



SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

Character • Week 3 • Thank You



Emcee Leads



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Video Leads



Countdown Timer

5 min

Start video when experience begins • Tidy room • Get into a small group with your kids



Small Group Welcome

3 min

Get kids talking • Help each kid in your small group feel seen and heard

- **Introduce** yourself and **welcome** kids by name.
- **Catch up** on prayer requests and life events.
- **Talk about** welcome question: **What's the best thing that ever happened to you?**



Theme Song

1 min

Sing and dance along • Encourage your small group to join in



Emcee Intro Connection

30 sec

Focus your small group on emcee



Rules Video

1 min

Focus your small group on video • Encourage kids to count out and say each rule with video



Emcee Giving Connection

30 sec

Focus your small group on emcee



Offering Teaching Video

90 sec

Focus your small group on the video • Follow campus procedure to collect offering



Worship Teaching Video

1 min

Focus your small group on video • Stand with your kids when video prompts you to



Worship Music Videos

≈ 6 min

Sing and dance along • Encourage your small group to join in

- Your Love Is
- Echo



Emcee Activity Connection

30 sec

Focus your small group on emcee



Small Group Activity

9 min

Have fun doing activity with your small group

You'll Need

Per Kid	Nothing
Per Group	1 Six-foot strip of butcher paper 1 Set of markers

After Activity

Kids Keep	Nothing
You Keep	Markers (save to reuse)

To Do

Say: Even when bad things happen, we still have a lot of reasons to thank God. Let's create a special poster to show all the things we can thank God for, using the letters in the word "thankful" to help us.

1. **Place** butcher paper on the floor, **seat** kids around it, and **place** markers where all kids can access them.
2. Using a dark-colored marker, **write** the word "THANKFUL" in large letters, vertically, down the entire left side of the paper. *As shown on the **Thankful Acrostic Activity Supplement** on back of this guide.*
3. Kids **draw or write** something they're thankful for that begins with a letter of the word "thankful" in the space next to that letter.
4. **Help** kids with writing as needed. **Offer** ideas from the activity supplement. **Encourage** each kid to draw or write at least one thing they're thankful for—even if it doesn't start with a letter in the word "thankful." There are no wrong answers!
5. Kids **continue** drawing or writing to fill the paper with things they're thankful for as time allows.



Emcee Point Connection

30 sec

Focus your small group on emcee



Konnect HQ Teaching Show

≈ 20 min

Focus your small group on video as you watch it together



Konnect HQ ABCs

1 min

Focus your small group on video • Help kids say admit, believe, and choose with video



Emcee Wrap-Up Connection

30 sec

Focus your small group on emcee



Small Group Talk & Prayer

≈ 10 min

Get kids talking • Pray with your small group • Build relationships

Review the Point: I can be thankful when things are good—and when they're not.

Review the Verse: *Locate Bibles in the room, look up the verse together, and talk about what's the same and what's different if it's in a different translation.*

1 Thessalonians 5:18 NIRV Give thanks no matter what happens. God wants you to thank him because you believe in Christ Jesus.

- What does this Bible verse mean to you?

Choose a Question to Get Your Group Talking

- How can a kid be thankful when they don't have everything they want?
- When someone chooses to follow Jesus, what do you think they can always be thankful for?
- If a kid wasn't feeling thankful, how would you help?

Wrap Up

- **Pray** together.
- **Do** the small group activity again or **play** a game like *Rock, Paper, Scissors* or *I Spy*.

Leader Tip

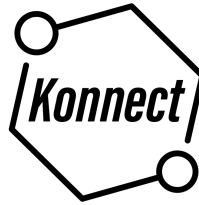
Do kids ever get off-topic during the welcome question? No problem. Let kids have fun and open up. It helps them feel more comfortable talking in small group later.



Check Out

≈ 10 min

Greet parents • Praise kids • Stay in small group until check out ends



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T

H

A

N

K

F

U

L

Write the word "THANKFUL" vertically, with lines between letters as shown in the picture on the left. The lines will help kids understand where to draw or write for each letter.

Ideas for things kids could draw or write next to each letter:

T - tickle fights, teachers, time to relax, tasty foods, turtles, trees, truth, trips, etc.

H - happiness, hugs, helpers, hamburgers, horses, hopping, hope, hamsters, etc.

A - aunties, apple pie, alligators, airplanes, art, acting, etc.

N - noodles, nightlights, naps, neighbors, nature, nectarines, etc.

K - kites, kittens, kids, kangaroos, kaleidoscopes, kazoos, ketchup, etc.

F - food, footballs, frisbees, foxes, frogs, flowers, firefighters, freeze tag, etc.

U - umbrellas, ukuleles, unicycles, uncles, us, the universe, etc.

L - love, laughing, lady bugs, learning, lions, lunchtime, lakes, lizards, etc.

*Kids can also **draw or write people they know** whose names start with these letters!*