

THANKING GOD

Memory Verse

Psalms 105:1

Oh, give thanks to the Lord! Call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples!

Central Thought

I can love God by thanking Him.

Bible Story

Psalms (Choose) David Praises and Thanks God

OBJECT LESSON

Materials: 3 wrapped presents of different sizes and worth

- Empty candy wrapper in larger and most attractively wrapped box
- Small piece of candy in medium size box
- Juice Box in small and unattractively wrapped box

1. Show each of the wrapped presents. Ask the children which present they want and why.
2. Select 3 children to give the presents to and have them stand in the front of the class. (Make sure they say "Thank You" for the present).
3. Have each child open their present and show their thankfulness.
4. Ask the class, who they think received the best present and why, based on the 3 volunteer's "thankfulness."
5. Have each child show the other children what was inside.

Discuss:

- When is it easy to show thankfulness? When is it hard?
 - Has anyone ever pretended to be thankful? Why?
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GAME

Listing Thanks

1. Have children sit in a circle on the floor or on the chairs.
2. Give children a few minutes to think of some things that they can thank God for.
3. Choose 1 child to start the game.
4. He/She will choose on thing to be thankful for and say, "My name is ---- and I thank God for -----."
5. The next child will repeat what the previous child said, "His/Her name is --- and he/she thanks God for --. My name is ..."

There are so many things that we can thank God for. God knows we love Him, when we thank Him for everything.

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

- I. David
 - A. Shows his love in many ways
 1. Sings
 2. Dances
 3. Claps
 4. Shouts
 5. Thank God
 - B. Thank God
 1. God gave him strength.
 2. God protected him.
 3. God loved Him, in spite of his mistakes.

- II. Love God by Thanking Him
 - A. What can we thank God for?
 - B. How can we thank Him?
 - C. How does thanking Him show Him we love Him?

- III. Word Connection
Psalms 105:1
Oh, give thanks to the Lord! Call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples!
 - A. "Give thanks to the Lord..."
 1. Basic needs – food, house, clothes, etc.
 2. Family and friends
 3. Creation (Gen 1) – land, sky, sun, moon, etc.
 4. Others?
 - B. "...Call upon His name..."
 1. Hb 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he that comes to Him must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.
(MV from Lesson 2 Please and Thank You (faith) from Prayer & Fasting series).
 2. Jer 33:3 Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and mighty things you do not know.
(MV from Lesson 3 Hotline from Heaven from Prayer & Fasting series).
 3. Jer 29:13 And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.
(MV from Lesson 4 Seeking and Soaking from Prayer & Fasting series).
 - C. "...Make known His deeds among the peoples!"
 1. Tell others about all we have to be thankful for.
 2. Mk 16:15 Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.
 - a. Transforming Communities
 - b. Impacting Nations

IV. Practical Application

- A. Thank God for food, every time you eat – even snacks.
- B. Thank God for your family members and friends every night when you pray.
- C. Tell 2-3 family members and/or friends that you thank God for them being in your life.
- D. Tell 2-3 people (not in your family) something you thank God for.