



**Giving THANKS
For groups meeting
Nov 22– 28, 2015**

Start with FREE PLAY [15 Minutes]

Provide small manipulatives or board games if not outdoors

*Use **PROPS** in Treasure Chest to introduce each session of **the 5 W's**:*

Using props helps kids engage and get into a weekly routine of knowing what comes next. Once a weekly routine is established, kids will know what to expect and therefore learn what is expected of them. Store props in treasure chest.

WELCOME [5 Minutes]

Take wood box with questions from treasure chest. Pick & discuss 1 card per week

WORSHIP [5 Minutes]

Choose 2 Songs from Kidz 'n Groups CD provided. Play and sing.

YouTube links to motions are provided on CD cover if desired. Kids love motions!

Pray to WIN [5 Minutes]

Take the cross from the treasure chest. Read what is on the cross to remind kids that we should pray every day. Place nearby. (Step 1 is necessary if not previously done) **Step 1:** Say “We are going to pray and ask God to help us think of one person we know, who doesn’t know Jesus.” Then pray. Pass out the

‘I PRAY’ cards. Have kids write the name of the person that God brought to their mind. Have the group pray for Jesus to win the heart of each person by believing the gospel. Review what the gospel is if needed. Prayer time can be done as a group or by one person praying for all. **Step 2:** Pass cards with names (or a drawing of the person) out each week and pray for the people on the cards. Occasionally ask kids for updates on the person they are praying for. Collect the cards and store in envelope for future weeks.

Treasure the WORD [10 Minutes]

Show kids the Bible and Key. Read the sentence on front of the Treasure Chest. Encourage kids to read their Bible everyday. Teach young children weekly how to find the book, chapter and verse.

Treasure the **WORD** [10 Minutes] - continued

Pre-Lesson Activity: Covered with Dots

Purchase stickers or make dots to place on the kids prior to reading the story. Explain to them what the word leprosy means. (Raised bumps on the skin that hurt and are contagious) Assure children that there is no leprosy in the United States and they should not be afraid of getting the disease. Tell the kids that today's story is about people with leprosy and in Bible times they were called lepers.

Read: Luke 17:11 - 19

Question1: How often do you thank someone when they do something nice for you?
All the time or just sometimes?

Question 2: Do you think you would have been like the 1 person that thanked Jesus for healing him, or more like the 9 people who didn't?

Question 3: How often do you thank God for everything you have and all the people who help take care of and provide for you?

Finding the treasure in God's Word: EVERYTHING we have are gifts from God, we should thank Him for everything, all the time.

Activity: Pass the Pumpkin Praises

Have the kids sit in a circle. Use a stuffed pumpkin (or something representative of thanksgiving), a stuffed animal or ball and have them pass it around the circle. Ask kids what song they would like to listen to on the CD player and begin the music. Randomly pause the music. Whoever is holding the item when the music stops should say "Thank you God for"....something or someone they are thankful for.

WORKS Challenge [10 Minutes]

Kids will use Kindness Coins and choose to accept or decline the challenge each week to 'work for Jesus' by passing on what they have learned. Be stingy with the coins. Only give a kid a coin if he or she agrees to accept and follow through with the challenge. Start each week by asking the kids that took the challenge the week before to tell about what they did and who they gave the coin to. A challenge must be completed and a coin given to the recipient before a new challenge is accepted.

Challenge: Ask a friend or family member to tell you something they are thankful for, then give that person the coin. Tell them they can pass it on, but only if they want to.

End with FREE PLAY

***Lesson Coloring pages:** found at www.enewlife.com/ministries/small-groups/resources
Recommended DVD's: Superbook or What's in the Bible or Outdoor Play