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Give Thanks!

This week, we get to celebrate Thanksgiving. Today we're talking about giving thanks to someone in particular: God! He is a good, perfect, all-powerful creator, and he's given us everything we have. He deserves all our thanks.

Read: Our story today is found in [Luke 17:11-19](#). Read it in your Bible!

Watch: [The Thankful Leper](#)

Discuss: ● After the sick men did what Jesus said, what happened to them? ● How many men said "thank you" to Jesus? ● Does Jesus want us to give thanks too? ● What are you thankful for? ● Why do we thank God? (Hint: because He loves us and gives us good things.)

Do: Play "Thankful Simon Says"! (Example: The leader(s) says something like "If you're thankful for family, then clap 3 times!" and if you ARE thankful for it, you have to follow the action! But if you're NOT thankful for something said, then you don't have to do the action.) Spend some time after your game talking about the things you are thankful for!

Watch: [25 Reasons to be Thankful](#)

There are a whole lot of things to be thankful for, but there's one person who deserves all the praise: God. What can we do for Jesus, to show him that we're thankful?

- We can talk to him, and tell him how thankful we are.
- We can worship him, and show him how much we love him.
- Even just spending time with Jesus, and getting to know him better is a great way to give thanks!

Here's a verse that will help us remember to be thankful. **Psalm 107:1** *"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever."*

Pray: God, thank you for taking care of us and giving us what we need. Help us to be thankful that you're in our lives, and you want to be close to us. Amen.