

Hello Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> 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!

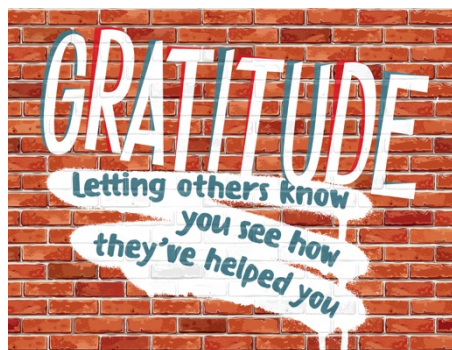
Praying you all are well, safe, growing in faith and thankfulness, and having fun during our time apart! Please reach out if you need anything at all.

Have a Great Month of Gratitude!

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NOVEMBER'S LIFE APPLICATION:



THIS MONTH'S MEMORY VERSE:



TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE:



# Shout Out: Let 'em Know You're Thankful



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

The Story of the  
Workers in the  
Vineyard  
Matthew 20:1-15

### Bottom Line

Adjust your  
attitude.

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

## Activity

### Just Imagine

#### WHAT YOU NEED:

No supplies needed

#### WHAT YOU DO:

Sit across from your child and tell them you're going to play a game together. Say, "We're both going to close our eyes and use our imaginations. Let's both imagine a cat. Then, we'll go back and forth and add a detail to the picture, using just our minds."

You may have to prompt your child by asking questions like:


- Where is the cat?
- Is the cat sitting or standing?
- What color is the cat?
- What color is the cat's collar?
- What's the cat doing?
- Does the cat have anything on?

Go back and forth with your eyes closed, creating a picture with your imaginations.

Once you're finished, choose another animal to imagine. If there's time, go through the same line of questions.



## Talk About the Bible Story



It's amazing how creative and powerful our minds can be! We can also choose to change our minds—and our attitudes—when we're feeling ungrateful. With God's help, we can choose to have a thankful attitude instead. How could the workers in today's story have used the power of their minds in their situation? *(They could have adjusted their perspective and their attitudes; chosen to look at what they DID have instead of what others had)*

What words best describe someone who is full of gratitude? *(Happy, peaceful, content, easy)*

When the pandemic started this year, what could you still be grateful for—even though so many things were different?

What is a type of attitude that can get in the way of gratitude? *(Selfishness, impatience, pessimism)*

What should we focus on when we feel ungrateful?

*Parent: Talk about your attitude during the pandemic. Talk about the times when it's been hard. Then, talk about the ways you tried to make the best of a bad situation.*

## Prayer

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

"Dear God, we trust that You are generous and kind, even when we go through something that is hard. God, help us remember all that we DO have. When we feel like things aren't fair, help us adjust our attitude and choose to be grateful to You. Amen!"

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



Read: Psalm 9:1

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## Attitude of Gratitude

Gratitude is letting others know you see how they've helped you. Grab a piece of paper and tear it into 10 pieces. On each piece of paper write a word or draw a picture of something that you are grateful for and put it in a jar. When everyone is around have each person pull a piece of paper from the jar while you share why you are grateful for it.

**Look for ways to show that you have an attitude of gratitude.**

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## Shout Out

Grab a some paper and crayons. Ask an adult to help you make a few outlines of a megaphone. Then cut them out. On each megaphone write a note of gratitude to some of your friends and family and deliver this week.

**KNOW how important it is to say thanks to those around you.**

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## Gratitude Game

Ask an adult to help you look up Psalm 9:1. God wants us to be thankful with all our heart. That means we are thankful for the big things, little things, and the in between things. Ask your family to play the Gratitude Game. Here's how to play: Grab a set of markers. Each person will take a turn dropping the markers on the ground. (Like Pick-Up sticks) They must choose one marker without moving the other markers. Once a marker is chosen, look at the color you chose below and share what you are thankful for.

Red: Share a person you are thankful for

Orange: Share a place you are thankful for

Green: Share a food you are thankful for

Blue: Share a thing you are thankful for

Yellow: Share your choice of something you are thankful for

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## Give Thanks

One way to show gratitude is to help others in your home. Think of some tasks you can do to help the adults in your house. This way, you are putting your gratitude into action.

*Dear God,*

*Thank you for giving me the chance to share my gratitude with the people that I love. Let me show gratitude to them and to you not just today, but every day. In Jesus' Name, amen*

Adjust your attitude.

PARENT CUE

