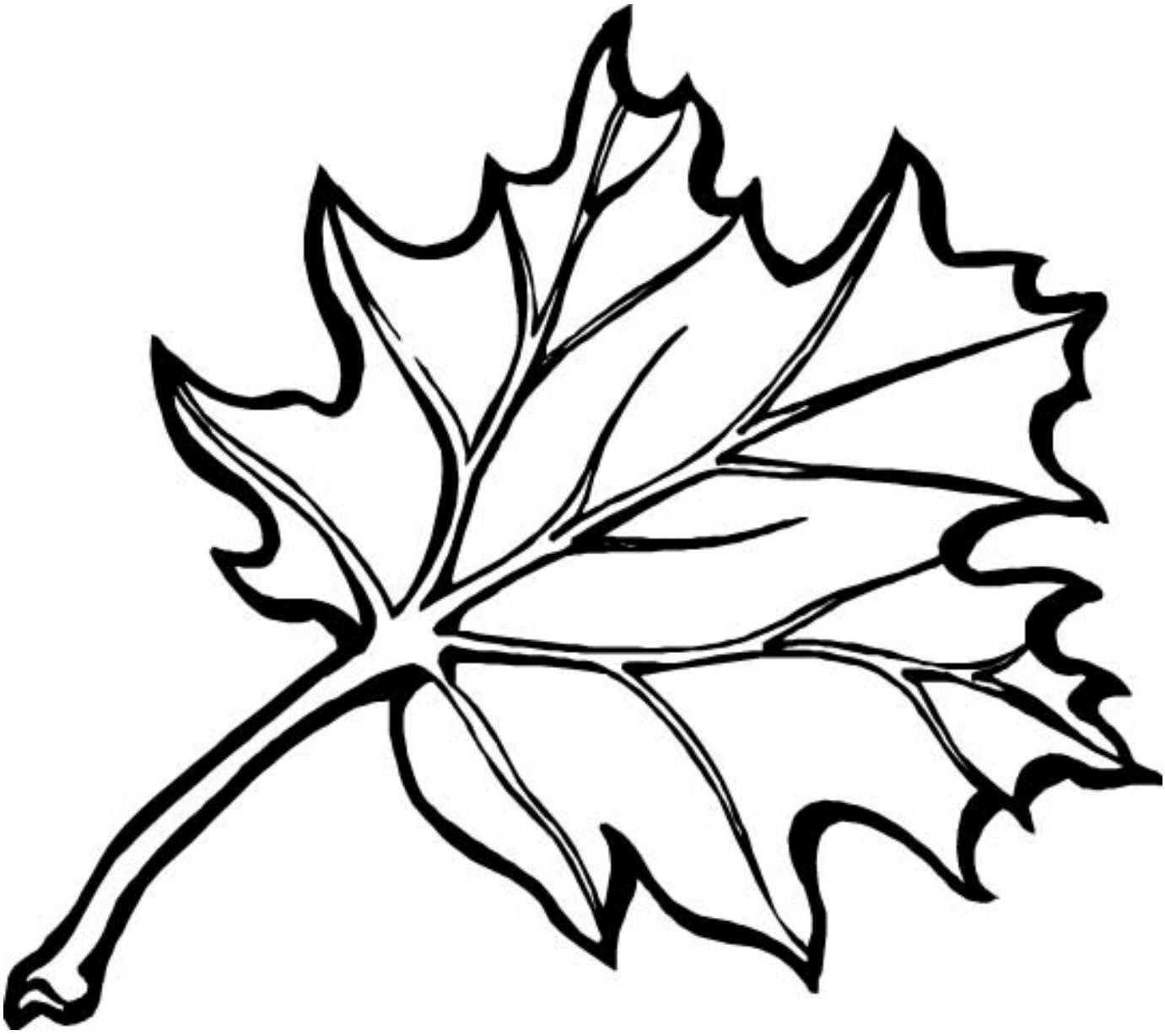

PREP needs

connect time supplies

"Teacher May I" game - No supplies needed

small group supplies

Coloring Page: Leaf
Markers/crayons
1 paper tablecloth per small group: http://www.shopatdean.com/store/pc/Mimosa-Yellow-54-X-108-Paper-Table-Cover-p3598.htm?utm_source=google&utm_medium=cse&utm_term=CCV54PAPY%5C&gclid=CN2FmfvG1bkCFUOe4AodEFoAHg

large group supplies

Bible
Doctor coat (lab coat)
Box of band-aids

a/v needs

1. Video: HOPS 3 Put On Your Listening Ears
2. Image: 10 men
3. Song: Thank You Lord
4. Song: Great Day

connect questions

Tell me about the 10 men Jesus met.
What are you thankful for?

parent page

We should give thanks all the time, not just at Thanksgiving. To remind us of that, we learned about one man who gave thanks to Jesus. You can read his story in Luke 17:11-19. Then we practiced saying "thank you" to Jesus!