



SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

GENEROSITY
WEEK 2 BEING GRATEFUL

Small Group Welcome

1. **Introduce** yourself, and **welcome** new kids by name.
2. Kids **share** what happened during the past week.
3. **Check up** on past week's prayer requests and events.
4. **Discuss** the welcome question: **Which Christmas decorations are your favorites?**

Small Group Activity

You'll Need

Per Kid	Nothing
Per Group	Nothing

After Activity

Kids Keep	Nothing
You Keep	Nothing

To Do

Say: Even when we don't have everything we want, we still have a lot of reasons to thank God. Let's see how many things we are grateful for!

1. **Sit** in a circle.
2. Leader **says**, "I thank God for (something you're thankful for)."
3. Kid to the right of the leader **says**, "I thank God for (something they're thankful for) and (what leader said)."
4. **Continue** around circle with each person **adding** something new they're thankful for and **repeating** all of the things mentioned before.
5. If a kid gets stuck, other kids in the small group can **help out**.
6. **If time allows, play** again.

Choose a question to ask after the activity.

1. **When do you think it's hard for someone to be grateful?** *Answers will vary.*

Please save questions on back for Small Group Discussion.

Small Group Discussion

Say the point and Bible verse together.

Be grateful for all God gives.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 NIRV

Give thanks no matter what happens. God wants you to thank him because you believe in Christ Jesus.

1. **Who has something to be thankful for, no matter what happens?** *Everyone who believes in Jesus*

Choose a few review questions.

1. **What does it mean to be grateful?** *You are thankful and happy to have what you have.*
2. **How do you think people feel when they're grateful?** *Answers will vary. Ideas: thankful, generous, peaceful, trusting God, etc.*
3. **How do you think people feel when they're not grateful?** *Answers will vary. Ideas: unthankful, selfish, complaining, jealous, etc.*
4. **Which makes you grateful: getting everything you want, or being thankful for what you already have?** *Being thankful for what you already have*
5. **What do you think makes some people more grateful than others?** *Answers will vary.*

Choose an action step question.

1. **What are some things you do that make you less grateful?** *Answers will vary. Ideas: whining when you don't get what you want, being jealous, etc.*
2. **What do you think will help you to be more grateful?** *Answers will vary. Ideas: thank God for what you have, remember what Jesus did, etc.*

Pray together.

1. **Ask** kids to share things they'd like to pray about.
2. **Write down** their prayer requests.
3. **Pray** together over the prayer requests.

Not sure what to pray? Pray this: God, thank You for all the amazing things we have to be grateful for when we believe in You. In Jesus' name, amen.

Check Out

Stay in small groups until kids are checked out.

1. Encourage **kids to talk** about what's on their mind and **play** the game again.
2. When a kid from your small group leaves, **say** something positive and specific to their family.
3. Tell parents to **take a pic** of the parent convo card at the door to help **continue the conversation** at home.