

THANKSGIVING "THANKFULNESS"

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BIBLE CONNECTION

Exodus 15-16 (pages 80-82)
Numbers 11 (pages 156-157)
(various verses within these chapters)

CHARACTER WORD

Thankfulness - Being grateful and saying so

TEACHING OBJECTIVE

I can be thankful to God for providing for my needs.

MEMORY LINK

1 Thessalonians 5:18b

"In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

(KBC Study Bible, page 1307)

SUPPLIES NEEDED THIS WEEK

GET CONNECTED

Memory Link cards, Hang
10 pages, index cards, pens,
highlighters

MEMORY LINK ACTIVITY

Option 1: Index cards

Option 2: Small ball or
beanbag, timer

BIBLE CONNECTION

2 candy bars

SURF TEAM TIME

Memory Link cards, Hang
10 pages, index cards, pens,
highlighters

MAKE-IT-STICK REVIEW GAME

Option 1: Painter's tape,
beanbags, red & blue paper

Option 2: No supplies needed

Bonus Option 3: Copy of
a body of a turkey, paper
feathers, tape, blindfolds

The Israelites Grumble

WHAT'S THE POINT?

Thankfulness is an important trait to instill in children. Because Thanksgiving is coming, it's the perfect time to focus on having gratitude for the blessings God has given us. Like the Israelites in today's story, we tend to complain more than we give thanks. Our culture expects perfection and instant gratification. People feel entitled to more stuff that's bigger and better.

The encouragement is to slow down and reflect on God's goodness and the way He provides for every need. Taking time to say "thank you" to God is a simple exercise in slowing down and acknowledging that God provides and gives us good things to enjoy.

Of course, thanking God for the gift of salvation is most important. Salvation through Jesus Christ is the only thing that lasts and that is certainly something for which to be thankful. Take a moment now to breathe a prayer of thanks for Jesus, our Savior.

GET CONNECTED

Building relationships in surf teams; introducing today's lesson



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Use the following conversation prompts to get to know the students in your surf team and to introduce today's lesson.

- Today's character word is "thankfulness." What are some things for which you are thankful?
- Who are some people you are thankful for and why?
- Do you tell these people you are thankful for them? Why or why not?
- During this season of Thanksgiving, to whom do you need to make an extra effort to show thankfulness?
- What are some ways you can show people you are thankful for them?



Guide students to locate and mark today's Bible Connection and Memory Link in their Bibles, if they brought one, so they can find the pages quickly as directed in the session.

WORSHIP TIME

Pointing students' hearts toward God



Music is a powerful way we learn and remember. We all have amazing memories tied to music. The messages in the worship songs students learn in Beach Club will be planted into their hearts and spirits. The truth of God in the songs you teach can help guide students for years, even into their adult years. Pray that God will draw a worship song to the memory of these boys and girls when they need a word from God, both today and for years to come.

Consider these song choices: "We Thank You" (Motions), by Saddleback Kids; "Million Reasons" and "Thankful", both by Group (LifeTree Kids)



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