

3rd-5th

Nov 23-24, 2019

NEED TO KNOW

- **It's almost Thanksgiving!** This weekend's lesson is all about praising and thanking God for everything he's given us, specifically by looking at the Book of Psalms!

LARGE GROUP | 15 Minutes

- Big idea: **We can praise and thank God**
- Story: **Psalms**
- Scripture: **Book of Psalms**

GAME TIME | 10 Minutes

- Play a fun game to help recognize what is, or is not, Psalms of thanks and praise!

COOL DOWN | 10 Minutes

- Listen to Psalm 23 through a sensory video, and discuss what it means!

LARGE GROUP | 15 Minutes

- Review the big idea, main verse and worship.

SMALL GROUP | 15+ Minutes

- Create your own Psalm!

CONNECT QUESTION | 5 Minutes



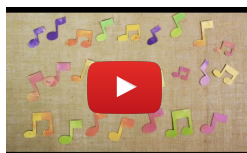
- Break into small groups and put up today's **Connect Question Timer** on the screen. Go around let each kid say their **name** and **favorite board game**. Then discuss the connect question until the timer's up.
- **Connect Question: What is one thing you're thankful for?**

THE BIG IDEA | 5 Minutes



- **Say:** Welcome to Kids' Club, we're so glad you're here! We want this to be a **safe** and **fun** place for you. To do that, let's all commit to doing a few things:
 - Show respect to each other
 - Listen when someone else is speaking
 - Have fun!
- **Say:** What special holiday is coming up? Yep, Thanksgiving! It's when we eat lots of food, and more importantly, we take time to thank God for all the incredible things he's given us. Let's check out our big idea!
- **Slide: We can praise and thank God.**
- **Say:** Let's watch a fun thanksgiving video of someone you might recognize....Kid President! He's going to give us a list of his top 25 things to be thankful for! As you watch, think about all the things YOU are most thankful for.
- **Video: [Kid President's 25 Reasons to be Thankful](#)** (0:00-3:09)
- **Say:** There are a whole lot of things to be thankful for, but there's one person who deserves all the praise and thanksgiving: God.

PSALMS | 10 Minutes



- **Ask:** Does anyone know what the word "praise" means? (Let kids respond.) Basically, it's how we express our thanks to God! It's how we SHOW and TELL him that we love him.
- **Say:** Did you know there's an entire book of the Bible dedicated to praising and thanking God? It's called *Psalms*, and it was written by a guy named David.
- **Say:** This isn't just any typical book from the Bible though. It's pretty different because it's full of SONGS! These songs don't have music that we can hear, but they're full of words giving praise to God. David wrote about all kinds of things, and he expresses a lot of different feelings too!
- **Say:** Let's check out a video to learn about these songs, or "Psalms". As you watch, think about what YOU would write a Psalm about!
- **Video: [Summary of Psalms for Kids](#)**
- **Say:** Who can tell me some different things that the Psalms are about? (Let a few kids answer.) Great answers! There are SO many things that are in the Psalms, but one thing that is repeated over and over again is this: that God is good, and he loves us. And because of that, we can thank and praise Him no matter what happens.



SUPPLIES

- Roll of masking or painters tape

PREPARE

- Prepare to use the **keynote slides (Slides with Songs #1-#9)**

PRAISE, OR NOT? | 10 Minutes

***Special Note: This activity may go quickly, which will leave more time to focus on the cool down activity next.**

- **Say:** Praising God means thanking him and showing him that we love him. Basically, if we're telling him something we think is pretty awesome about him, that's praise! Let's practice recognizing praise by deciding if song lyrics are praise or not!
- Use **tape** to create a **starting line** and **finish line** in the room.
- Have the kids line up along the start line.
 - Click the **keynote slide (starting with the slide that says Song #1)**, to hear a **short snippet of a song** (the are in lyrics in the list below). Each subsequent slide will have a snippet of a song.
 - If they get it right, they get to take a step toward the finish line. If they get it wrong, they have to take a step backward. The first one to crosses it wins! *(Remind them that songs can be good, but still not be praising God specifically. Remember what we said praise is!)*

Lyrics:

- Song #1: You're a good, good father. It's who you are. (Praise)
- Song #2: I'm gonna take my horse to the old town road, I'm gonna ride til I can't no more. (Not praise)
- Song #3: You just gotta ignite the light, And let it shine, Just own the night, Like the Fourth of July (Not praise)
- Song #4: I am loved, I am free, I am a child of the king (praise)
- Song #5: When the nightmares come, and you wake in the night, know that god is strong and for you he'll fight (praise)
- Song #6: Then you're left in the dust, unless I stuck by ya, you're a sunflower, i think your love would be too much (not praise)
- Song #7: come and behold him, born the king of angels, o come let us adore him (praise)
- Song #8: Cause I don't care when I'm with my baby yeah, and you're making me feel like maybe I am somebody (not praise)
- Song #9: You say I am loved when I can't feel a thing, you say I am strong when I think I'm weak (praise)



SUPPLIES

- Bible (1 per group)

PREPARE

- Stay in **one large group, then break into small groups.**

PSALMS | 10 Minutes

Say:

- We're going to watch a video of Psalm 23, just as it's written in the Bible. Listen to the words that talk about Jesus being our shepherd. A shepherd is someone who watches over a flock of sheep. He takes care of the sheep, comforts them and leads them where they need to go. I want you to imagine that Jesus is gently caring for you, like a shepherd cares for his sheep.
- ***Play the following video, and tell them that they can just listen and think about the words being said.***
- **Video: Psalm 23**
- Does anyone want to share a part of that Psalm that jumped out to you most? Something that you really loved?
- If there's time, let a kid read Psalm 23 from the **Bible.**

LARGE GROUP

GAME
TIME

COOL
DOWN

LARGE
GROUP

SMALL
GROUP

THE BIG IDEA | 5 Minutes



Psalm 23:1 The
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shepherd; I have
all that I need.

Play the 10-Second Countdown to redirect kids attention to Large Group.

- **Say:** Let's focus on the first sentence from Psalm 23. Can I have a volunteer read this out loud?
- **Slide: Psalm 23:1 The Lord is my shepherd; I have all that I need.**
- **Say:** This is why we can thank and praise God! Because he loves us more than we can possibly imagine. Because He gives us what we need, and he comforts us when we're sad and lonely. And remember: the rest of the book of Psalms is FULL of other songs and poems like this, that can help show us how to praise God, and tell him what he's done for us!

Lay large sheets of tear off paper near your stage area, or tape them on the wall. Hand out markers.



- **Say:** David wrote this Psalm as a way to say thank you to God. Now we're going to do that too, in a way similar to the video we just watched. While we listen to the song, grab a **marker** and start **writing or drawing things** on these big papers that you want to thank God for: it can be a person, an experience you've had, something he's provided for you...it can even be one of the things we saw in the video that was part of Psalm 23. *(Play the following music video as kids respond to the activity.)*
- **Music Video: You Are Able** *(The song is about 5 minutes long, but if kids finish sooner, feel free to stop it earlier.)* (0:00-5:00)
- **Pray: God, you are the source of everything we have. You are good, and you care for us like a shepherd cares for his sheep. We praise you and thank you for that. amen!**
- **Music Video (Optional): Bulletproof**



SUPPLIES

- Psalm 23 card (1 per kid)
- Psalm template (1 per kid)
- Foam stickers (5 per kid)
- Markers

KNOW IT | 5 minutes

- Why did David write the Psalms? (To worship, thank and praise God, to express how he was feeling, to express how he felt about God, to talk about what God had done for him...)
- Do you think all the Psalms were about only happy feelings? What other feelings would David need to express?
- Why does God deserve our thanks and praise?
- How do you feel when someone tells you that you're really good at something?
- If someone thanks you for what you did for them, how does that make you feel?
- Do you think it's important to say these kinds of things to people we have relationships with?
- Do you think Jesus might feel the same way when we thank and praise him? Why?

DO IT | 5 Minutes

Say: *Since we don't see Jesus with our eyes and can't touch him with our hands, it can be hard to thank him or praise him sometimes in a real way. But he's actually able to hear you all the time, just like he's standing next to you! Let's create our own Psalm as a real, physical way to praise and thank Jesus!*

Set out **markers** and give each kid a **Psalm 23 card**, a **Psalm template**, and **5 foam stickers**.

- Help kids write and decorate their own Psalm! Kids can use the stickers to decorate the Psalm template, as well as coloring the designs and images.
- Help kids by giving these tips for writing a Psalm:
 - First, give kids some examples of phrases that describe Jesus, or tell what you love about him: *Thank you for rescuing us. Thank you for always being there. I love that you are kind and loving, etc.*
 - Encourage kids to read Psalm 23 and use it as inspiration for their own Psalm. They can copy phrases or words to use in their own Psalm!
 - Tell them that it's okay to share ideas, and say something that someone else has said, if it describes how you feel! It's also great to come up with something totally new and unique to you!
 - Special Note: to give it an extra challenge, encourage kids to make a **psalm rap!**

EXTRA TIME?

- Give kids a **maze**, or a **word-search activity sheet** to work on until their parents pick them up.



connect questions

Big Idea: We can praise and thank God. Tell me about Psalms.

lesson supplies

LARGE GROUP

Item	Usage	Details	Provided by
Adventure Bible	1 per large group, reused	Biblesbythe Case.com	site
Sheet of tear off paper	Quantity determined by site		site
Markers	Quantity determined by site		site
Masking or painters tape	1 roll per room, reused, optional		site

GAME TIME | Played as one large group

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Masking or painters tape	1 roll per room, reused		site

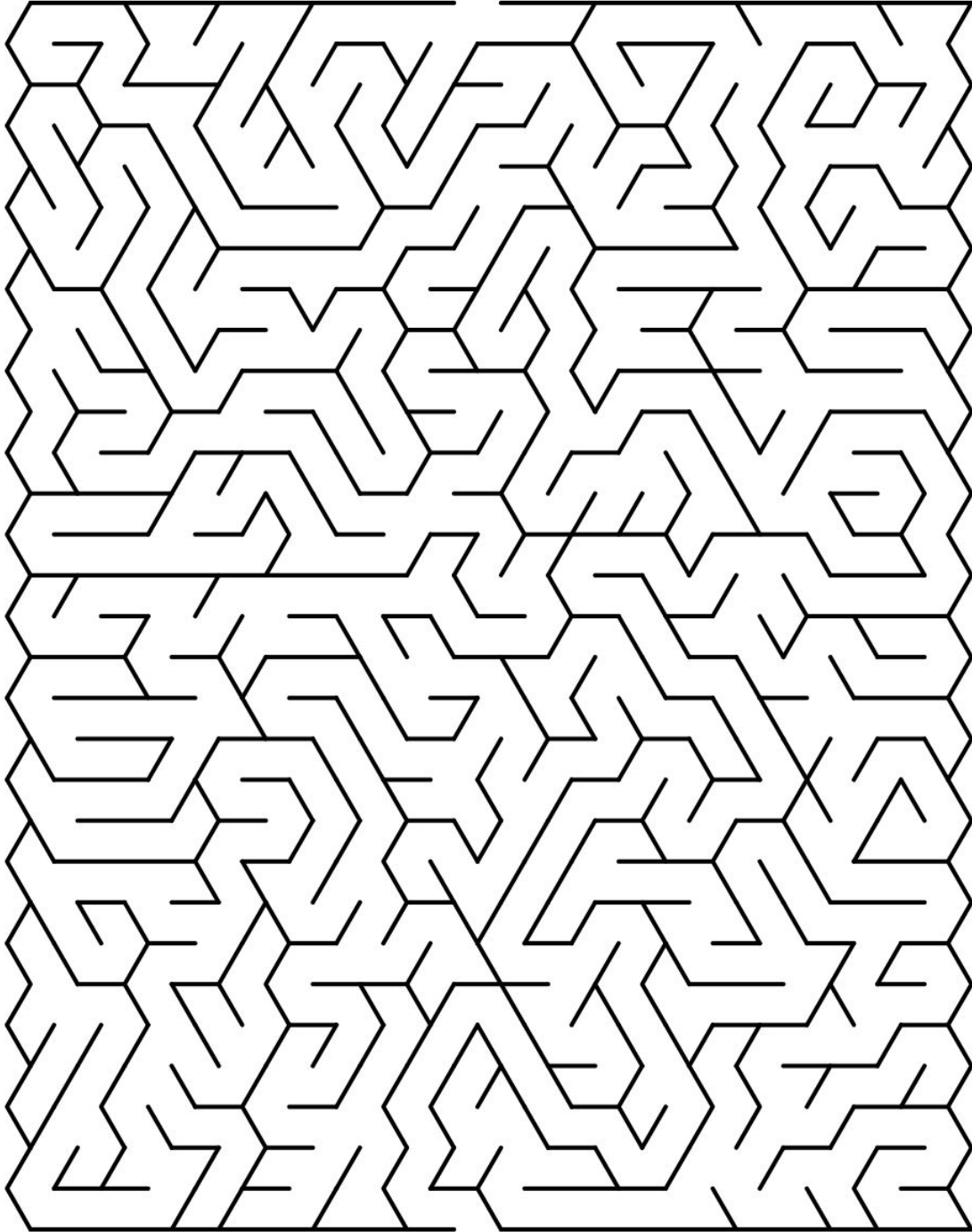
COOL DOWN TIME | Start in large group, then move into small groups

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Adventure Bible	1 per small group, reused	Biblesbythe Case.com	site

SMALL GROUP

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Maze sheet - Psalms	Quantity determined by site.	8.5x11 paper, black & white, Page 8	site
Word search sheet - Psalms	Quantity determined by site.	8.5x11 paper, black & white, Page 9	site
Markers	Quantity determined by site.		site
Psalms 23 card	1 per kid	8.5x11 cardstock, color, cut in halves, Page 10	site
Psalms template	1 per kid	8.5x11 cardstock, black & white, Page 11	site
Foam Fall stickers	5 per kid	Oriental Trading	KC Site Support

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Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I have all that I need. He lets me rest in green meadows; he leads me beside peaceful streams.

He renews my strength, He guides me along right paths, bringing honor to his name.

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Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me. You prepare a feast for me in the presence of my enemies.

You honor me by anointing my head with oil. My cup overflows with blessings.

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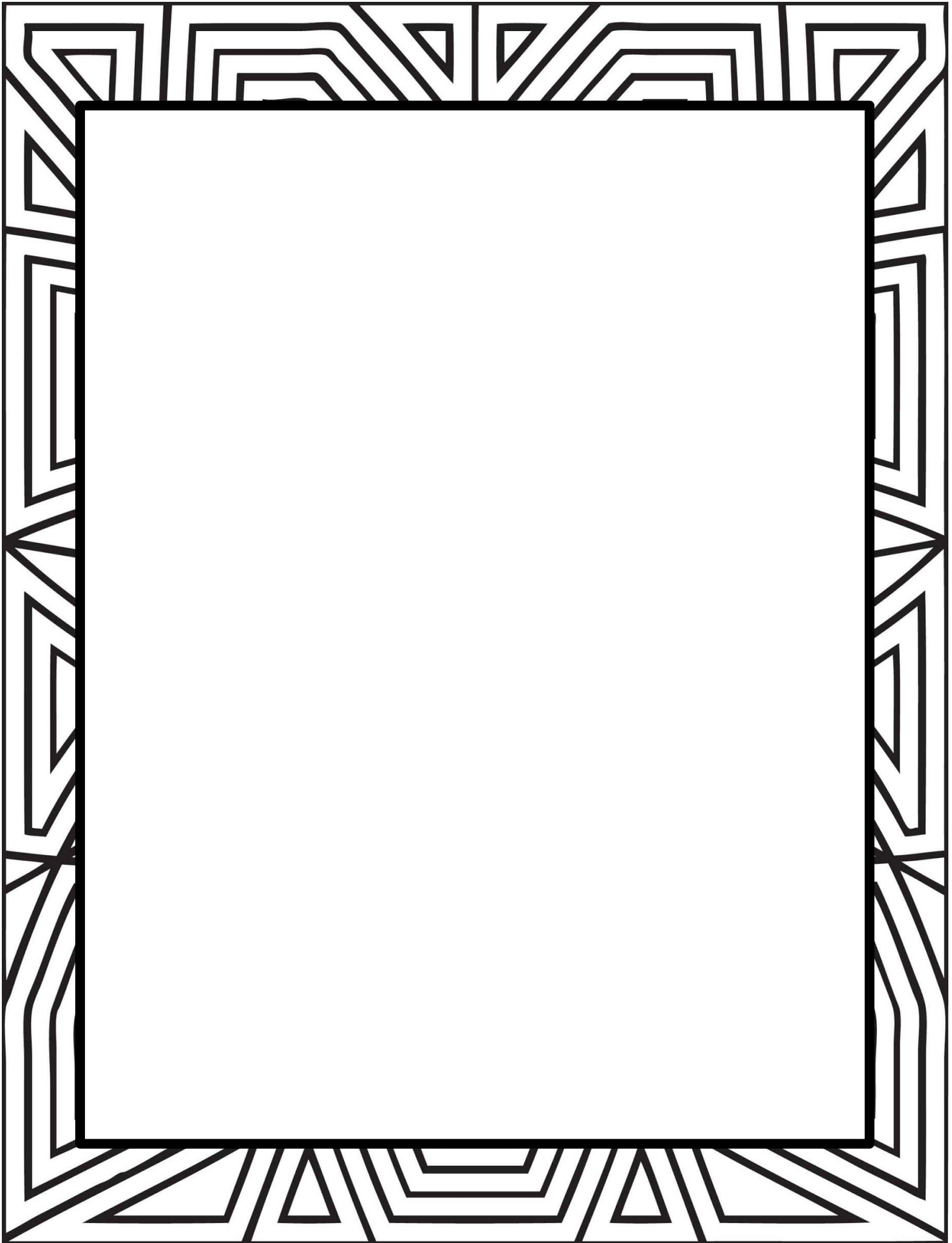
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A/V needs

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1. KC Logo Slide: for when kids enter the room (All that You Need instrumental; mp3 only; can be downloaded on website)
2. Connect Question Timer (KC/SM media videos songs>videos>countdown timers)
3. Slide: We can praise and thank God.
4. [Video: Kid President's 25 Reasons to be Thankful \(0:00-3:09\)](#)
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6. Slide: Song #1 (KC/SM media videos songs>songs>112419 songs)
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