



Thanksgiving Lesson
True Thanksgiving
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LESSON OBJECTIVE

After completing this lesson, the children will understand true thanksgiving and how they can show they are thankful for all of the blessings given to them by God. (Topics: Thanksgiving, Thankfulness, Blessings, Provision) Bulletin Board Idea: [God is Good](#)

AS KIDS ARRIVE (20 minutes)

Bible Turkey Hunt (Game) [Click Here](#)

As the children arrive, begin by giving each one envelope. Have them open it and look up and read their verse while waiting for the other kids to arrive. Game can be continued after prayer time and memory work. As an option, you can begin this game after the memory work.

OPENING PRAYER AND PRAISES (5 minutes)

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MEMORY WORK (10 minutes)

"Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5: 18

Write each word on a separate index card. Write the reference on another card. (16 cards) Use masking tape to lightly tape each card in random order on a wall. Then have the kids take turns telling the teacher to move one card, or to exchange the place of two cards until the verse is in the correct order. Only one move or swap can be made for each turn. Even if one child knows the verse very well, this activity will involve everyone in the challenge.

SCRIPTURE READING AND DISCUSSION (15 minutes)

Introduction:

I want you to pretend that you were living in the United States about 350 years ago. You may have been living with a group of people known as the Pilgrims. It's getting cold outside. Your family is worried because winter is coming, and food during the winter is hard to find. Your mom can't just go to the grocery store. And you can't just open the refrigerator door, because, well, there are no refrigerators. They haven't been invented yet.

But you and your family does have faith in God. That night, you decide to open your Bible to see what God says about how He will help you during this difficult time.

Read Matthew 6: 25, 26

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?"

1. What things does the Bible tell us not to worry about? (*Having something to eat, drink, clothes to wear, etc.*)
2. How can we be sure God will provide enough food for us? (*Because we are valuable and He says He will*)

Read 1 Timothy 6:17

"Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment."

1. What is wrong with putting your hope in wealth? (*It's uncertain, and only God can give us everything we need*)
2. Why does God want to give us the things we need? (*For our enjoyment*)

Read 1 Thessalonians 5: 18

"Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

1. What kinds of things can you be thankful for.
2. What kind of circumstances may make it difficult to be thankful?
3. What does this verse tell us about when we should be thankful? (*We should always be thankful to God, in any circumstance or situation because it is God's will for us*)

CLASS EXERCISES (15 minutes)

Thanksgiving Basket (Craft) [Click Here](#)

ALTERNATE CLASS EXERCISE (5 minutes)

God's Many Blessings (Object Talk) [Click Here](#)

APPLICATION (4 minutes)

The pilgrims must have been very grateful to God for keeping them fed during the cold winters long ago. But God is the same today. He wants us to be happy. He provides many things for us to enjoy. When we are thankful for what God has provided, we will show it in the way we look, the way we act, and the way we feel. It will also be easier for us to treat others with kindness and to enjoy our life. The opposite is also true. When we do not appreciate God's blessings and do not thank Him we will look and act unhappy. Others will see it, but more importantly, we will feel it.

NEXT WEEK

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CLOSING PRAYER (2 minutes) Further info? [Click Here](#)