

# Kindergarten-2<sup>nd</sup>

November 30-December 1, 2013

DATE

Give Thanks

LESSON TITLE

Luke 17:11-19

WHERE TO FIND IT

Jesus Wants Us to Give Thanks Always

MAIN POINT

## schedule

**Connect Time (15 minutes):** Five minutes after the service begins, split kids into groups and begin their activity.

**Large Group (30 minutes):** Begin 20 minutes after the service starts. Model what it looks like to be engaged in large group.

**Small Group (15 minutes):** Keep kids in small groups until parents arrive. If you *all* have extra time at the end, you can review the video and songs together.

## tips

As kids come into the room, talk to them about Thanksgiving. There are some potential discussion questions listed in today's Connect Time.

## check-in/out

As kids leave, remind them to tell their parents the story about the one man who was thankful and who they "played" in today's popsicle stick reenactment.

## 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 always remember to thank God.



## connect time

**GOAL:** *Connect Time is all about engaging kids in an activity that allows them to connect with each other right away while simultaneously piquing their curiosity for Large Group and preparing their minds for what they're going to hear.*

### **THANKFULNESS TABLECLOTH**

Put a **large tablecloth** and **markers** on several tables or lay them out on the floor. Use the **SAME** number of tablecloths as small groups you'll have.\*\* Have kids gather round and draw words or pictures of things they are thankful for. They can sign their names by what they are thankful for, but they don't have to. Encourage them to fill the tablecloths with things they are thankful for!

***\*\*If you know you'll have a lot of latecomers, ask kids to move around, drawing something they are thankful for on each tablecloth, so that all small group areas will be full of drawings. Leave the tablecloths up for small group!***

As they draw, foster discussion with questions like these:

- What are you drawing? Why are you thankful for that?
- What does it mean to "be thankful"?
- When's the last time you told somebody "thank you"?
- When's the last time you told God "thank you"?
- If you could only draw one word/picture today, what would it be? Why?
- What's something little you are thankful for—something others might not even notice? (Give an example like: soap to clean my hands with or shoes to wear so my feet don't get cold)
- Do you think God wants us to be thankful? Why?

**This is also a time for you to connect with kids: 5 minutes before large group, talk to kids about the best part of their week or even remind them of the expectations you have for Large Group behavior: (1) be kind, (2) listen when somebody speaks, and (3) follow the leader's instructions.**



## instructions

**Goal:** Kids will (1) recognize that we should thank Jesus for everything and (2) thank Jesus for things in their lives (good and not-so-good)!

**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:** Read the “Extra Time” activity before you begin—there’s a twist to help you drive home the objective for the kids!

## small group

**\*Sit around one of the tablecloths. You’ll refer to it during small group.**

### REVIEW THE STORY

1. Tell me your favorite/most surprising part of today’s story. (You’ll review it in more depth momentarily, so it’s OK if kids don’t fully understand it.)
2. Were you surprised that only one man said thank you? Why or why not?
3. Even if the men hadn’t been healed, what’s one thing they *could* have been thankful for? (eg. That they saw Jesus! That they had each other, etc.)

### TABLECLOTH THANKSGIVING

Last week, you probably sat around a table and said what you were thankful for. Or maybe you didn’t have a big meal but you had school off and gave thanks for that. Let’s look at some of the things we’re thankful for.

- Everybody share one word or picture you see in front of you.
- Point out that those all (or most, if that’s the case) sound like good things. Let’s try to be thankful even for things that don’t seem so good.
- Think about the last time you were sick or sad or angry. (Let kids think.)
- Write down one thing you could be thankful for even though you were sick or sad or angry. Share. (Give kids examples: You were sick, but you had some medicine that helped you feel a little better. You were mad but then your friend apologized. Help them find something to give thanks for in the imperfection.)

### RE-ENACT THE STORY

Give each kid a **large popsicle stick** (or two, if you have fewer than 11 kids). Each kid has one character, so have them all draw a face on their stick. “Jesus” should be smiling. Ten sick “men” should look sad—and kids can add spots if they want! If you have more than 11

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kids, the rest can draw faces and be the priests to whom Jesus sent the sick men. Then act out the story. You can read it from Luke 17:11-19 or just retell it together. Here are some actions to include: (Have the kids use their popsicle sticks to act it out as you go!)

- Jesus was traveling.
- Jesus met 10 sick men.
- They said, “Jesus, feel sad for us!”
- Jesus was sad for them—he doesn’t want us to be sick!
- Jesus said, “Go visit the priests.”
- The men obeyed Jesus, and left to see the priests.
- On their way, they were healed. (Kids can scribble out spots if they want.)
- Only ONE went back and said “thank you.”
- Jesus said, “Are you the only one? Well go! Your faith has healed you!”

**\*Pray with the kids, asking God to help you give him thanks in ALL things this week.**

*Extra time? Reenact the story again! Trade characters and give them funny voices. Repetition will help kids remember it. Or play a game of “Teacher, May I.” But this time, anytime you say “yes” or “no” kids must say, “thank you”. If they don’t, they should start over! If you don’t remember how to play “Teacher, May I,” here’s a refresher:*

- Kids line up facing you at a predetermined location (a wall) or a table along the perimeter of your group’s “area.” You stand several feet away.
- One at a time, kids request to move forward a specific number and type of steps (e.g. 3 baby steps, 2 scissor steps, 1 giant step, 6 jumping jack steps, etc.). Before their request, they must say, “Teacher, may....etc.”
- You can answer yes or no and they must obey—and say “thank you.” If they forget to say “thank you” after either one, they have to go back to the wall.

*\*You can play in small groups with one kid at a time taking a turn; or play as one large group and let kids take steps and say “thank you.”*

# 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

The script may take a shorter amount of time than usual (the length looks normal, but there are no videos). If it does, that's OK. There are several activities for small groups to do together today.

## script

Hi everybody! Welcome to Kids' Club! It's great to see you here today. This weekend, we just got done celebrating Thanksgiving. Raise your hand if you said thank you for something this week (let kids respond). Me too! So today, you guys wrote down some of those things you're thankful for. What kinds of things did you give thanks for? (Let 4-6 kids share.)

That's awesome! You know what? Jesus LOVES it when we tell him thank you. In fact, he wants us to give him thanks *no matter what*. That means in the good times and the bad times. Today, we're going to hear a story of ten guys who had something REALLY good happen to them...but only one of them remembered to say thank you. Are you guys ready to hear it? (Let kids say: yes!) One more time—only LOUDER (Let kids say: YES!!)

### 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).

Is there *anything* we can be thankful for when we're sick? Think for a minute. (Let kids think.) Any ideas? (Let 3-5 kids share.) It's hard to think of something right at first...but we can be thankful for medicine that makes us feel better, or that somebody takes care of us, or that we get to stay in our bed and watch movies, or eat extra ice cream. (You can also refer to examples kids gave).

And what about when we start feeling better? And we're suddenly ready to run and play with our friends again? Then what should we say? (Let kids say: thank you!) Yes, THANK YOU to Jesus for making us better! Because medicine can help, but it's Jesus who makes us all better!



## script continued

### **JESUS MEETS 10 SICK MEN**

Well today, we're going to talk about 10 men who were sick. Very sick. Can everybody hold up 10 fingers? (Let kids hold up fingers.) Good job! 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! Please be sad we are so sick!" 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!

So Jesus just said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." The men obeyed Jesus and started marching again. (Let kids sit, but you can march 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! They were all better! Wow, what do you think they said when they realized their horrible disease...was gone? (Let kids guess: thank you.)

### **ONE MAN THANKS JESUS**

You would think they would be so happy, they would jump for joy and run screaming back to Jesus saying, "Thank you, thank you, thank you!" But you know what? (Pause. Get quiet.) *They didn't*. In fact, we don't really know what they did next...except for ONE man.

This ONE man went back to Jesus. And what do you think HE said? (Let kids say: thank you.) Yes, he said, "Thank you!" in a LOUD voice. And he was so thankful that he threw himself at Jesus' feet (throw yourself on the floor; stand up again and say): Do you guys think Jesus was happy that the man did that? (Let kids say: yes!) YES, Jesus loves it when we're thankful!

Jesus said to him, "Where are the other nine? Are the only one saying thank you?" (Look around for a minute.) Then Jesus said to him, "Get up and go. Your faith has healed you."

### **WE CAN THANK JESUS**

And guess what? Jesus wants us to say thank you all the time, for *everything*! We can thank him when we're sick and thank him when we're better. We can thank him when we're tired and hungry—and thank him when we're playing with our best friend. In I Thessalonians 5:18, the Bible says this:



**script continued**

**SLIDE: 1 Thessalonians 5:18: Give thanks no matter what happens. God wants you to thank him because you believe in Christ Jesus.**

If we believe in Jesus, we can thank God ANYtime! Let's all scream a big thank you to God as LOUD as we can. Let's see if we can reach all the way to our parents in the auditorium. Ready?  
1-2-3: THANK YOU!

**WORSHIP**

Wow, you guys are awesome! Now let's stand up and thank God together by worshiping him.

**Music Video: I'm Yours**

**Song: I Am Somebody**

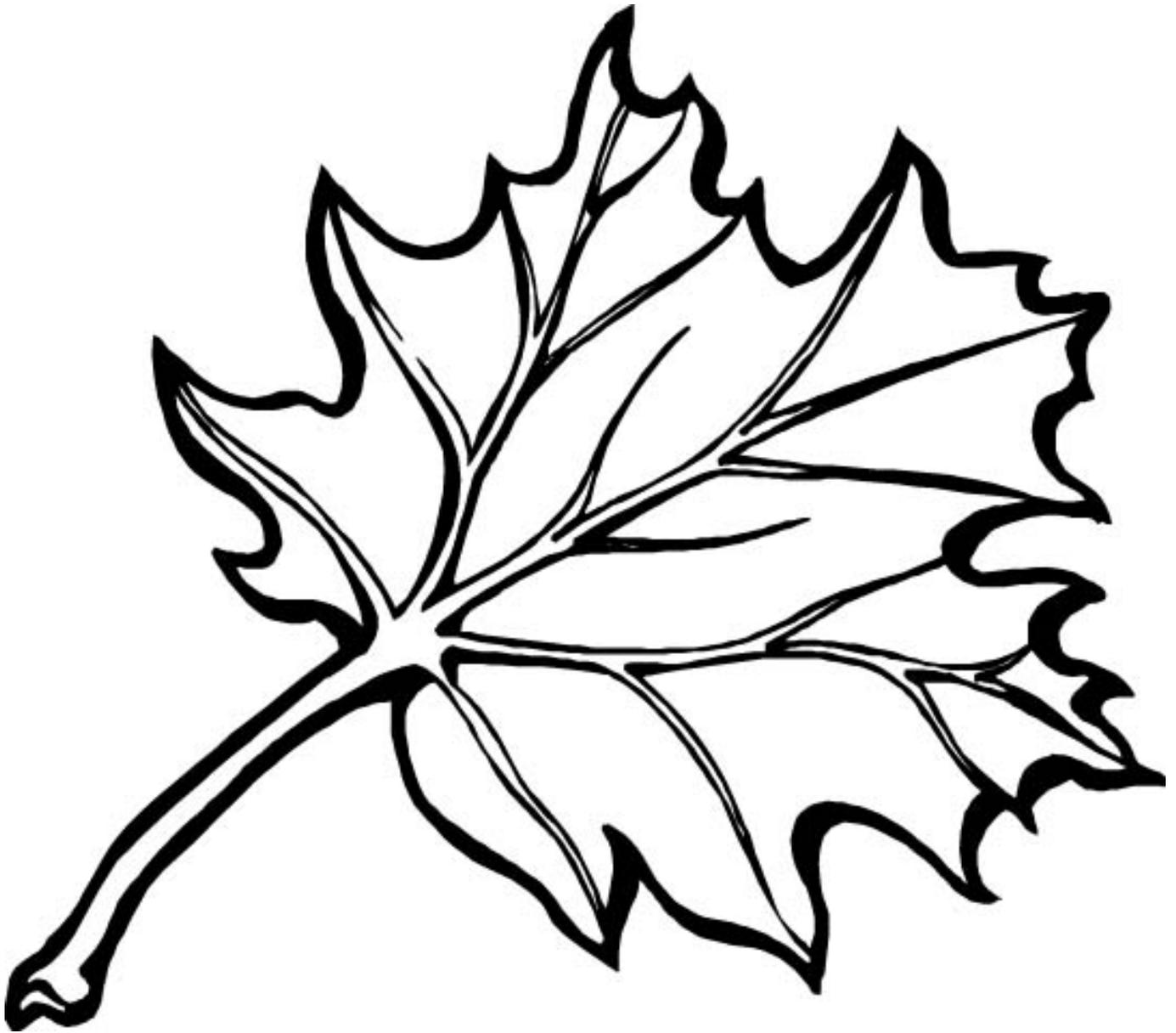
**PRAY**

Ask somebody to come and thank God for today. Or, if you want to try something new, let kids yell out things they're thankful for. Then close the prayer with a big AMEN.



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# PREP needs



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## connect time supplies

Markers

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1 paper tablecloth per small group:

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## small group supplies

Coloring Page: Leaf

Bible

Markers/crayons

1 per kid: Jumbo popsicle sticks (something like:

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## large group supplies

Bible

Doctor coat (lab coat)

Box of band-aids

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## a/v needs

1. Image: 10 men
2. SLIDE: I Thessalonians 5:18: Give thanks no matter what happens. God wants you to thank him because you believe in Christ Jesus.
3. Music Video: I'm Yours
4. Song: I Am Somebody

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## connect questions

Tell me about the 10 men Jesus met.  
When should we thank God?

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## parent page

Thanksgiving reminds us to tell God, "Thank you."  
But really, we can thank Him all the time, even on the bad days. He loves it when we give thanks! We learned the story of somebody who remembered to say "thank you" when Jesus helped him. Read the story together in Luke 17:11-19 in the Bible.