Remember What God Has Done

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6:30-6:35 / OPENING PRAYER

Thank God for His mercy. Ask Him to bring to mind ways He has cared for you.

6:35-6:40 / TOPIC

The Power of Thanksgiving Name something good you enjoyed today.

6:40-6:55 / STUDY

Foundational passage

Read aloud from the KJV Psalm 103:1-5

Key verse (KJV) “Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:” Psalm 103:2

Biblical background

David calls his own soul to bless the LORD. Psalm 103:3-5 lists forgiveness, healing, redemption, lovingkindness, tender mercies, and renewal. The psalm closes by calling all God's works to praise Him.

Inspiration

When the demands of today crowd your mind, name one mercy God has already shown you.

Kingdom revelation

The God whose throne rules over all (verse 19) is the same God whose mercies David remembers. Thanksgiving is a response to both His authority and His care.

Apply the Word

Draw one way God has cared for you.

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Remember What God Has Done

6:40-6:55 / STUDY CONTINUED

Six Kingdom teaching points Read each reference from the KJV.

1. **Psalm 103:1-5** Name the benefits David tells his soul to remember.
Apply it Draw one way God has cared for you.

2. **Psalm 100:4-5** Enter God's presence with thanks because He is good.
Apply it Say one thank-you to God before you ask Him for something.

3. **Deuteronomy 8:17-18** Remember who gives the power to get wealth.
Apply it Thank God for helping you learn a new skill.

4. **Psalm 136:1** Give thanks for God's enduring mercy.
Apply it Give someone another chance when they make a mistake.

5. **Colossians 3:15** Let Christ's peace and thankfulness shape life together.
Apply it Use a kind voice and thank a friend when you make peace.

6. **1 Thessalonians 5:18** Practice thanksgiving in every circumstance.
Apply it Name one thing you can thank God for after a hard day.

Kingdom point Remembering God's mercy gives us a reason to praise Him today.

Teach it Draw a hand. Add one gift or kindness from God on each finger. Invite each child to choose one to thank Him for.

6:55-7:15 / DISCUSSION AND RESPONSE

1. In the passage What does David tell his soul to do? Which benefit from the passage stands out?

2. In your life Draw one way God has cared for you. What would you say to God about your picture?

3. Put it into practice Put your drawing where you will see it and thank God for one thing on it each day. Who can help you follow through?

Go Back and Give Thanks

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Thank Jesus for hearing prayer. Ask Him to help the group give God glory.

6:35-6:40 / TOPIC

The Power of Thanksgiving How do you show someone that you are thankful?

6:40-6:55 / STUDY

Foundational passage

Read aloud from the KJV Luke 17:11-19

Key verse (KJV) “And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God,” Luke 17:15

Biblical background

As Jesus travels toward Jerusalem, ten men with leprosy stand afar off and cry for mercy. Jesus sends them to the priests and they are cleansed on the way. One, a Samaritan, returns and thanks Jesus at His feet.

Inspiration

You can pause in the middle of an ordinary day to thank Jesus for a specific mercy.

Kingdom revelation

Jesus connects the man's return with giving glory to God. Thanksgiving brings the man back to the feet of the One who showed him mercy.

Apply the Word

Use your fingers to show how one man came back to thank Jesus.

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Go Back and Give Thanks

6:40-6:55 / STUDY CONTINUED

Six Kingdom teaching points Read each reference from the KJV.

1. **Luke 17:11-19** Trace the Samaritan's response from healing to worship.
Apply it Use your fingers to show how one man came back to thank Jesus.

2. **Psalm 107:1-2** Let those the Lord has redeemed speak up.
Apply it Tell a partner one good thing God has done.

3. **Psalm 116:12-14** Consider how the psalmist responds to God's benefits.
Apply it Ask a grown-up to say a thank-you prayer with you.

4. **Hebrews 13:15** Offer praise to God through Jesus.
Apply it Sing a short praise song to Jesus.

5. **Colossians 3:17** Give thanks to the Father through Jesus in word and deed.
Apply it Say thank you and show it by helping with a small job.

6. **Psalm 9:1** Tell others what the Lord has done.
Apply it Draw one thing you could tell someone about God's goodness.

Kingdom point Gratitude turns our attention back to Jesus and gives God glory.

Teach it Use ten fingers to count the men Jesus healed. Fold nine down and let the last finger turn back toward you. Retell what that man did.

6:55-7:15 / DISCUSSION AND RESPONSE

1. In the passage What does the healed man do when he realizes what happened? What does that show about gratitude?

2. In your life Act out the man turning back to thank Jesus. Why did he go back? Name one thing you can thank Jesus for now.

3. Put it into practice Take turns saying a one-sentence thank-you prayer to Jesus. Who can help you follow through?

Keep Your Eyes on Jesus

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6:30-6:35 / OPENING PRAYER

Ask Jesus to show the group what to lay aside and give them strength to endure.

6:35-6:40 / TOPIC

Finishing Strong What makes a race harder to finish?

6:40-6:55 / STUDY

Foundational passage

Read aloud from the KJV Hebrews 12:1-3

Key verse (KJV) “Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith;” Hebrews 12:2 (excerpt)

Biblical background

Hebrews 12 follows the examples of faith in chapter 11. The writer pictures a race that requires patience and calls believers to lay aside every weight and the sin that besets them. Jesus endured the cross and sat down at God's right hand.

Inspiration

When you feel weary, consider Jesus and take one faithful step today.

Kingdom revelation

The joy set before Jesus helps explain His endurance. The writer calls believers to look to Him so they can face their own weariness with hope.

Apply the Word

Pretend to put down a heavy backpack, then name a distraction to set aside.

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Keep Your Eyes on Jesus

6:40-6:55 / STUDY CONTINUED

Six Kingdom teaching points Read each reference from the KJV.

1. **Hebrews 12:1-3** Notice the weight to lay aside and the One to look to.
Apply it Pretend to put down a heavy backpack, then name a distraction to set aside.

2. **Philippians 3:13-14** Press toward the mark of God's calling in Christ.
Apply it Pick one small step to finish a job you started.

3. **Galatians 6:9** Keep doing good when the fruit takes time.
Apply it Keep inviting someone to play even if they are shy at first.

4. **Matthew 6:33** Put God's Kingdom and righteousness first.
Apply it Ask what King Jesus wants you to do when it is your turn to choose.

5. **John 15:4-5** Depend on Jesus to bear fruit.
Apply it Ask Jesus to help you grow in kindness like fruit on a branch.

6. **James 1:12** Endure temptation with the promised crown of life in view.
Apply it Practice saying no if someone asks you to do something wrong.

Kingdom point Jesus gives us a reason to endure. Following Him can mean laying aside things that slow us down.

Teach it Walk with an imaginary heavy backpack, then take it off. Talk about a distraction you could put down to help you obey Jesus.

6:55-7:15 / DISCUSSION AND RESPONSE

1. In the passage What does Hebrews say to lay aside? Who are we told to look to?

2. In your life Pretend to run with a heavy backpack, then set it down. What makes it hard to obey Jesus? Who could help you?

3. Put it into practice Pick one simple task to finish and ask a grown-up to help you remember. Who can help you follow through?

Keep the Faith

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Ask God for strength to keep the faith and finish the work He has given each person.

6:35-6:40 / TOPIC

Finishing Strong How does it feel when you finish a hard task?

6:40-6:55 / STUDY

Foundational passage

Read aloud from the KJV 2 Timothy 4:6-8

Key verse (KJV) “I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:” 2 Timothy 4:7

Biblical background

Paul has just charged Timothy to preach the word and fulfil his ministry. With his departure near, Paul speaks of a fight fought, a course finished, and faith kept. He looks ahead to a crown from the Lord, the righteous Judge.

Inspiration

Christ sees the faithful service that people may overlook.

Kingdom revelation

Paul measures his finish by faithfulness to Christ. The promise of the crown extends to all who love the Lord's appearing.

Apply the Word

Use blocks to show how small faithful choices build up.

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Keep the Faith

6:40-6:55 / STUDY CONTINUED

Six Kingdom teaching points Read each reference from the KJV.

1. **2 Timothy 4:6-8** Hear how Paul describes finishing his course.
Apply it Use blocks to show how small faithful choices build up.

2. **Acts 20:24** Notice the ministry Paul wanted to complete.
Apply it Name one person you can help today.

3. **1 Corinthians 15:58** Stand firm because labor in the Lord matters.
Apply it Keep doing a kind thing even when no one claps.

4. **Colossians 3:23-24** Work heartily as someone serving Christ.
Apply it Do a chore carefully as a way to serve Jesus.

5. **Luke 16:10** Practice faithfulness in small responsibilities.
Apply it Keep your word about one small job.

6. **Matthew 25:21** Hear the master's response to a faithful servant.
Apply it Use something you are good at to help a friend.

Kingdom point Paul measures his finish by faithfulness to Christ. The Lord is the one who judges and rewards.

Teach it Build a small stack of blocks one at a time. Each block can stand for a small thing you do faithfully, like telling the truth or helping clean up.

6:55-7:15 / DISCUSSION AND RESPONSE

1. In the passage Which words does Paul use to describe his finish? Which one stands out to you?

2. In your life Name one promise or good task you can finish this week. What will you do if you feel like quitting?

3. Put it into practice Choose one helpful job at home and finish it even if nobody reminds you. Who can help you follow through?

Say Yes to the King

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6:30-6:35 / OPENING PRAYER

Thank God for sending King Jesus. Ask Him for hearts willing to obey His Word.

6:35-6:40 / TOPIC

The Birth of Jesus Christ What does a king do?

6:40-6:55 / STUDY

Foundational passage

Read aloud from the KJV Luke 1:26-38

Key verse (KJV) “And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.” Luke 1:33

Biblical background

Gabriel visits Mary in Nazareth and announces that she will bear Jesus. He promises that Jesus will receive David's throne and reign forever. Mary asks how this will happen, hears that the Holy Ghost will come upon her, and yields to the Lord's word.

Inspiration

Bring your honest questions to God and take a faithful step with what His Word has made clear.

Kingdom revelation

Jesus' Kingdom has no end. Mary's response shows what willing obedience looks like when God announces His purposes.

Apply the Word

Draw a crown and name one way to listen to King Jesus.

Continue with the six teaching points and group discussion on the next page.

Say Yes to the King

6:40-6:55 / STUDY CONTINUED

Six Kingdom teaching points Read each reference from the KJV.

1. **Luke 1:26-38** Listen to what Gabriel says about Jesus and how Mary responds.
Apply it Draw a crown and name one way to listen to King Jesus.
2. **Isaiah 9:6-7** Notice the promised child's government and peace.
Apply it Practice a peaceful answer for when someone takes your turn.
3. **Matthew 1:18-25** Watch Joseph obey and learn why the child is named Jesus.
Apply it Tell how Joseph listened and cared for Mary and Jesus.
4. **Micah 5:2** Identify the town from which the promised ruler comes.
Apply it Point to Bethlehem on a map or say its name together.
5. **Galatians 4:4-5** See why God sent His Son in the fulness of time.
Apply it Thank God for welcoming us into His family through Jesus.
6. **Luke 1:46-49** Hear Mary magnify God for what He has done.
Apply it Say one line of praise like Mary did.

Kingdom point God promised an everlasting King. Mary received His word with willing obedience.

Teach it Draw a crown. Listen for the angel's promise that Jesus' Kingdom will never end. Give an example of listening to King Jesus at home or school.

6:55-7:15 / DISCUSSION AND RESPONSE

1. In the passage What does Gabriel promise about Jesus? How does Mary respond?

2. In your life What did the angel say about Jesus' kingdom? Draw a crown and name one way you can obey King Jesus.

3. Put it into practice Show someone your crown and tell them one way you can obey Jesus this week. Who can help you follow through?

Good Tidings for All People

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6:30-6:35 / OPENING PRAYER

Praise God for sending the Saviour. Ask for courage to share the good news.

6:35-6:40 / TOPIC

The Birth of Jesus Christ How do you act when you have exciting news?

6:40-6:55 / STUDY

Foundational passage

Read aloud from the KJV Luke 2:8-20

Key verse (KJV) “For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.” Luke 2:11

Biblical background

Shepherds keeping watch at night hear the angel announce the Saviour's birth in David's city. The heavenly host praises God. The shepherds find Jesus in the manger, tell others what they heard, and return glorifying God. Mary ponders these things.

Inspiration

The shepherds shared what they heard and saw. You can tell the good news of Jesus in words people understand.

Kingdom revelation

The angel calls Jesus Saviour, Christ, and Lord and announces good tidings for all people. The news leads the shepherds to both witness and worship.

Apply the Word

Act out the shepherds hearing the good news.

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Good Tidings for All People

6:40-6:55 / STUDY CONTINUED

Six Kingdom teaching points Read each reference from the KJV.

1. **Luke 2:8-20** Follow the shepherds as they hear, go, tell, and praise.
Apply it Act out the shepherds hearing the good news.

2. **Luke 2:1-7** Notice where Mary laid Jesus after His birth.
Apply it Draw the manger where Mary laid Jesus.

3. **Matthew 2:1-2** Hear why the wise men came looking for the King.
Apply it Pretend to follow the star as the wise men look for Jesus.

4. **Matthew 2:10-11** Notice how the wise men honor Jesus.
Apply it Name one way you can show love to Jesus by giving or helping.

5. **John 1:14** See how the Word came to dwell among us.
Apply it Tell what it means that Jesus came to live among people.

6. **Luke 2:29-32** Listen to Simeon describe God's salvation as light for the Gentiles.
Apply it Invite a child who is left out to join your game.

Kingdom point The birth of Jesus is good news for all people. The shepherds heard it, shared it, and glorified God.

Teach it Act out the angel, the shepherds, and the trip to see Jesus. Have the children retell the story in order.

6:55-7:15 / DISCUSSION AND RESPONSE

1. In the passage What did the shepherds do after they saw Jesus? What news did they share?

2. In your life Take turns being the angel and the shepherds. Who was born? Who could you tell the good news to this week?

3. Put it into practice Tell one person who was born and why the angel called His birth good news. Who can help you follow through?