

Welcome Back Party (Caleb, The Thank You Spy)

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Club Time

-  _____ Welcome
-  _____ Fingerprint one student’s thumb
-  _____ Rules, Consequences
- _____ Review Game: Backwards Relay
- _____ Word Up: Be Grateful to God in all situations!
- _____ Prayer
- _____ Games: Choose one or two games on p. 14
- _____ Action Song: Jesus is the Good News
- _____ Excellent Child
-  _____ *Lesson – Caleb, The Thank you Spy*
- _____ Song: Children of God
-  _____ *Gospel Object Lesson: Great Mysteries*
- _____ Song: Children of God
-  _____ *Memory Verse: 1 Thessalonians 5:18*
- _____ *Repetition: “Thank You” Spy Scramble p. 8*
- _____ Craft: Choose one on p.
- _____ Closing

	<u>Italicized and bolded: What you must teach that week</u>
	<u>Ideas to be used all year</u>

What do you want the children to leave your club knowing?

Scripture – 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Memory Verse “In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.” 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Main Teaching: God’s children should thank Him for His good gifts every day.

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 _____ Welcome

_____ Q & A: Does the Bible talk about spies?

God told Moses to choose twelve chief men, or rulers, from among the people, and send them over into the land of Canaan to find out what kind of country it was, and to see what the people were like. So Moses selected a ruler from each of the twelve tribes of Israel and sent them into Canaan to spy out the land. The spies all agreed that Canaan was a wonderful country, and that it would be a great place for the Israelites to live, but all except two of them were afraid of the Canaanites. They told Moses and the Israelites that the people who lived in the land were very powerful; that they were mighty warriors. Ten of the spies advised Moses and the Israelites not even to try entering the land, because if they did they would surely be defeated. That night God spoke to Moses from the tabernacle, saving that the Israelites would have to remain in the wilderness for forty years! Just as the spies had spent forty days spying out the land of Canaan, so now God’s people would have to remain in the wilderness forty years. God told Moses that during these forty years all the Israelites would die who were then twenty years old or more. Caleb and Joshua were the only spies who believed and were allowed to go into the Promised Land 40 years later. So God did use spies especially believing spies to be wise and follow Him. **Sing one chorus of “Let Me Listen”**

 _____ Fingerprint one student’s thumb

 _____ Rules, Consequences: Reward good behavior. When punishment is the centerpiece of discipline, teachers tend to overlook children’s best behaviors. You’ll get a lot further with positive reinforcement than negative reinforcement. Rewarding good deeds targets behaviors you want to develop in the child, not things he shouldn’t be doing.

_____ Review Game: Backwards Relay Races - Divide the kids into teams and line them up. Have them compete doing various activities like walking backwards, running backwards, wheelbarrow racing, running, crawling, etc. Everyone will assume they are trying to complete all of the activities and reach the finish line first, but the winners will be whichever team comes in last. However, don’t tell the kids this, or it will ruin the game. Announce the winner and the object of the game only after the completion of the game.

_____ Word Up: Be Grateful to God in all situations!

Introduction: What does the word “grateful” mean? (To be thankful for the fact that someone has paid a price to do something to benefit/help you)

Presentation: Today’s Word up tells us to whom we should be grateful: **Word Up: Be Grateful to God in all situations!**

Explanation: Who has paid the highest price to benefit you? (Jesus, God the Son died on the cross to pay the penalty for your sins so you can have a forever home in Heaven when you trust in Him as your Savior) Jesus gave up his life and took all your sins so you could have all your sins forgiven, have power over sin today and spend eternity with Him in a glorious place with no sin, Heaven. **Word Up: Jesus: Be Grateful to God in all situations.**

Application: Saved: If you have accepted God’s perfect gift of salvation, you should thank Him and others for all they do for you. **Word Up: Be Grateful to God in all situations.** Maybe when you and your family eat together you could go around the table and express something for which you are grateful. Can you be grateful when something bad happens? **Word Up: Be Grateful to God in all situations.** God will even turn things that look bad to good for those who love and follow Him. **Word Up: Be Grateful to God in all situations**

Unsaved: If you have never accepted God’s perfect gift of salvation, you can receive Him as your Savior and ask Him to show you ways that you can: **Word Up: Be Grateful in our situations.**

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**Your teaching today can
effect eternity. You can
never tell where your
influence stops. Lean on the
greatest Teacher ever.**

_____ Prayer: Have children share gratefulness toward God. (What do they want to praise and thank Him for.)

_____ Games: Choose one or two games on p. 14

_____ Action Song: Jesus is the Good News (Sing the song with actions) This song says “we are giving the praise to Him” Why should we give praise to God? (Allow responses) **Word Up: Be Grateful in our situations.**

_____ Excellent Child

_____ *Lesson – Caleb, The Thank you Spy (Since this is a one-time lesson, there are no high octane ideas given. Here are some you can try:*

1. *Show on your face how you would feel if you had to move away from all your friends.*
2. *Before telling what was carved in the tree ask the children to pretend they have a knife and they are carving in the tree. What would you carve? Allow several children to tell what they carved.*
3. *Allow the children who have a Bible to look up 1 Thessalonians 5:18 at the same time that the dad is looking up the verse.*
4. *Have the children stand up and crawl into the tree house when Caleb and Ricky enter in the story.*
5. *Turn to the person next to you and high five them when the boys high five each other in the story.*

_____ Song: Children of God (IPEAR Children of God) Sing with actions

_____ *Gospel Object Lesson: Great Mysteries (Make sure you prepare and bring all needed items for this activity. See the list of items needed for each lesson in front pocket.)*

_____ Song: Children of God (Sing with actions)

_____ *Memory Verse: 1 Thessalonians 5:18 (See attached sheet for IPEAR)*

Repetition: “Thank You” Spy Scramble (Prepare word or phrase cards for the verse depending on the size of your club) Instead of using music you could play as a relay and have two sets of cards. First person runs down and grabs a card and tags the next person. Continue relay until all cards are brought back to the finish line and then see which team puts their verse cards together first. Say the verse when completed.

_____ Craft: Choose one on p. 16 (Make sure you have all materials ready for the craft you choose.)

_____ Closing

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