



# Bible Thematic Lessons

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We suggest that you print pages 2 - 5 and distribute them to your students.



Topic:  
**GRATITUDE**



**Read the Bible References:** The Bible references can be read by different children if possible. Or the teacher can read them.



**Goal of Lesson:**

- To encourage students to live a life of gratitude.



**Lesson Takeaway:**

You have a lot to praise God for. A life of gratitude is pleasing to God.



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Bible References:

Luke 17:11 – 19.



Explain the meaning of gratitude.

Gratitude is a feeling or sense of thankfulness and appreciation. To be grateful is to show that you are thankful or appreciate what someone has done for you. You can show gratitude in different ways for example, by saying thank you, spending time with someone, writing a letter of thanks or a simple note of thanks, etc.



What does the bible say about gratitude?

In 1 Thessalonians 5:18, the bible makes us to understand that it is the will of God for us to give thanks. God wants us to live a life of gratitude, always giving thanks, for every situation whether good or bad.

Living a life of gratitude helps us to focus our attention on God's ability and awesome power rather than focusing on our own abilities. When we show gratitude, we acknowledge that God is awesome and powerful, that He is faithful, trustworthy, loving, and dependable.

In Luke 17:11 – 19, we read of ten lepers who were cleansed by Jesus. Only one man returned to give thanks to God and Jesus asked, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?" And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well". We see that the leper was commended for giving praise to God.



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## What does the bible say about gratitude? (Contd.)

Why should we be grateful? There are so many reasons for which we can be grateful. Let's see some of them below:

- We can be grateful because of the goodness of God (Psalm 136:1).
- We can be grateful because God provides all that we need (Psalm 23:1).
- We can be grateful because God heals our sicknesses and diseases (Psalm 103:3).
- We can praise God for His protection and safety over our lives (Psalm 23:4).
- We can praise God for His peace (John 16:33).
- We can praise God for His wisdom, guidance, and direction for life (Psalm 32:8).

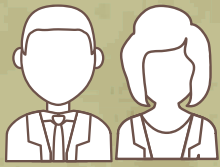
We can also praise God for food, water, clothing, shelter and accommodation, our friends, family, the country we live in, our leaders, Sunday School teachers, Pastors, teachers at school, etc.



## How can we live a life of gratitude today?

Living a life of gratitude is a decision we need to make every day. It is so easy to become ungrateful when we don't have what we were hoping to get, or what we wish we had. We can forget to be grateful when we focus our eyes and heart away from Jesus, when we focus on our problems, or on prayers that have not been answered. But if we just took some time to think of what God has done for us, we will find that God has done so much for us – much more than we can count!

To live a life of gratitude, we must cultivate the habit of giving thanks. We need to practice being grateful for everything (see Ephesians 5:20). Think of the little things and the big things and say thanks to God (see Colossians 3:17).



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How can we live a life of gratitude today? (contd).

Every day, we need to find something we can be grateful for. We can start by being grateful to God for being alive every day (see Psalm 118:24).

We can be grateful to God on behalf of other people (Ephesians 1:16).

In Philippians 4:6 – 7, the bible encourages us that instead of worrying and becoming anxious, we should praise God. We can live a life of gratitude by being content with what we have (Hebrews 13:5).

When we focus on the faithfulness of God in the past, and all He has done for us, we will be able to praise Him. When we focus on His promises, what He has promised to do for us, we will be able to praise Him knowing that God will never lie.

Jesus is our perfect example. He lived a life of gratitude to God, the Father, while He was on earth (see Luke 22:19, John 11:38 – 44, Matthew 26:26-28).

Let us be like Christ as we give thanks to God in all things.



Memorize:

Psalm 136:1 – Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.



Questions:

- i. Mention five things that you can praise God for.
- ii. How can you live a life of gratitude today?



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**Remember:** You have a lot to praise God for. A life of gratitude is pleasing to God.



**Let us pray:** Dear God, thank You for all the wonderful things you have done and continue to do for me. Help me to focus on your goodness and live a life of gratitude rather than complaining or worrying about what I don't have. I ask these in Jesus' name, amen!



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