

Hello Kindergarten and 1st Grade Parents!

OUR THEME FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER IS:



I'm very excited to focus on thankfulness this month! God is faithful, true and good. I have so much to be grateful for. Your family is one of the many blessings in my life, and I am so thankful for the honor of serving you and your child(ren).

Here is everything you need for your family HCKids at home activities. Just follow the directions on the Parent Guide (next page) for any of the things you and your child(ren) are interested in doing. Also included in this document is the link to the Bible Video. At the end of the document you will find the "God Time" pages for your child(ren) to be able to do a daily devotional throughout the week.

Please be sure to connect with NexGen through our monthly "Spiritual Discipleship Boxes". If you are unable to attend the monthly event, you can pick up your box at church or we can deliver it to your door. Just let me know what you'd like to do!

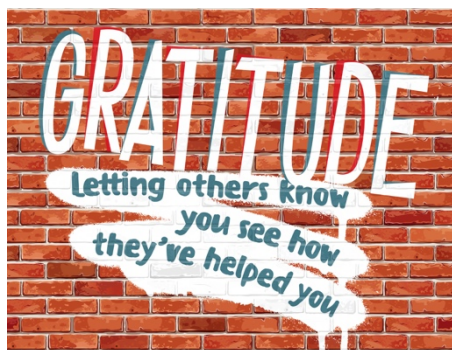
Praying you all are well, safe, growing in faith and thankfulness, and having fun during our time apart! Please reach out if you need anything at all.

Have a Great Month of Gratitude!

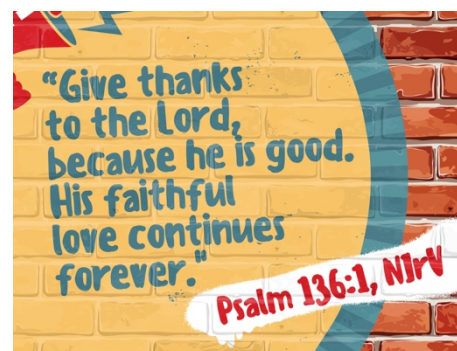
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NOVEMBER'S LIFE APPLICATION:



THIS MONTH'S MEMORY VERSE:



TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE:



WEEK OF
November 1, 2020

Shout Out: Let 'em Know You're Thankful

PARENT GUIDE
Elementary



First, watch
this week's
video!

Gratitude:
Letting others
know you see
how they've
helped you

Memory Verse

Give thanks to
the Lord, because
he is good. His
faithful love
continues forever.
Psalm 136:1, NIV

Bible Story

Give Thanks
No Matter
What Happens
1 Thessalonians 5:18

Bottom Line

You always have
something to be
grateful for.

Use this guide to help your family learn how
God wants us to be grateful.

Activity

T-H-A-N-K-S

WHAT YOU NEED:

No supplies needed.

WHAT YOU DO:

Tell your child that you're going to play a game. You'll both search throughout your home to find things that you're thankful for. Grab one item for each letter of the word "THANKS." (In other words, items that start with the letters T, H, A, N, K, and S.)

For example, you can find a tea bag because you're thankful for tea. Or a picture of Grandma Hazel because you're thankful for her.

You may want to write down the word "THANKS" so your child can remember the letters. You may also want to set a time limit—10 minutes or so—to find your items.

Once you've gathered your items of THANKS, share them with each other, explaining why you're thankful for each one.



Talk About the Bible Story

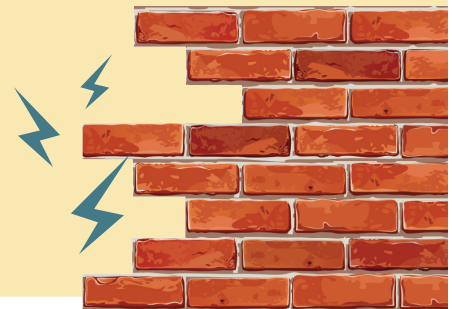
Describe a grateful person. Now describe an ungrateful person.

Do you think we can be grateful even when we don't FEEL grateful? Why or why not? (*We can be grateful all the time because God loves us and takes care of us.*)

What's the best way to change an ungrateful attitude to a grateful one? (*Remember all that you have—family, home, food, etc.*)

Is there a time that you can remember feeling really grateful?

Parent: Share a story about a time when you were grateful or ungrateful.



Prayer

Use this prayer as a guide, either after talking about the Bible story or sometime before bed tonight:

"Dear God, gratitude doesn't come easy to us, especially when we're having a bad day. We need Your help to remember that Your plans are always good. Instead of complaining about what's bad, help us choose to be grateful for all that is good. In Jesus' name, amen."

Gratitude means letting others know you see how they've helped you.



Read: 1 Thessalonians 5:18

DAY
1

I'm Grateful

Color in the letters on the back of this page. As you are coloring, think of things you are grateful for that start with each letter. For example, "G" could be grandparents. Write or draw these words and share it with someone.

Know that we have so much to be grateful for.

DAY
3

No Matter What

Do you have a hard time being grateful when you don't get what you want? Ask an adult to help you look up 1 Thessalonians 5:18 in the Bible and highlight it. God wants us to be thankful no matter what! Let's pray and ask God to help us to be grateful no matter what!

Dear God,

I have so much to be grateful for. I am grateful for _____. Help me to remember to be thankful in the good times and bad times. I want to have a thankful heart, no matter what!

In Jesus' name, amen.

DAY
2

What Can You Find?

It's time to go on a scavenger hunt! Take a few minutes to look around your house and find five things that you are most grateful for. Ask a parent if you can bring these items to dinner tonight and share why you are grateful for them.

Look around you to see all that you have to be grateful for.

DAY
4

My Grateful Tree

Ask an adult to go outside to help you find four small sticks and one larger stick to make your very own grateful tree. Once you have collected the sticks, find a piece of paper and glue them on the paper into the shape of a tree using the larger stick as the trunk and the four small sticks as branches. Above each branch, use a marker and write something that you are grateful for and put it somewhere you'll see it daily.

Ask God to help you to always be grateful.

You always have something to be grateful for.

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