

THE GOSPEL PROJECT JR. A Song of Thanksgiving

Date: Sunday October 12, 2025 Teachers: Brittany G, (lead) Nijel D (co-lead)

Bible Passage: Isaiah 12 Key Passage: 1 Thess 5:18

Props: **bring from home: potato (Nijel) at centre: activity sheets
One Mouth speaking at a time (Teacher points to mouths/kids point to their mouths)

Two Hands kept to myself (kids wiggle hands and keep them to themselves)

Two Feet kept to myself (kids cross legs)
Speak Kind words like our God three in ONE!

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Susan

INTRO TO BIBLE STORY: JR/SR combined: "Thankful" materials: (whiteboard, whiteboard markers) Mike Today is Thanksgiving Sunday and we are celebrating how thankful we are to God for His love and mercy. If you want to take turns and come up I will trace your hand on the board and you can tell us someone/something/someplace you are thankful for.

BIBLE STORY VIDEO: A SONG OF THANKSGIVING

DISCUSSION VIDEO Brittany

Why did these kids react like they did? What reason do we have to be thankful to God? What reason do we have to celebrate?

Leader • In response to the good news of what Jesus has done for us, we respond with thankful hearts and we want to share with the world about His great love. We can show our thankfulness to God by worshiping Him, praying, and being generous and loving others.

DISMISS JR. KIDS to gr. 1

INTRO TO BIBLE STORY: "I am thankful" materials: (sheet in folder/crayon/marker)

Brittany

Give the kids a crayon/marker and ask them to come up and circle something on the sheet they are thankful for, and tell everyone what it is.

KEY PASSAGE VERSE Brittany

"Thank God for everything!" 1 Thess. 5:18

The Bible says: Thank God for EVERYTHING! How much is everything? Is it 1, 2 ?? NO! It's everything we have, we can't even count everything!

GOSPEL GEMS Brittany

Ask kids to tell you different ways that they can show they are thankful (saying it, obeying, helping, worshipping)

SING A SONG: Brittany

Sing to the tune of "Are You Sleeping?":

"Jesus is with you, Jesus is with you, everywhere, everywhere! He will never leave you; He will always love you! Thank you God, Thank you God!"

ACTIVITY: "pass the potato" materials: (bring from home a potato/play a song on your phone)

Nijel

At Thanksgiving we eat potatoes and now we are going to play a game with one. Kids sit in the circle and play a song of thanksgiving from your phone and when the song stops the person with the potato says Thank you God for different things in different rounds (people, food, God's love, places, things)

ACTIVITY: "Whisper messages" materials: (none)

Nijel

Invite preschoolers to sit on the floor in a circle. Whisper a word or phrase to a preschooler. Guide that preschooler to whisper the same word or phrase to the child beside him. Continue until the message has reached the last child in the circle. Invite her to share the word or phrase she heard. God gave a message to Isaiah to share with his people, we can share the message of God's love with others.

ACTIVITY: "Dance and freeze" materials: (song from your phone)

Nijel

Play happy upbeat music and invite preschoolers to dance around joyously and celebrate. When you stop the music, preschoolers should freeze in place until the music resumes.

• Isaiah told about a day when God's words would come true—God would bless His people and they would celebrate. God kept His promise to rescue people from the darkness of sin and death and Jesus lived, died and rose again in order to rescue us. Jesus is alive!

ACTIVITY: "THANK YOU!"

Nijel

Teach sign language for THANK YOU: (fingers touching chin and extend fingers out) We thank God for everything!

ACTIVITY SHEET/FREE PLAY/SNACK/ (first 5 min colour together, then allow free play)