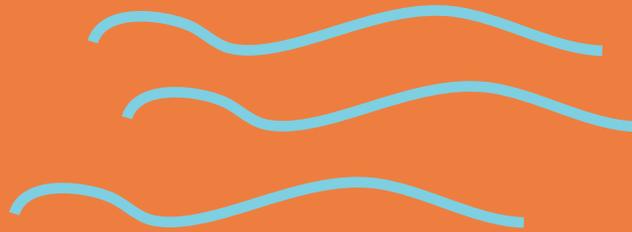


COTTONWOOD KIDS

ELEMENTARY LESSON & ACTIVITIES



NOVEMBER WEEK 3

BIBLE STORY OVERVIEW

BIBLE STORY

Say Something
Jesus Heals
10 Men Luke 17:11-19

BOTTOM LINE:

Say thank you.

MEMORY VERSE

Give thanks to the Lord,
because he is good.
His faithful love continues forever.
Psalm 136:1, NIV

MONTHLY LIFE APP

Gratitude

**Letting others know you see
how they've helped you**

BASIC TRUTH

I need to make the wise choice.

This Month's Theme:

gratitude

BIBLE STORY

Our story today comes from the Book of Luke.

Luke is one of the four Gospels that tell the story of Jesus' life. These books are called Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. When you read them, you'll find out about Jesus' miracles, the things He taught, the way He loved people, and of course, the way He rose from the dead! People wrote down what Jesus did and said, because they had never met anyone like Him. They believed that He really is the Son of God!

Luke, who wrote the book of Luke, never met Jesus, but was good friends with Jesus' good friends. Luke was a doctor—so he included lots of great details as he told the story of Jesus' life. There's a story in Luke 17 that shows us something really important about gratitude. This story is about ten men who were very sick.”

Jesus was travelling between two places: Samaria and Galilee. People from Samaria usually didn't hang out with Jewish people from either Jerusalem or Galilee. They were NOT fond of each other.

Jesus was headed into a nearby village when He came upon this group of men who were sick. There were ten of them, and they had a terrible skin disease. Other people didn't want to get this skin disease, so these poor men had to live far away from the town. Healthy people would just walk right past them . . . and keep their distance.

But not Jesus. He stopped when they called out to Him. Maybe they recognized Him from somewhere, or maybe they had heard He was on this road . . . because they called out . .

These men had been completely pushed out of the town because of their disease. And, wouldn't you know it, one of the ten men was . . . a Samaritan.

Jesus was Jewish. He wasn't supposed to hang out with Samaritans—let alone one with a horrible skin disease.

But Jesus DID stop. He DID have pity on the men. He said to them: Open the Bible to Luke 17:14 (NirV) and read.

“Go. Show yourselves to the priests.”

These men were begging Jesus for help, and Jesus told them to go see the priests.

Now, the priests in these times knew all about the laws of God, and they were also kind of like health inspectors. Chances are, these men had already GONE to the priests. The priests were probably the ones who had told them they had to leave town in the first place, so that no one else would get their disease. Now, Jesus was telling the men to go back!

The men traveled to see the priests. And at some point along the way, something happened.

Open the Bible to Luke 17:14 (NirV) and read.

While they were on the way, they were healed.

Jesus sent the men back to the priests so they could show that their skin disease was completely gone!

They could see their families again. They could dance in the streets! You'd think the LEAST these men could do would be to say thank you to Jesus—the One who had healed them.

But out of those ten men who were healed, only ONE of them came back to thank Jesus. Only one man decided to go back and say how grateful he was, because Jesus had changed his life forever. Can you guess which man came back?

It was the Samaritan!

Open the Bible to Luke 17:17 (NirV) and read.

“Jesus asked, ‘Weren’t all ten healed? Where are the other nine?’

Open the Bible to Luke 17:18 (NirV) and read.

“Didn’t anyone else return and give praise to God except this outsider?”

Jesus told the Samaritan . . . Open the Bible to Luke 17:19 (NirV) and read.

“Get up and go. Your faith has healed you.”

When Jesus told the men to go see the priests, they didn’t know what was going to happen. They had probably heard that Jesus could do amazing things. Maybe they were disappointed at first when Jesus told them to go. But then—on the way—they got their miracle!“It was the one thing they wanted . . . the one thing they thought could never happen . . . the one thing that would change their lives forever. And when it came true, only one of them stopped long enough to thank Jesus for it.“We can learn a lot from this story. There’s one simple thing that ALL of us need to do.

When someone does something for you, say thank you. Don’t just assume that they know you’re grateful. Say the words! When someone holds a door open for you. . . offers you an extra pencil . . . or saves you a seat . . . those two little words will show a HUGE amount of gratitude.“Say thank you.

God has done SO much for us. What do you say we take some time to thank HIM? Let’s pray.”

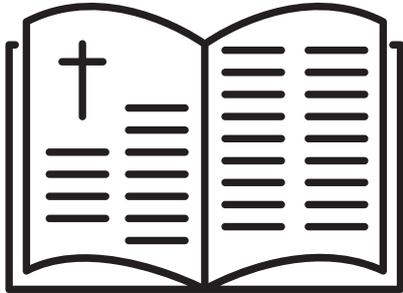
prayer

“God . . . thank You. Thank You for everything You’ve done for us. Thank You for sending Jesus to be our Savior. Thank You for my family, my friends, and this awesome church I get to worship in.

Everything good comes from You! We thank You—not just for what You do for us, but also for who You are. Please help us remember to say thank you to people who have helped us.

We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

HOW YOUR ELEMENTARY KID CAN STAY CONNECTED



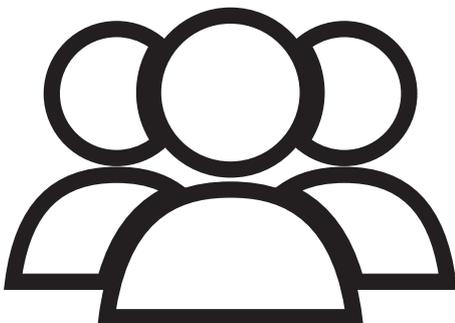
FAITH STARTER KIT

If it is your first time asking Jesus to be your Lord and Savior, we want to celebrate with you! You can go to cottonwood.org/kids and we would love to send you a bible and resources!



VIDEO LESSONS

Your child can learn bible stories and engage in worship



IN-PERSON SERVICE

Join us for Kids In-Person service every Sunday at 9am! Pre-registration and information can be found at cottonwood.org/kids

For more information, follow Cottonwood Kids on facebook and instagram ([cottonwood_kds](https://www.instagram.com/cottonwood_kds))

Gratitude means letting others know you see how they've helped you.

WEEK
3
K-1ST

Read: 1 Chronicles 16:34

DAY
1

Balloon Thanks

Ask a parent to find a balloon or soft playground ball. Gather your family to play a game of balloon toss. The object of the game is to keep the balloon in the air. Each time someone hits the balloon they have to say thank you to someone in the circle. For example: "Thank you dad for doing my laundry."

Look for ways to say thanks to those around you.

DAY
2

Say Thanks

Ask an adult to help you look up our Bible story from this week in Luke 17:11-19 and read it together. Has there ever been a time when you did something for someone and they didn't say thank you? It probably made you feel a bit upset, right? I imagine that's exactly how Jesus felt in this story. He healed 10 men and only one came back to thank Him for it. Let this be a reminder for us to say thanks!

Thank the people who have helped you by showing them you are grateful.

DAY
3

Helpful Thanks

Have you ever thought of all the people that do things for you that you never truly say thank you to? Take some time to say "**thanks.**" Ask a parent to help you come up with a way to say thank you to each of the people you want to thank. You could leave a special card in the mailbox for your mailman or you could drop off some cookies at your local fire department. No matter how big or how small, just the idea of taking time to say thank you shows gratitude!

Know how important it is to thank those that help you!

DAY
4

Share His Goodness

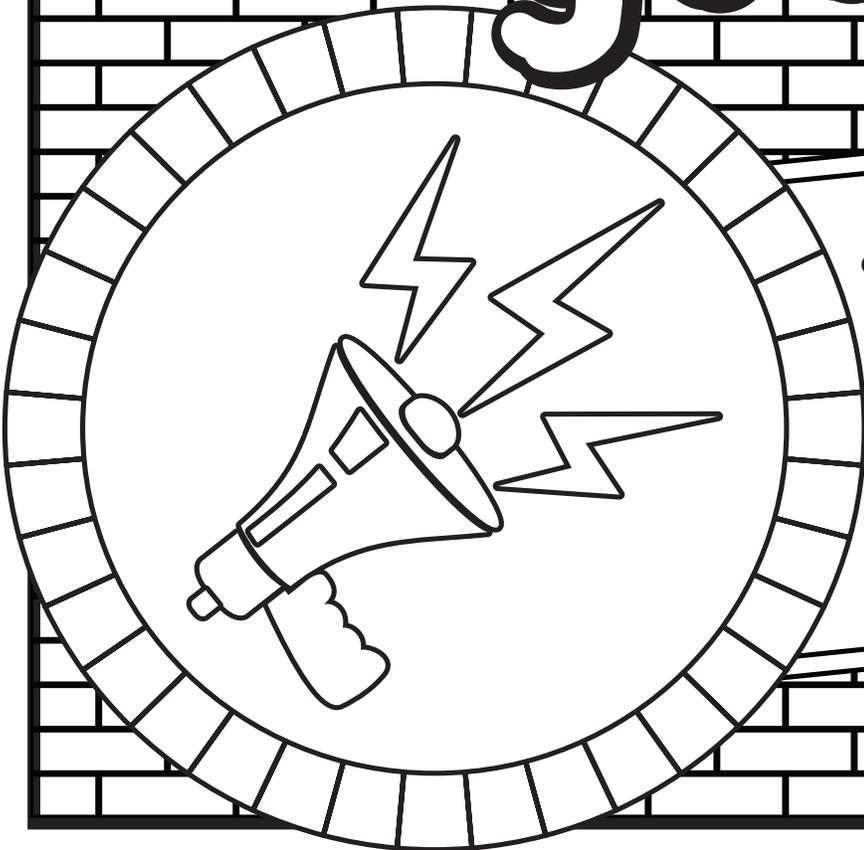
Ask an adult to help you look up 1 Chronicles 16:34. This verse tells us to give thanks to God because He is good to us! Can you think of a time when God was good to you? Maybe it was when your dad got a new job or you got an A on a test. Ask a parent or an adult to share with you about a time when God was good to them.

*Dear God,
Help us to remember to give thanks always because you are good to us! In Jesus' name, amen.*

Say thank you.

PARENT CUE

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good.

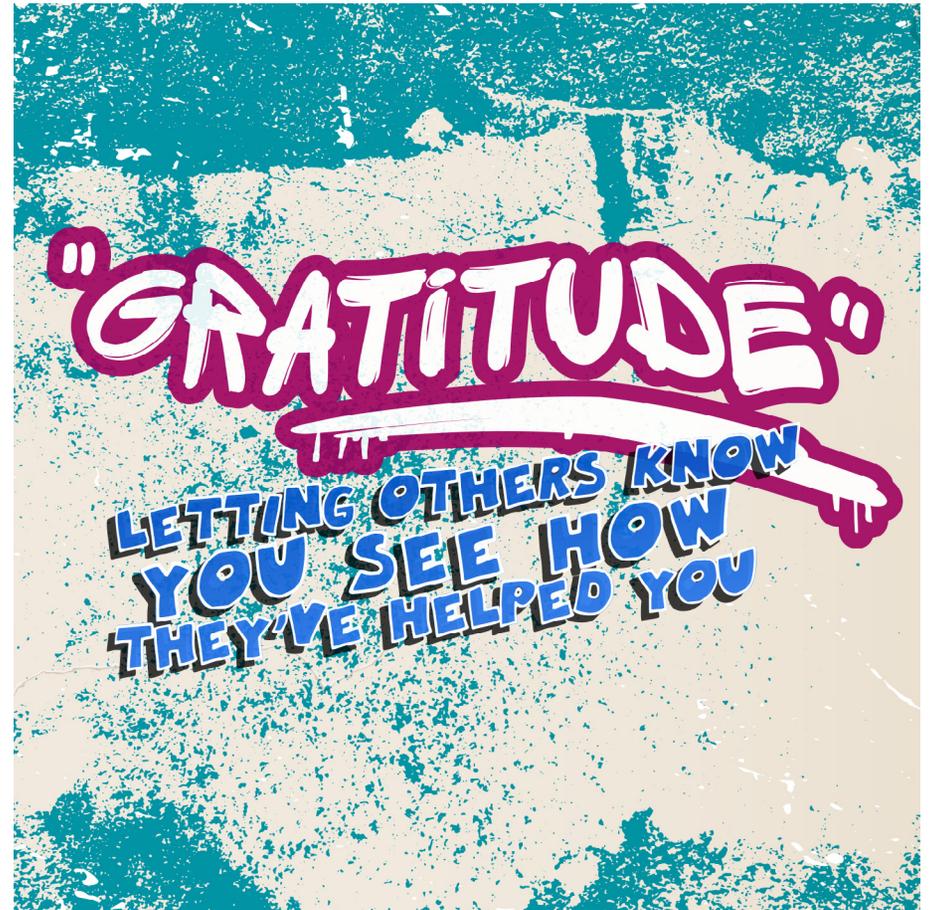


1 Chronicles
16:34,
NIV

Spend some time thinking about the question below and journal your thoughts or share them with a parent.



Horizontal lines for journaling.



Day 1

Go to Studio252.tv and watch this week's episode of The So & So Show.

Click on Fun2Watch! then The So & So Show.

Even if you already saw it at church, feel free to check it out again!

SO & SO TOP 3

After watching, write one thing that:

1. You liked: _____

2. You learned: _____

3. You'd like to know: _____

Day 2

Read Luke 17:11-19

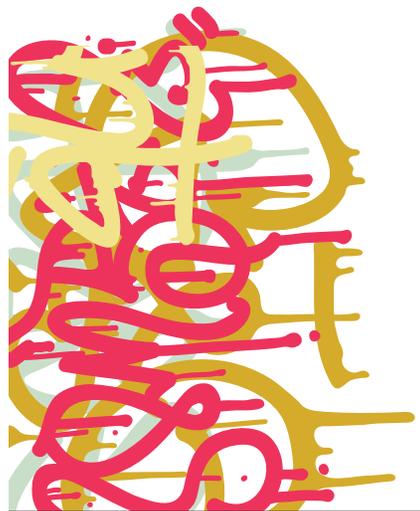
In Luke 17, Jesus heals 10 men who are very sick with a skin disease. This disease would have not only impacted their health, but their families, their jobs, everything in their lives. You would think that being instantly healed from such a terrible disease, their first instinct would have been to go back and thank the One who healed them.

But only one man did. One man out of 10.

In fact, this man took four steps to thank Jesus. Read verses 15 and 16 and write out the four things he did.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

We can learn something really important from the one man's responses: Say thank you.



Day 3

1 Thessalonians 5:18, the memory verse this month says:

Give thanks no matter what happens. God wants you to thank him because you believe in Christ Jesus. (NirV) But back up a verse and read verse 17 too: "Never stop praying."

It's fitting that those two verses are right next to each other, because praying is one of the best ways we can give thanks! We can thank God in our prayers for the things He has done. We can thank God for others in our prayers. We can thank God simply for making us and loving us.

Pray a prayer of thankfulness now—thanking God for who He is and what He's done, and expressing thankfulness for the people He has put in your life. Try to have every sentence in your prayer to start out with the words, "Thank You." Even if you have specific needs to pray about, start out that sentence by thanking God. (Like, thank You, God, for giving me a loving grandma, and please heal her quickly.)

Never stop praying, and give thanks no matter what happens.

Day 4

On day two, you wrote out the four things the man did to thank Jesus for healing him.

It should have looked something like this:

1. He stopped what he was doing and came back to Jesus.
2. He praised God in a loud voice.
3. He threw himself at Jesus' feet.
4. He thanked Jesus.

If we interpret this for our lives, we need to:

1. Take the time to thank others.
2. Thank God for what He has done.
3. Humble ourselves to see what others have done for us.
4. Simply, thank others.

Today, set a timer for morning, afternoon and evening. When your timer goes off, stop what you are doing and thank God for something He has done. Then, think about what others have done for you as well, and before you resume whatever you were doing, take a minute to thank them. You can call them, write a thank you note or email, shoot a text . . . the method doesn't matter, but make sure you take time to thank God and others today!



Day 5

We don't know exactly why the other nine men didn't stop, go back and thank Jesus.

We assume they were overjoyed to be healed, and if you were to interview the men, they probably would say they were very thankful to Jesus. So why didn't they say it?

Most likely? They simply forgot. They were probably so anxious to get to the priest and be declared healthy and able to return to their families, their work, and their lives, that it just didn't occur to them to turn back and say thank you.

How many times do you think you are like the nine? During times like Thanksgiving, or Mother's or Father's Day, we might take time out to think about how thankful we are for the people in our lives, and the blessings God has given us. But during our daily lives, sometimes we simply are too busy and too caught up in our own plans and activities to take the time to say thank you.

Get a pen or marker and write these letters/numbers on each of your fingers.

B the 1.

Every time you look at your hand today, remember the goal to "be the one." The one who takes time to say thank you. The one who stops what you're doing to recognize what others have done for you. The one who remembers to show gratitude. Be the one.