

LESSON 19
“THANKFULNESS”
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BIBLE CONNECTION

Luke 24:36-53 (pages 1146-1147)

CHARACTER WORD

Thankfulness - Being grateful and saying so

TEACHING OBJECTIVE

I can be thankful that God is with me always.

MEMORY LINK

Matthew 28:20b

“I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

(KBC Study Bible, page 1069)

SUPPLIES NEEDED THIS WEEK

GET CONNECTED

Memory Link cards, Hang 10 pages, index cards, pens, highlighters

MEMORY LINK ACTIVITY

Option 1: No supplies needed

Option 2: No supplies needed

BIBLE CONNECTION

No supplies needed

SURF TEAM TIME

Memory Link cards, Hang 10 pages, index cards, pens, highlighters

MAKE-IT-STICK REVIEW GAME

Option 1: Painter's tape, bean bags, colored paper

Option 2: Cones, ping-pong balls

Jesus Ascends into Heaven

WHAT'S THE POINT?

In our American culture, instant gratification and perfection are expectations. People often feel entitled to more, more that is bigger and more that is better. But as Christians, our lives should be marked by God, recognizing that apart from Him we can accomplish nothing – and for this, we are thankful.

When children are young, it is easy for them to learn to say thank you. However, as they grow older, the challenge is to develop a grateful heart in them.

The lesson today will show how the disciples thanked God for the blessing of seeing Jesus again and accepting the challenge He set before them. What a perfect model for us today – thanking God for the opportunity to share His promises with our Beach Club students! And thanking God that our students have the opportunity to hear His Word!

Over and over in Scripture, God shows the many ways that He kept His promises. How grateful and thankful we are!

GET CONNECTED

Building relationships in surf teams; introducing today's lesson



Memory Link cards, Hang 10 pages, index cards, pens, highlighters

Use the following conversation prompts to get to know the students in your surf Team and to introduce today's lesson.

- Today's character word is thankfulness. What does it mean to show thankfulness?
- What are some things for which you should be thankful?
- How can you show thankfulness at home? At school?



Guide students to locate and mark today's Bible Connection and Memory Link in their Bibles, if they brought one, so they can find the pages quickly as directed in the session.

WORSHIP TIME

Pointing students' hearts toward God



Ask students what some of their favorite songs have been throughout the year. Sing those special requests, as many as time allows. Emphasize to them that praising God through singing, even by yourself, makes Him happy to know that you are thinking about him!

Consider these song choices: “Thankful” and/or “He Is Always With Us”, by Group (LifeTree Kids); “Praise the Lord” (Psalm 148:1-5), by Seeds Family Worship.

MEMORY LINK

2 Minutes – Teaching the Bible verse to students
8 Minutes – Activity to help them memorize the verse



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Focus on the Bible

Ask students to hold up their Bibles high in the air. Count how many remembered to bring their Bibles.

Today’s story is in the book of Luke. The book of Luke is part of a section of the New Testament called the Gospels. There are four Gospel books that are stories about Jesus and His mission to restore our relationship with God. Guide the them to find in their Bibles each of the four gospel books in order: Matthew (page 1023), Mark (page 1070), Luke (page 1100) and John (page 1148).

Focus on today’s Memory Link

Today’s Memory Link is from the very last verse of Matthew. It is called the Great Commission and are the words Jesus spoke to his disciples, his friends and helpers, before He went up into heaven. These instructions were given to the disciples, so they would know what to do after Jesus left them. Along with the instructions He left them a great promise. Let’s find together what Jesus said.

Invite students to open their KBC Study Bibles to Matthew, the first book of the New Testament, and turn to Matthew 28:19-20 (page 1069). Ask a volunteer to read the verse aloud as others follow along. *We will learn the last part of the Great Commission, Matthew 28:20b (page 1069) as our Memory Link today.*

Today’s character word is thankfulness. Jesus left His disciples with a promise that He would be with them until the end of the age. Just like the disciples were thankful that Jesus would be with them forever, we have that very same promise too! Let’s say that promise together. Recite today’s Memory Link.

Option 1 - CHANGE YOUR POSITION

No supplies needed

Instruct the students to say the verse while standing on one foot. Say it again with their arms straight up in the air. Continue saying the verse while changing body positions each time. (standing on your toes, hands on head, swinging arms back and forth, ninja pose, etc.)

Option 2 - DISAPPEARING VOLUME

No supplies needed

Divide into surf teams. Instruct surf teams to read the verse aloud together and to repeat it four times, reducing the volume each time. For a more physically active option, instruct students to stand with arms raised when saying the verse loud, bending or squatting down lower and lower as the volume goes down. Repeat the activity increasing the volume from soft to loud.

Matthew 28:20b

“I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

(KBC Study Bible, page 1069)

Teaching Tip

Remind students that the Memory Link is always found in God’s Word, the Bible. Be sure that you always read the scripture from the KiDs Beach Club Study Bible to reinforce to the students that they have access to God’s Word just like you do.

BIBLE CONNECTION

Teaching today’s character word through gospel-centered Bible story



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No supplies needed

Set the Stage

Have you ever received a really cool toy or a new pair of shoes? Or something you had been wishing for awhile? When you got it, what did you do? I know you were ready to play with that toy immediately or put those new shoes on as soon as you took them out of the box, but did you say thank you to the ones who gave them to you?

How often do you say those words - thank you? When someone shares their school supplies with you, lets you go first in line, gives you part of their cupcake, holds the door open for you? Are you thankful for the little things that others do for you every day?

In our story today, we are reminded of God’s promises to us and how thankful we should be to Him.

Tell the Story

Guide students to open their KBC Study Bibles to Luke 24:36-53 (page 1146). Invite them to keep their Bibles open and follow along as you tell the story.

You will remember from our story at Easter that Jesus died and was buried. Three days later the tomb was empty! What happened? Where did Jesus’ body go?

Two disciples saw the resurrected Jesus as they were walking along a road and later met in an upper room to tell the others what had happened. While they were telling their story, Jesus appeared right in the middle of them and said, “Peace to you.” Well, they jumped out of their skin! They thought they saw a ghost. Jesus showed them His hands and His feet. He even ate something to prove He was alive. Even though they had a hard time believing that Jesus had been dead and was now alive, they felt joy and they marveled at the sight of their friend. The Lord was with them again!

Why might the disciples have felt afraid when Jesus appeared? Why do you think it was hard for them to believe that Jesus was alive again? It’s normal to doubt things that seem impossible to our human brains. But with God, anything is possible. Even rising from the dead!

Jesus took time to help the disciples understand what had happened. He explained how the Old Testament prophets predicted everything that happened to Him. The disciple’s eyes were opened, and they understood that Jesus died to pay for sins and really was raised from the dead. Jesus promised He would return and it happened! We have heard several stories this year about God’s promise to send a Savior and God kept His promise – He sent His very own Son, Jesus! Jesus instructed them to preach this good news to everyone. He promised to send the Holy Spirit to help them.

Gospel Tip

This lesson focuses on how God’s promise to send a Savior was Jesus. Encourage students to read “Who Jesus Is” tip-in page after page 1010 in their KBC Study Bible. They can read more about Him by looking up the verses that describe who Jesus is.

Jesus didn't stay with the disciples for long. But before Jesus left the disciples to be with God, He prayed for God's blessing on them. Then they saw Jesus go up to heaven! And that's where Jesus is today! The Bible says they praised and thanked God for all the amazing things they saw. They set an example for us to go to church and worship God regularly and thank Him for His Son Jesus.

Application

Our lessons this year have taught us about many people who were thankful to God for keeping His promises to them. Saying thank you to those around us for kind deeds and help that they may give us is also showing God that we are thankful for Him. That makes God happy!

Gospel Connection 

Jesus made a promise that He kept. He died and rose from the dead to pay for all of our sin. We can always be thankful that Jesus gave his life for you and me! If you have not made Jesus your Forever Friend, you can choose to do that today. You must ADMIT to God that you have done wrong against Him and ask Him to forgive you. You must BELIEVE that Jesus died and rose from the dead. You must confess that Jesus is the one, true ruler of your life, and CHOOSE TO FOLLOW Jesus, making Him your Forever Friend.

Lead in closing prayer.

Invite students wanting to know more about praying to ask Jesus to be their Forever Friend to move to the designated counseling area to meet with a leader one on one. Be sure to have all the decision supplies available.

Gospel Tip

Today's lesson reinforces our job to present truth from God's Word and depend on Him with the results. We can be thankful for the Holy Spirit to guide us as we explain the Gospel and answer students' questions. God is faithful. He will continue drawing each and every boy and girl to Himself until they fully understand what it means to be a Christ follower.

SURF TEAM TIME

Connecting with students in small groups;
applying today's Bible Connection and Character Word



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Today's Bible Lesson

- Before you begin, ask if there are any students who would like to talk with the Bible Connection Leader about praying to ask Jesus to become their Forever Friend. If so, let them go to the designated area.
- *What questions do you have about today's story?*
- *How did the disciples show their thankfulness in today's story?*
- *Share a time when you have been thankful to God.*
- *What can you do to show thankfulness to others at home? At school? To your friends?*

Use the Bible

Give each student a Memory Link card. Review today's Memory Link and Character Word. Guide them to use cards to mark today's story in their KBC Study Bibles and highlight today's Memory Link if they have not already done so.

Hang 10 Pages

Give each student a Hang 10 Page. Challenge them to hang out with God 10 minutes each day by praying and reading the Bible, using the Hang 10 page as a guide. Encourage them to bring back their Hang 10 pages next week.

As you look at your Hang 10, think about all the things you have to be thankful that you learned in Beach Club this year. Remember to be sure to hang out with God at least 10 minutes each day through the end of school and this summer. Take great care of your KBC Study Bible and be sure to bring it back with you next year!

Pray

Encourage students to write prayer requests on index cards. Lead them in prayer. Take the cards home and pray for your students and these requests over the summer.

Father, thank You for loving us. Please remind us to show others that we are thankful for the things they do for us and others. In Jesus' name, amen.

Teaching Tip

The KiDs Beach Club Summer Reading Plan is a great way for your students to continue good habits of spending time with God every day. The plan runs for 14 weeks throughout the summer and is sent via email to KBC students' parents. Also, watch KBC's social media accounts on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram at @KiDsBeachClub for more details.

Teaching Tip

Next week is the last week of Beach Club. Plan ahead and consider doing something special. Remind students of the KiDs Beach Club Summer Reading Plan that begins Memorial Day through Labor Day. If resources allow, consider printing a copy for each student to take home for the summer or direct them to kidsbeachclub.org/srp.

MAKE IT STICK - REVIEW GAME

Playing a game to review today's Bible Connection and Character Word



Option 1 - TIC-TAC-TOSS

Painter's tape, beanbag, 2 colors of paper (5 sheets each) per surf team

Prepare: Make a tic-tac toe grid on the floor large enough to place one paper sheet in each square.

Divide your surf team into two teams or play one surf team against another. Give each team 5 sheets of paper in the same color. The first person from the first team tosses a beanbag trying to land the beanbag in a square. If they answer the review question correctly, they may put one of their papers in that square, claiming that square for the rest of the round. If they can't answer the question, offer the opposing team an opportunity to toss the beanbag and claim a square. Play until one team claims three squares in a row. If the beanbag lands outside the playing area or on a square occupied by their opponent their turn is over.

Option 2 - BULL'S EYE

Cones, ping-pong ball per surf team

Tell students that today's game is a relay race. Direct each surf team to form a single file line several feet away from the cones. Explain that players will answer a review question, drop to hands and knees, and blow a ping-pong ball to the cone, around it, and back to their surf team. The next player will repeat and so on until everyone has a turn. The first surf team to complete the relay wins.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. What is today's character word? (*thankfulness*)
2. What does thankfulness mean? (*being grateful and saying so*)
3. Who was thankful in today's story? (*disciples*)
4. What did the disciples think they saw? (*a ghost*)
5. How did the disciples feel when they realized Jesus was alive? (*joyful*)
6. What did Jesus do to prove to the disciples that He truly was Jesus? (*He showed them the scars on his hands and feet*)
7. Where did Jesus go when He ascended? (*to heaven with God*)
8. Name someone or something for which you are thankful. (*Answers will vary.*)
9. Give an example of a way a person can be thankful today. (*Answers will vary.*)
10. Recite today's Memory Link. (*"I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Matthew 28:20b*)

Teaching Tip

Next week is the last week of Beach Club. Continue to communicate with your students throughout the summer. Let them know about events that are happening at your church during the summer months and extend an invitation to them and their families.



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Matthew 28:20b

KBC Study Bible, page 1069