CVC KIDS

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GRATITUDE

THANK GOD

As far as culture goes, November has become an extension of the holiday marketing machine. The general theme of every email and ad seems to be: "Buy more and buy it earlier!" That's why November is the perfect month for us to pause and focus on gratitude and thanksgiving through THE GREAT GRATITUDE CHALLENGE...thanking God for every good thing. We'll start by remembering all the amazing good gifts that God has already given to us, and how we always have something to be grateful for. We'll also dig into what it means to have a heart of gratitude and to regularly express our thanks to God. After all, God even set aside special times for His people to worship and celebrate! And speaking of celebration, Advent begins on Week 5 of this month. We want kids to know they can thank God for the incredible hope that He gave us in sending Jesus! The reason we can be thankful is because God is so very good.

WEEK 1: Every Good Gift Is From God *(James 1:17; Philippians 4:8)*

VIRTUE: GRATITUDE

I can thank God for everything.

WEEK 2: Always Something to Be Grateful for *(Habakkuk 3:17-18; 1 Thessalonians 5:18)*

VIRTUE: GRATITUDE

I can thank God no matter what.

WEEK 3: Jesus Heals Ten Men *(Luke 17:11-19)*

VIRTUE: GRATITUDE

Remember to thank God.

WEEK 4: Feast of Booths *(Nehemiah 8:13-18)*

VIRTUE: JOY

Make time to celebrate God.

WEEK 5: God's Plan to Send Jesus *(John 1:1-5, 14; Micah 5:2; Isaiah 7:14-15, 9:6-7)*

VIRTUE: HOPE

We can thank God for giving us hope.

MEMORY VERSE:

Every good and perfect gift is from God. This kind of gift comes down from the Father who created the heavenly lights. These lights create shadows that move. But the Father does not change like these shadows. James 1:17 NIrV

ENGAGE IN EVERYDAY MOMENTS TOGETHER

MORNING TIME

"As your kid starts her day, let her know something about her for which you are grateful...something she did, a personality trait that you admire, etc."

MEAL TIME

At a meal this week, have everyone at the table answer this question: "What is something you are grateful for this week?" (It can be something small. Some weeks are like that!)

DRIVE TIME

While on the go, ask your kid: "What's the best thing that has happened to you lately?"

BED TIME

Pray for each other: "Father in heaven, help us to always see something we can be grateful for in each and every situation. We know it might not change the situation, but it does remind us that You can bring good to even the hardest things we go through."

PARENT TIP:

After you pick up your child from Sunday School, or when you are driving home, what does your conversation usually sound like? My guess is that you ask one of two questions..."Did you have fun?" or "What did you learn?" There isn't anything wrong with that, but my experience when using those questions has been that the answers were very brief and unenlightening. Usually, I heard "yes," "no," or "I don't know." I must say that I have two boys who are not the most talkative or quick to divulge information, and you might have a very different situation. For those of you having a similar experience to mine, one small tweak might help.

There is no guarantee, but perhaps, better questions could lead to better conversations. I recently read an article that included a list of 30 alternate questions to ask your child after church. Use the QR code to access the article. I especially like questions 20.) Is there anything you want to do differently because of what you learned at church? and 21.) What did today's lesson teach you about God? And remember, you can always be informed about the Bible passage and Bottom Line that was the focus that day by using this Parent Cue, which can also be found online at cvconline.org/cvckids Use the Parent Cue to help you form your questions!

NOVEMBER'S RECOMMENDED RESOURCES:

The Promise (Jason Helopoulos)
The Christmas Promise (Alison Mitchell)
Song of the Stars (Sally Lloyd-Jones)
A Savior Is Born: Rocks Tell the Story of Christmas (Patti Rokus)