

FOLLOW JESUS

Thanksgiving (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)
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Thanksgiving

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Now we exhort you, brethren, warn those who are unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all. **1 Thessalonians 5:14 NKJV**

See that no one renders evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue what is good both for yourselves and for all. **1 Thessalonians 5:15 NKJV**

Rejoice always, **1 Thessalonians 5:16 NKJV**

pray without ceasing, **1 Thessalonians 5:17 NKJV**

in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. **1 Thessalonians 5:18 NKJV**

Do not quench the Spirit. **1 Thessalonians 5:19 NKJV**

Do not despise prophecies. **1 Thessalonians 5:20 NKJV**

Test all things; hold fast what is good. **1 Thessalonians 5:21 NKJV**

Abstain from every form of evil. **1 Thessalonians 5:22 NKJV**

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. **1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 NKJV**

God Calls Us to Give Thanks in Everything

in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. **1 Thessalonians 5:18 NKJV**

Praise the LORD! Oh, give thanks; to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever. **Psalms 106:1 NKJV**

God Calls Us to Pray Without Ceasing

pray without ceasing, **1 Thessalonians 5:17 NKJV**

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; **Philippians 4:6 NKJV**

and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. **Philippians 4:7 NKJV**

Gods Calls Us to Rejoice Always

Rejoice always, **1 Thessalonians 5:16 NKJV**

Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! **Philippians 4:4 NKJV**

looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. **Hebrews 12:2 NKJV**

This Week's [New Testament + Reading Plan:](#)

1. *Matthew 4*
2. *Matthew 5*
3. *Matthew 6*
4. *Matthew 7*
5. *Matthew 8*
6. *Deuteronomy 8*
7. *Prayer and Reflection*

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NURSERY

WE THANK GOD

SONGS OF DAVID



In this series, we learn that God provides for us because he loves us. We get the opportunity to look for and express thankfulness to God while learning about David singing his songs of praise and thanksgiving.

Memory Verse: "We thank God." Psalm 107:1 (adapted for toddlers)

Heart of the Lesson: We thank God for His Love

Parent Connect: Read the backside of the coloring sheet together as a family and talk about why God loves us, make a fun collage of all the words your kids come up with and put it somewhere for everyone to see as a reminder of why God loves us!

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GOD PROTECTS US

THE STORY OF MOSES AND THE EXODUS



In this series, we will learn about Moses following the Exodus and all the challenges he and God's people faced. From wandering in the desert, to God giving Moses the Ten Commandments, and wrapping up building the tabernacle.

Memory Verse: And you must Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind and with all your strength. Mark 12:30

Heart of the Lesson: Worship God | Exodus 35-38

Parent Connect: Make a fun snack with your kid that looks like the ark from the tabernacle. Use the QR code for recipe and instructions. Talk about the how important the tabernacle was to God's people.

<https://biblebeltbalabusta.com/2011/02/27/edible-mishkan-build-and-eat-me-a-tabernacle/>

ELEMENTARY

THANK GOD!

A THANKSGIVING LESSON



3-week Christmas series means 3 opportunities for kids to be transformed into detective agents and discover "Who Missed It: Cracking the Case of Christmas." We will be examining the case files of Christmas found in Luke chapter 2 and Matthew chapters 1 & 2. Each week a suspect will be revealed as the person who missed out on celebrating's Christ's birth because they were too wrapped up in unbelief, busy-ness, or selfishness.

Memory Verse: "Without question, this is the great mystery of our faith: Christ was revealed in a human body..." 1 Timothy 3:16a

Heart of the Lesson: Thank God! - Luke 17:11-19

Parent Connect: As Thanksgiving passes, create a gratitude jar. Gather a jar, some colorful paper, and markers or crayons. Have your child write down all the things they're thankful for on small pieces of paper. Then, fold the papers and put them in the jar. Help them focus on specific things they're thankful for. Instead of just saying "I'm thankful for my family," encourage them to

name specific things they love about their family members. At meals or when the family is together, get the gratitude jar out and read a couple of the things that they are thankful for.

- Make gratitude a regular practice. Don't just talk about gratitude on Thanksgiving. Encourage your kids to think about the things they're grateful for every day.

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FOLLOW JESUS

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A FOLLOWER OF JESUS

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JESUS

Everyone is following something or someone. Do you find your identity in being a follower of Jesus? Why do we follow Jesus and what does it look like? In this series, we will be aligning with the Adults series to talk about how Jesus calls and equips us to follow Him.

Memory Verse: My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. John 10:27

Heart of the Lesson: Jesus' 12 Disciples Escape Game - John 1:35-50, Matthew 4:18-20, Luke 5:10-11, John 6:59-66, Mark 3:16-19, Matthew 10:2-4, Luke 6:13-1

Parent Connect: What is something interesting you learned today in the escape game? Share with a family member!

SPECIAL NEEDS ADULTS

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Know Jesus, Love Jesus, Follow Jesus

Everyone is following something or someone. At Grace Church, we want everyone to follow Jesus! But what does it look like to follow Jesus? This series, we are looking at how Jesus invites us and helps us to follow Him!

Memory Verse: "My sheep listen to my voice. I know them, and they follow me." John 10:27 (NIRV)

Heart of the Lesson: Celebration – Thanking God Together

Parents/Caregivers:

- Is it easy or hard for you to give thanks to God no matter what?
- What is one way you can pray more often this week?
- How can you choose to be joyful in who God is this week?
- Think of something you're grateful to God for. Who can you share that with?