November 23, 2025



### **SUPPLIES**

These are suggestions. This week is open to creativity and what works best for your group!

### Thank You Cards:

#### For Each Child:

- Blank cards, folded cardstock, or construction paper (1/4 sheets work well)
- Envelopes (optional)
- Crayons, markers, or colored pencils
- Stickers or washi tape for decorating
- Optional: printed prompts or sample messages for younger kids

#### For the Leader:

- List of people/groups to thank (printed or displayed)
- Small baskets or bins labeled with each group's name (to collect finished notes)

### Goody Bags:

- Small paper gift bags or clear treat bags
- Ribbon or twine for tying bags closed
- Tags or labels for each group (e.g., "For Our Custodial Team")
- Tissue paper or shredded paper filler

### SUPPLIES cont.

- Wrapped candy or mints
- Hot cocoa or tea packets
- Granola bars or snack mix
- Small candles
- Mini scripture cards or printed gratitude verses
- Handwritten notes from the kids
- Optional: Church pens, magnets, or stickers

### Set Up:

- Tables for writing and decorating notes
- Separate table or station for assembling goodie bags
- Plastic bins or boxes to sort completed bags for delivery
- Tape, scissors, and extra pens/pencils

### **Series Overview**

This series teaches kids all about how they can be grateful because of what God has done for them. We will begin by learning about God's great might, goodness, and love. Next, we will learn about being thankful in all circumstances. We will finish this series by learning with gratitude about God's greatest gift – His grace that came through Jesus Christ.

## **Lesson Overview**

Today's lesson shows kids that can show our thankfulness to God by encouraging and thanking the people who serve in our church family.

### **LESSON**

SAY: Today, we're going to talk about something really simple but really powerful—thankfulness. The Bible tells us over and over to give thanks to God, not just for the big things, but in everything. When we stop to think about how much God has done for us, we start to see all the people He's placed in our lives to help us, teach us, and show us His love.

This morning, we're going to do something special. We're going to thank some of the people in our church who serve and love others—sometimes without anyone even noticing!

When we come to church each Sunday, it takes a lot of people to make everything happen.

Someone makes sure the lights turn on and the microphones work.

Someone prepares the lessons for your teachers.

Someone greets your family when you walk in the door.

And someone prays for you, even if you've never met them.

Every single one of those people is showing God's love through their service. When we take time to say "thank you," we remind them that what they do matters—and that we see God working through them.

That's one way we can "give thanks to the Lord," just like Psalm 107:1 says. We give thanks to God, and we also give thanks to the people He uses to bless others.

So today, we're going to write thank-you notes to people in our church who serve in special ways. Some of them are easy to notice—like our pastors or worship leaders—but others might be behind the scenes.

We want all of them to know we appreciate them and that we're thankful for how God is using them.

# ACTIVITY Saying Thank You

### Step 1: Divide the Kids

SAY: "Each of you will pick one or two groups of people from our list to thank. You might write a note to the pastors, or maybe to the team that cleans our building each week. No matter who you choose, remember—you're helping them see God's love in action."

### Step 2: Write Thank-You Notes

Give each child a blank card or piece of paper and something to write or draw with.

SAY: "Your note doesn't have to be fancy. You can write something simple like:

'Thank you for serving our church and helping people know about Jesus!'

Or you can draw a picture to show what you're thankful for. What matters most is that your note comes from your heart."

Optional Prompts for Kids Who Need Help:

"I'm thankful for how you help our church..."

"Because of you, people can..."

"You show God's love by..."

"I hope you know how much we appreciate..."

### Step 3: Create Goodie Bags

SAY: "Now we're going to make a special bag to go with our thank-you notes! Each bag will

be for one group of people we're thanking."

Set out simple items to include, such as:

- Candy or mints
- Tea bags or hot cocoa packets
- Stickers or scripture cards
- Small candles
- A few of the kids' handwritten notes..."

(Guide kids as they assemble and decorate.)

As you work, talk with them:

"While you fill your bag, think about that person or group. You can even whisper a prayer for them. Ask God to bless them and give them joy as they keep serving."

### People to Thank (choose 8–10 total)

- Lead Pastor
- Campus Pastor
- Worship Team (musicians and vocalists)
- Tech/Production Team (sound, lights, slides)
- Guest Services Team (greeters, coffee bar, welcome desk)
- Custodial Team (people who clean and prepare the building)
- Children's Ministry Leaders and Volunteers
- Safety/Security Team
- Prayer Team or Care Ministry
- Administrative Team (office staff who plan and organize)

SAY: You did something really meaningful today. These notes and bags might seem small, but God can use them in big ways. When someone opens a card and reads your words, they'll be reminded that what they do matters to God and to our church family.

### Let's pray together:

"God, thank You for being so good to us. Thank You for giving us people who serve and lead in our church. Help us never to take them for granted. May our words today bring joy to their hearts and remind them of Your great love. Amen."