

PARENT CORNER

weekly

TODAY: NOVEMBER 16-17

Bible Story: Be Content/Paul in Prison [Philippians 4:11b-13](#)

Big Idea: God deserves our thanks.

Focus: God deserves our thanks, even when we go through hard things.

Memory Verse: "Every good and perfect gift is from God." [James 1:17a \(NIRV\)](#)

Bible Story Summary:

Read and meditate on [Philippians 4:11-13](#).

In [Philippians 4:11b-13](#) Paul is writing to the church at Philippi to help them understand more about what it means to follow Jesus. Paul shares how they can be content and even have joy regardless of their situation in life. This is something that Paul has had to learn from experience. His example of contentment in the face of difficulty is a great lesson for all of us.

God deserves our thanks, even when we go through hard things. Everyone goes through hard things in their life, but we always have things to be thankful for. God is with us and God loves us and we can trust Him no matter what.

He Question: Why does God deserve our thanks?

God ALWAYS deserves our thanks because of who He is. He is faithful, loving, sovereign, holy, and the creator of all things. And He provided a way to save us from our sins. He is worthy of all our thanks!

We Question: What does God want us to know about Him?

He is the One who gives us every good thing we have. [James 1:17](#) tells us that every good and perfect gift comes from our loving Heavenly Father.

Me Question: What does this mean for me?

We can choose to give God thanks, even when we go through hard things.



Start your kid's day off with encouragement by acknowledging some area of life (school, sports, hobby, etc.) where you see them trying really hard. If there is something they are struggling with, provide them encouragement and remind them that God is with them.



DAY 1

READ [Psalm 37:3-4](#)

What is something you really want? With the help of a parent, set a timer for one minute and draw a picture of your answer in the box:



What did you draw? Is it something you can buy at a store?

We have been talking about contentment, which is deciding to be happy with what you've got. When we think about what we have, we tend to think about our "stuff". But contentment is about more than things you can buy or own. Contentment is really about trust! When you trust God to provide for you and choose to do good in the world around you, you'll want what God wants. His desires will become your desires. Remember, God can help you be content, with or without what you drew in the box.

THANK God for all He has provided for you

DAY 2

READ "People who always want more stir up conflict. But those who trust in the Lord will succeed." [Proverbs 28:25](#)

We've been learning this week that God can help us be content. Today's verse reminds us that wanting more and more, and more stuff only causes more and more and more trouble. Because stuff doesn't really make you happy or bring peace. Think about last Christmas. What was your favorite gift you received? That was eleven months ago. Do you still play with that toy or ride that bike? Do you wish you had a newer, shinier version?

Stuff wears out. That's why focusing on more and more stuff will never really make us happy. It just stirs up trouble. But trusting God to provide for you will always lead to success. When you find yourself wanting more and more, stop and ask God to help you trust Him to be content.

ASK God to help you be content

DAY 3

READ "Every good and perfect gift is from God." James 1:17a (NIV)

This is the memory verse for the month of November! All month long we are learning that He is a good and loving God! God loves us so much! He gives us everything we have. And **He deserves our thanks!**

How many times do you put on clothes in a day? Think about it, you put on clothes to go to school, a swimsuit to go swimming, maybe a uniform for a sports practice, and then pajamas before bed!

Every time you put on an item of clothing today, say the memory verse! This is a great way to remember God is wise, and that all wisdom comes from God.

PRACTICE the memory verse as a reminder that God deserves our thanks.

HEY PARENTS SIGN HERE!

Have a parent sign your completed GodTime.

Parent signature

Date

Return for 5 Bible Bucks!

parent CUE:

During the month of November, UpTown is focused on being thankful for what we have while also giving to others. Make sure to check out your child's UpTown Challenge for November for a way that you and your family can support and help some families in need during this month.

DAY 4

READ "Having respect for the Lord leads to life. Then you will be content and free from trouble." Proverbs 19:23

Have you ever played "Follow the Leader?" See if your younger sibling or a younger kid on your block is available to play, but let the younger player be the leader, not you.

Was it hard to follow someone younger than you? Were you tempted to take over?

Maybe you've never thought about it before but one big secret to contentment is recognizing who God is. He is the maker of all things, the only one powerful enough to control the wind and the waves. Having respect for God and following Him will always lead to peace and contentment.

This week, if you find yourself feeling less than "okay" with what you have, stop and talk to God. Tell Him why He's awesome and ask God to help you trust and follow Him every day.

PRAY and thank God for something good He has given you this week.

at a GLANCE



Bibles-N-Bucks Shopping

November 23-24	3rd Grade
Nov. 30-Dec. 1	2nd Grade
December 7-8	1st Grade
January 4-5	Kindergarten
January 11-12	4th Grade



Child's Name: _____