

PARENT CORNER

weekly

TODAY: DECEMBER 6

Bible Story: I Could Not Ask for More (Lord's Supper/Last Supper)
1 Corinthians 11:23-26, Exodus 12

Big Idea: Take time to celebrate what God has done.

Memory Verse: "Give thanks to the Lord, because He is good. His faithful love continues forever." *Psalms 136:1 (NIRV)*

Life App: Gratitude—being thankful

Bible Story Summary: We finish our study on gratitude in 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 and Exodus 12. In 1 Corinthians 11, Paul talks about taking time out to celebrate Communion, or the Lord's Supper. When we drink the cup and eat the bread, we celebrate that Jesus lived and died, and rose again to make us right with God. As we think about what Paul wrote, we'll take time to remember that this celebration is rooted in another rescue story where God led the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt.

We want the kids to learn how important it is to take time to celebrate what God has done. As we learn about the meaning of communion, we will also learn how we can take time every day to celebrate what God has done for us.



What do you think it means to celebrate God? Share some ways you can choose to celebrate all God has done. Take some time and celebrate what God has done! Pray for each other, that God will help you to take time to celebrate Him!

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WEEK 1

God TIME

DAY 1

READ Hebrews 12:28

Have you ever watched the sunset and thought, "WOW"? Or caught sight of a colorful rainbow or stopped to watch a crazy looking bug move along the ground? If we really pay attention, there are wonders all around us. Who's responsible for all of that? God!

Maybe in those moments you were too caught up to stop and say, "Thanks, God." But that's exactly what we should do! It's not enough just to notice. We need to go one step further and get in the habit of being grateful by actually saying thank you to God for all His amazing works.

To help you start this habit of being grateful, look for one awe inspiring moment today. It could be the sound of a baby laughing or a big fat leaf carried across the ground by the wind. Stop and notice and then say, "Thanks, God." When you get in the habit of saying "thank you" to God, you worship Him with deep respect and wonder.

DAY 2

READ Colossians 3:17

Sometimes gratitude is hard. When you're feeling grumpy, tired, hungry, or maybe all three, being thankful can sometimes be the very last thing on your mind. That's why sometimes we need to treat gratitude like a habit. Just like you don't always feel like brushing your teeth or running another lap in PE or finishing that reading log, sometimes you just have to push through and do it. Sometimes just getting yourself in the habit of saying thank you can help.

This week, when you find yourself doing the opposite of being grateful, remember the first part of this verse. Think about doing everything in the name of Jesus. Remember all that He's done for you and ask Him to help you show gratitude even when it's the last thing you feel like doing.

Grab your "Gratitude List" and read back over everything you've written this month or start a fresh list today. Under Week 5, write down one big thing you want to thank God for. Try to name something that isn't a thing you own (like your bike or your Xbox) but something God has given you (like your family, your faith, Jesus, etc.) Spend some time saying thank you to God for all the things on your "Grateful List" this month.

DAY 3

READ *Philippians 1:3*

On a scale of 1 to 10, 1 being low gratitude and 10 being high, how grateful are you? _____

Now ask someone in your family the following question about you: "On a scale of 1 to 10, how grateful would you say I am? _____"

Do the numbers line up? Is one higher than the other? Why?

It doesn't really matter if we feel grateful. What matters is that others know we're grateful. After all, gratitude is letting others know you see how they've helped you.

That's what Paul did right at the beginning of his letter to the Philippians, saying, "Every time I remember you, I tell God, 'Thank you!'" If those first followers of Jesus had been asked to rate Paul's gratitude on a scale of 1 to 10, do you think they'd have given him a 10? Probably!

If your gratitude score is low, ask God to help you show just how thankful you are with your words and actions over the next few days. Build the habit of being grateful so that you don't just feel it but you show it.

FUN FACT: Paul showed gratitude in most of his New Testament letters. (See: Romans 1:8; 1 Corinthians 1:4; Ephesians 1:15-16; Colossians 1:3; 1 Thessalonians 1:2; 2 Timothy 1:3; Philemon 1:4)

HEY PARENTS SIGN HERE!

Have a parent sign your completed GodTime.

Parent signature

Date

Return for 5 Bible Bucks!

parent CUE:

Want to know what your child is learning at church? Download a free app called Parent Cue. This app is put out by The reThink Group who writes the curriculum we use in Uptown as a guide to what our kids learn.

Parent Cue has parenting articles, blogs, and ways you can live out your faith at home. Week by week you will be given cues so you can make the most of your time with your kids for God.

There are additional resources that Pathway will be providing for you during this time at <https://pccfw.org/covid-19/>



DAY 4

READ *Luke 22:19*

Does your family pray before a meal? Did you know that Jesus did this? When He fed the crowd with just five loaves and two fish, He looked up to heaven and thanked God before He broke the bread. And on this night, the last meal He would share with His friends, He broke bread again, and gave thanks to God knowing that very soon His own body would be broken for you.

Praying before you eat is an opportunity to pause and remember that everything, including the food on your table, comes from God. Bowing our heads to talk to God before we dig in is a habit to help us practice gratitude.

For the next week, ask your family to join you for a gratitude prayer challenge. Ask the oldest member of your family to lead the prayer first and to thank God for at least three things as they pray. Take turns, allowing each family member to lead the prayer at each meal, always thanking God for at least three things!

at a GLANCE



Bibles N Bucks Shopping:

We will be postponing Bibles-N-Bucks Shopping until further notice! Please note that you are more than welcome turn in ALL OF YOUR GODTIMES and collect your Bible Bucks. We encourage you to save them!

FACEBOOK:

Please check out our KidCity Facebook page! There will be EXCITING activities going on there!



Child's Name: _____