

City “All Together Activities”—November 29th, 2020

Today’s Bible Story: I Could Not Ask for More (Lord’s Supper / Last Supper) • 1 Corinthians 11:23-26, Exodus 12

Today’s Bottom Line: Get in the habit of being grateful.

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

1. Shout-Out Game

What You Need: No Supplies Needed

What You Do:

- Welcome each kid by name as they arrive. Let them know you’re grateful they came!
- Invite kids who brought an offering to put it in the offering container and thank them for their gift.
- Play a “SHOUT-OUT” game with the group.
 - You say a category—food, sports, candy bars, songs, movies, or things outside.
 - Kids then shout-out what they are grateful for related to that category.
 - Once the kids have shouted out five things they’re grateful for, call out a new category.
- Keep the game fast-paced. As kids shout-out what they’re grateful for, tick each one off on your fingers, up to five.
- As kids continue to arrive, quickly explain the rules of the game and encourage them to join in.
- List as many categories as time allows.

2. Habit Charades

What You Need: Index cards (one stack per service), pens, and mobile device timer

What You Do:

- Gather the kids in a circle.
- Ask the kids to name some activities that are good habits. (*brushing your teeth, eating breakfast, praying at bedtime, reading the Bible, practicing piano, etc.*)
- Write each “good” habit on an index card. Make sure the ideas you write can be easily acted out.
- Ask the kids to name things that might be considered a bad habit. (*biting nails, talking with your mouth full of food, leaving your coat on the floor, picking your nose, etc.*)
- Write each “bad” habit on an index card.
- Tell kids they’re going to play a game of “Habit Charades.” Share the rules:
 - The kids will take turns being the actor.
 - The actor selects a card and acts out the habit without making any sound.
 - The group tries to guess what the habit is.
- Play the game until every kid who wants to has had a chance to act out a habit.
- Use a timer or phone to time each round. Share the times for each round with the kids.

What You Say:

“We talked a lot about habits today—things we do over and over. I wonder what habits have to do with gratitude? **[Transition] Let’s make giving thanks a habit each and every day. Let’s find something to be thankful for every day!**”

3. Remember Me

What You Need: Laundry Basket, markers (1 per child), paper plates (1 per child), and floor tape (1 roll per campus)

What You Do:

- Place the laundry basket against a wall.
- Divide the group into two teams.
- Give each kid a paper plate and a marker.
- Ask them to write "Grateful Habit" on their plate.
- With the floor tape, create a throw line about 15 feet from the container and instruct kids stand behind the line.
- Explain the rules:
 - You will read a review question.
 - The kids then try to frisbee-toss their plate into the container.
 - Any kid who thinks they know the answer can try to toss their plate into the container.
 - The first team to throw a plate into the container gets to answer the question. If the team answers correctly, award them a point.
- The team with the most points, wins!
- Depending on the plates and the groups' skill level, be prepared to adjust the distance of the throw line to the container.
- You can allow teams the opportunity to expand on their answers to the questions and earn more points.
- Play the game. Here are the questions:
 - What happened during the first Passover? (*God saved His people from the last plague in Egypt by passing over the houses of the people who had lamb's blood painted on their doorposts.*)
 - Why did people continue to celebrate Passover? (*to remember that God rescued them from slavery*)
 - What are some of the things that were a part of the Passover celebration? (*People ate a big feast with lamb and flat bread*) Depending on the answer, you can ask follow up questions. For example: Why did they eat flat bread? Why did they eat lamb?
 - Who celebrates communion/the Lord's Supper? (*people who follow Jesus*) A good follow-up question is: What makes someone a Jesus follower? (*someone who believes Jesus is their Savior and chooses to follow Him*)
 - Why do followers of Jesus celebrate communion/the Lord's Supper? (*to remember Jesus rescued us*)
 - What's one of our Bottom Lines from this month? (*You always have something to be grateful for. Celebrate what God has done. Say thank you. Adjust your attitude. Get in the habit of being grateful.*)
 - Recite this month's memory verse. (*Give thanks to the LORD, because he is good. His faithful love continues forever, Psalm 136:1, NIV.*)

What You Say:

"Passover is a celebration of how God rescued His people, the Israelites, from Egypt and slavery. Communion, or the Lord's Supper, is a celebration of how God rescued us from sin and death. Communion is a way Jesus asks us to remember that He died on the cross to rescue us. Communion is a habit of gratitude celebrated by churches all over the world. It is important to celebrate communion and to **[Bottom Line] get in the habit of being grateful** for all He has done. When we remember that God sent Jesus to make a way for us to have a relationship with God that lasts forever, it helps us be grateful. We definitely want to **[Bottom Line] get in the habit of being grateful** for Jesus and what He has done!"