

Title – Saying Thank You

Main Burden – To counteract society's behavior of unthankfulness and to build up a genuine attitude of thankfulness.

## I Introduction

1. Welcome the children, check any new ones or visitors, and learn their names.
2. Make sure the children know the teachers' names.

## II Notebook & Memory Verse

1. Ask the children who can say their memory verse from last week.
2. Allow those who know the verse to say it one by one.
3. Put sticker on their lesson next to the memory verse.

## III Review previous lessons

1. God is the Creator.
2. God called light into being; He created the atmosphere, the sky; then He brought the dry land out of the waters and created the grass and the plants as the first kind of life.
3. On the fourth day, He placed the sun, the moon, and the stars in the heavens for light during the day and the night.
4. On the fifth day, God created fish in the sea and birds in the air.
5. On the sixth day, God brought forth all the wonderful animals; then He made man.
6. God made man different from the animals. We have two eyes to see and two feet to walk, and we can make choices, which will mold us into a certain kind of person.

## IV Lesson

1. Today we are going to talk about saying thank you.
2. A long time ago some people got very sick with an illness called leprosy. It caused white blotches all over their skin. No one was allowed to touch them or come near to them because they would catch the same disease. In fact these poor sick people were not even allowed to live among other people. They had to be separated and live far away outside of the town. If people saw them they would run away. This separation was not for just a little while but for the rest of their lives! How terrible! Perhaps you have had measles, or chickenpox, or some other illness where you have had to be kept away from your friends for a short time – but that wasn't for the rest of your life. The Bible tells us (Luke 17:11-19) that one day Jesus went to a village where there were 10 men who had leprosy and they cried out to Jesus from a distance "Have mercy on us!" Jesus told them to go and show themselves to the priest, and as they went they were healed!

3. Wow! What would you have done when you realized you were healed? Surely you would be full of joy and run back to Jesus and say, "Thank you! Thank you!" Well only one man came back to thank Jesus for making him well. Jesus must have been so pleased that he came back, but He asked, "Were there not 10 cleansed, where are the other nine?" They didn't come back to say "Thank You". Don't you think Jesus was sad about this?
4. Have you ever given someone a gift that you made all by yourself and it took a long time to make. Or perhaps you thought about buying your friend a present with your own money. You gave it a lot of thought and went to the shop to buy it and wrapped it up very carefully. You were so happy to give the present to them. Don't you feel good inside when that person says, "Oh! Thank you!" and they are really happy? What about if they just grab it from you, then toss it to one side, how do you feel then? I expect you feel disappointed and sad that they are not grateful.
5. How about you – Do you say thank you for the presents and surprises that you receive? Or do you just take, take, and take all the time without ever being grateful and saying thank you?
6. We really ought to be thankful people. There is so much to be thankful for.
7. When you leave your friend's home after playing together – why not go to the grownups there and say – "Thank you for having me." I'm sure you will be invited again!
8. How happy your Mommy will be if you say thank you for the meal she makes you, or when she buys you new clothes. Sometimes you could put your arms round her and say "Thank you for being my Mommy." Just two words – yet it can make all the difference to others and you feel so good inside.

V Give each child his/her lesson sheet.

Read the lines on the lesson with the children, and have them repeat after you.  
You may want to repeat each line at least twice.

VI Memory Verse: (Say it to the children and then have them repeat with you several times)

"In everything give thanks." I Thessalonians 5:18

VII Song (These are suggested songs, you may sing other songs that the children like.  
Teacher can listen to the tune on Hymnal.net.)

Always Rejoice, Unceasingly Pray,

VIII Coloring Page

Today we are going to color the words "THANK YOU."

IX Craft – Picture frame with the Bible verse in the middle

X Preparation –

Read and pray over Luke 17:11-19 and I Thessalonians 5:18

Make copies of the lesson, the coloring page, and the craft (verse) page for the children

Materials for craft – craft sticks, puzzle pieces, glue, and ribbons

## Lesson 48 SAYING THANK YOU

**Say thank you to your parents,  
Say thank you to your friends,  
Say thank you to your teachers,  
In everything give thanks.  
We ought to be thankful people.**



**Bible Verse:**

**In everything give thanks.  
I Thessalonians 5:18**



**Always rejoice;  
Unceasingly pray;  
In everything give thanks;  
For this is the will of God  
In Christ Jesus  
For you.**



IN EVERYTHING GIVE THANKS. I THESSALONIANS 5:18

**Craft:**



1. Print the verse on card stock.
2. Glue craft sticks around the verse.
3. Glue puzzle pieces on the craft sticks.
4. Glue a piece of ribbon for hanging.
5. If time allows, let children color & decorate.

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**I Thess 5:18**