

PARENT CORNER

weekly

TODAY: NOVEMBER 9-10



Bible Story: Israelites Long for Egypt *Exodus 16:2-21; 17: 1-17*

Big Idea: God deserves our thanks.

Focus: God deserves our thanks, and He gives us good things.

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

Bible Story Summary:

Read and meditate on Exodus 16 & 17

We find the Israelites in Exodus 16:2-21; 17:1-4 focusing on what they used to have instead of focusing on all the good things God had given them. As they were traveling in the wilderness, they longed to be back in Egypt where they had food and shelter. At the same time, they seemed to forget that in Egypt they were slaves! They were so caught up in what they used to have, that they were missing out on the good things God was giving them now...their freedom, direction in the wilderness, and water to drink.

There are always so many things to be thankful to God for each and every day. **God deserves our thanks, and He gives us good things!** We have a caring and loving God and we should focus on His goodness to us

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 give 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?

I can always trust God's goodness and be thankful to Him for His many good gifts.



Just for fun, everyone (parents included!), list out all the things you would buy right now if you had all the money in the world! Now, come back to reality and list out the things you currently have that meet all of your needs and more. Tell your kids this friendly reminder, "Don't miss out on what you already have now."



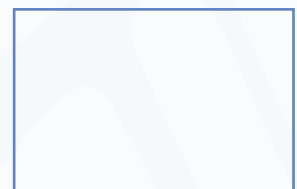
DAY 1

READ *Exodus 16:2-3*

The Israelites were so busy grumbling and complaining about the conditions they were facing in the desert, they missed out on celebrating their freedom from the Egyptians! They had cried out for God's help when they were slaves in Egypt, and God answered their prayer in amazing ways.

But now the Israelites were focused on what they didn't have... and they missed out on celebrating all God had done for them and what they had now... FREEDOM!

With the help of a parent, fill the box with drawings or a list of some good things you are thankful to God for TODAY!



THANK God for all of the wonderful things He has given you

DAY 2

READ "Being satisfied with what you have is better than always wanting more." *Ecclesiastes 6:9*

With a parent, go outside and lay down on the ground. Look around at the trees. Is the wind blowing? If not, wait a few minutes and it probably will. When you see the wind start to blow, jump up and chase it.

Oh wait, you can't, can you? Will you ever be able to catch the wind? NO!

The Bible says that always wanting more in life is like chasing the wind. Just like you'll never catch the wind, you'll never feel like you have enough, if you're always wanting more. Instead of chasing the wind, practice being thankful for what you have today.

ASK God to help you be happy with what you already have

DAY 3

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

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!**

Memorizing this verse will help you remember it. With a parent, create a song, make up motions, or write out the verse and hang it somewhere to memorize James 1:17a, this month's memory verse!

How did you choose to memorize the verse? Write what you did on the line below!

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 "The Lord has done it. It is wonderful in our eyes." Psalm 118:24

Have you ever met someone who acts like Eeyore? In other words, someone who is constantly moaning and groaning about things, much like Eeyore in Winnie the Pooh. They aren't very fun to be around, are they?

Do you remember how Eeyore always hung his head while he was whining? Because of that, he missed out on so many great things going on around him— things he couldn't see when he was hanging his head down, focused on everything negative.

With the help of a parent, write a prayer to God, thanking Him for something good He has given you today. Ask Him to help you be thankful for what He has given you.

PRAY and thank God for something good He has given you

at a GLANCE



Bibles-N-Bucks Shopping

- November 16-17 4th Grade
- November 23-24 3rd Grade
- Nov. 30-Dec. 1 2nd Grade
- December 7-8 1st Grade
- January 4-5 Kindergarten



Child's Name: _____