

# City “All Together Activities”—November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020

**Today’s Bible Story:** Always Something There to Remind Me (Give Thanks No Matter What Happens) • 1 Thessalonians 5:18

**Today’s Bottom Line:** You always have something to be grateful for.

**Monthly Memory Verse:** Give thanks to the LORD, because he is good. His faithful love continues forever. Psalm 136:1 (NIRV)

## 1. Making Megaphones

**What You Need:** Megaphone cards (3 per kid), markers and pens (1 set per kid, per service)

### What You Do:

- Give kids 3 Megaphone cards.
- Instruct them to color the megaphones for 3 people they want to give a “shout out” of gratitude to. They can put names and short notes of thanks on the cards.
- Encourage them to give these megaphones to the people they want to “shout out”.
- As kids color megaphones, ask:
  - Have you ever used a megaphone? Have you ever heard someone use a megaphone? If so, when? What was it like?
  - When are times that people shout? What if your friend isn’t paying attention to where they’re going, and they’re about to run into a pole? Or what if it’s your best friend’s surprise birthday party, and it’s time for everyone to jump out and surprise them?

## 2. Shout it Out!

**What You Need:** Paper and pen (for leaders to keep score)

**What You Do:** (if the group has more than 5, you may wish to make a few smaller groups)

- Tell the kids that you’re going to play a game.
  - You’ll shout out a letter of the alphabet, and they’ll raise their hand to shout back an object that starts with that letter.
  - The first kid who raises their hand and names an object gets a point.
  - After playing several times, the kid with the most points wins.
- Shout out a letter of the alphabet.
- Award a point to the first kid to shout out an object that starts with that letter. Keep track of points on your paper.
- Play several rounds.
- After several rounds, declare the kid with the most points the winner.

### What You Say:

“Sometimes, it’s fun to shout! And it can be fun to shout out silly and random words. **[Transition] Did you know there’s something worth shouting about all the time? Our gratitude!**”

## 3. Give Thanks

**What You Need:** Prepared yarn (1 2-foot length per kid), and a Bible

### What You Do:

- Set out prepared yarn pieces
- Encourage kids to use the yarn to make a shape or outline of something they are grateful for.
- Challenge the kids to guess what each kid has “drawn.”
- Look up 1 Thessalonians 5:18 and read it out loud.

**What You Say:**

“You came up with a lot to be grateful for! No matter what, you can give thanks to God for the things He gave you to enjoy, for the skills or talents He has given you, and for the people in your life. But most importantly, you can give thanks to God for sending Jesus so you can have a relationship with Him now and forever. He is with you, no matter what you’re going through. When you have Jesus in your life, **[Bottom Line] you always have something to be grateful for.**”

**COMMUNION CALL ACTIVITY: Shout it Out! Psalm 136:1**

**NOTE:** Begin the above activity at “Communion Call”

**What You Need:** Bibles, “Psalm 136:1 Cards” (1 set per kid)

**What You Do:**

- Give kids a Bible.
- Look up Psalm 136:1 and read it out loud.
- Give each kid a set of “Psalm 136:1 Cards”.
- Instruct the kids to shuffle their “Psalm 136:1 Cards” face down in front of them.
- At your “GO!”, kids will race to flip over their cards and place the verse in the correct order. Once they do so, they will raise their hand and read the verse aloud.
- Play several rounds as time and interest allows.

**What You Say:**

“Things are always changing around us. The weather is always changing—you’re ready to go outside to play then it starts to rain. Maybe you’re going to fly a kite and the wind dies down. Relationships can change—you hung out with your best friend all the time until they moved to a different town. Maybe the kids you hung out with in kindergarten are not the same kids you hang out with now. But even when things change around you, **[Bottom Line] you always have something to be grateful for.** God doesn’t change! He is always good. He always loves us. And that is something **[Bottom Line] you always have something to be grateful for.**”