

# High Voltage Kids Ministry

## “Give Thanks”

### Main Focus:

We must live a life of thankfulness.



### Power Verse:

“Give thanks to the LORD and proclaim his greatness.”

- 1 Chronicles 16:8



### Whatchaddaknow:

“I Will Be Thankful Every Single Day!”

## LEADER'S INFO

In today's “gimme” society, the idea of entitlement runs wild. It's not unusual for people, including children, to have the “What's in it for me?” mentality.

It's easy for all of us to forget that “every good and perfect gift comes from above.” We go through life experiencing God's miraculous provision and forget to express gratitude and thankfulness.

In this lesson, the children will learn from the story of the Ten Lepers—only one of which came back to thank Jesus for the miracle. They will learn that God's children should always remember to thank Him for everything He has done and will continue to do.



### “The Spark” Intro Video

“Give Thanks”



### “Whatchagaddaknow” Video

Big Ray teaches “Whatchagaddaknow”



### Character Skit

“Wacky Wally”



### Offering Time



### Game Time!

“Thanksgiving Trivia”



### Bible Story

“The Ten Lepers”



### Power Verse *(no video)*

“Give thanks to the Lord and proclaim his greatness.” - 1 Chronicles 16:8



### Call To Action

“Give Thanks”



### Brain Drain

Review Game



### Small Group Experience

**Main Focus:**

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**Power Verse:**

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- I Chronicles 16:8



**Watt’s Up:**

“I Will Be Thankful Every Single Day!”

**Lesson Materials Needed:**

**“The Spark” Intro Video**

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**“Whatchagaddaknow” Videos**

- “Whatchagaddaknow” Teaching Video  
- “Whatchagaddaknow” Trigger Video

**Character Skit**

- “Wacky Wally” Theme Graphic/Music  
- Pajamas  
- Towel  
- Army Helmet

**Offering Time**

- “Offering Time” Bumper Video

**Game Time!**

- “Game Time!” Bumper Video  
- “Thanksgiving Trivia” Game

**Bible Story**

- “The Ten Lepers” Graphics  
- Bible

**Power Verse**

- “Power Verse” Graphic

**Call To Action**

- “Give Thanks” Graphics  
- Five Gift-Wrapped Boxes  
- Five Pieces Of Paper With The Following Words Printed On Them - “Family”, “Shelter”, “Talents”, “Friends”, and “Jesus”

**Rewind!**

- “REWIND!” Bumper Video  
- “REWIND!” Graphics

**Small Group Experience**

- Bible  
- Thank You Card Print Piece  
- Crayons Or Markers  
- I Chronicles 16:8 Print Piece

**“The Spark” Intro Video**

“Give Thanks”

**“Whatchagaddaknow” Video**

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**Game Time!**

“Thanksgiving Trivia”

**Bible Story**

“The Ten Lepers”

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**Call To Action**

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**Rewind!**

Review Game

**Small Group Experience**



## **Introduction to “The Spark” Intro Video**

**Leader:** Hey, kids! Welcome to our lesson, “Give Thanks!” This lesson is all about having an attitude of gratitude and being thankful for what we have been blessed with!

Can you name some of the things God has blessed YOU with? *(allow children to share some of the blessings they have received from God; if they can't think of some, help them think of things)*

We are going to learn about what our response should be to the blessings we have received from God in this important lesson. Right now, I want you to check out this video...

**(play “The Spark - Intro Video”)**

**Leader:** God has blessed us with SO much! But He hasn't blessed us so that we will be prideful and selfish. He wants us to be grateful and show our thanks to Him.

In today's lesson, you're going to learn all about how to have an attitude of gratitude. It's all about having a heart that is grateful and expressing it! It's going to be awesome. Right now, it's time to find out “Whatchagaddaknow.”

**(play “Whatchagaddaknow” Teaching Video)**



## CHARACTER SKIT

**Character: “Wacky Wally”** (*Wacky Wally thinks of himself as the “world’s greatest Superhero – in training.” He is hyperactive, compulsive, and obsessed with everything there is to do with comic books.*)

**WALLY:** (*runs out onstage with his arms outstretched, making “whooshing” noises. He is wearing pajamas, has a towel around his neck like a cape, and has an army helmet on his head. He “lands” next to the leader and makes a super-hero pose*) HI-DIDDILY-HO THERE, boys and girls! It is I, WACKY WALLY!

**Leader:** Wacky Wally! How are you doing today?

**WALLY:** I will tell you in the language of our feathered brethren! (*begins to gobble like a turkey*)

**Leader:** Wally, what are you doing?

**WALLY:** Telling you about my day. (*goes back to gobbling*)

**Leader:** Why are you making noises like a turkey?

**WALLY:** DUHHH!! We’re talking about Thanksgiving today, right?

**Leader:** Yes, we are.

**WALLY:** Everybody knows that the whole point of Thanksgiving is TURKEY!

**Leader:** Hold up, what are talking about?

**WALLY:** Think about it! ALL November you see nothing but turkeys! Turkey cartoons, turkey costumes, turkey commercials, turkey balloons at parades...even turkey songs!

**Leader:** I have never in my life EVER heard a TURKEY song!

**WALLY:** Sure you have! (*begins singing to the tune of “O Christmas Tree”*) Oh Turkey Leg, Oh TURKEY LEG!  
You go so well with stuuuu-ffiiinnng!

**Leader:** Wally! First off, never sing again. Secondly -

**WALLY:** (*interrupts with more singing, this time to the tune of “Santa Clause is Coming to Town”*) Ohhhh you better not shout, you better not cry! You better not pout, I’m tellin’ you why! Turkeys will come peck your face!

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# **CHARACTER SKIT**

*(continued)*

**Leader:** Wally, you’ve got it all wrong! Thanksgiving isn’t about turkey!

**WALLY:** It’s not?? Then is it about the stuffing? Mac and cheese? That weird green bean stuff my grandma always tries to make me eat?

**Leader:** NO! Thanksgiving isn’t about the food at all! It’s about being **THANKFUL!**

**WALLY:** What do you mean?

**Leader:** The whole point of Thanksgiving is that it’s a time for our families to come together and **THANK GOD** for all of the things He’s provided for us all year long! We can thank Him for His love, our families, our friends...**ALL** of the stuff God has given us!

**WALLY:** Ohhhh, so what you’re saying is that the whole point of Thanksgiving is to **THANK GOD** for everything He’s done for us?

**Leader:** You got it! But we shouldn’t be thankful **ONLY** on Thanksgiving. We should be thankful every single day of our lives!

**WALLY:** Okay! *(leans back, takes a deep breathe, and yells upward towards Heaven)* **THAAAANK YOOOOOUUUUUU!!!!**

**Leader:** *(wincing, covering their ears)* I think you’ve almost got it.

**WALLY:** Awesome! Well, I’ve gotta go.

**Leader:** Say “goodbye,” Wally.

**Wally:** Goodbye, Wally! **WACKY WALLY, AWAAAAAAYYYY!!!** *(Wally exits the same way as he entered, pretending to fly around the stage and making “wooshing” noises)*



**GAME ON!**  
**“Thanksgiving Trivia”**

**Items Needed For Game:**

“Thanksgiving Trivia” graphics

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**Preparation:**

Choose three boys and three girls to participate in this hilarious Quiz Game

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**How To Play:**

Teams take turns answering trivia questions that relate to Thanksgiving. The team to have the most correct answers at the end of the ten questions is declared the winning team!



## Bible Story “The Ten Lepers”

### Materials Needed:

The graphic slides for the “Bible Story”; follow the instructions below, changing the slides to follow along with the story (*as shown*)

### Preparation:

Familiarize yourself with the story in Luke 17:12-19; have your open Bible in your hands as you tell the story

### The Story:

Today, we are going to look at an important story in the Bible. It is found in Luke 17:12-19. It is a story that teaches the importance of being thankful. Jesus was traveling one day and entered a village. From a distance, He heard a noise. (*show pic*) He turned to see where the noise was coming from, and He saw ten lepers headed straight toward Him.



Lepers were people who suffered from the disease of leprosy. Leprosy is a terribly contagious disease that eats away at the skin. It caused the skin to disappear, and, ultimately, parts of your body - like fingers and toes - would even fall off. It was such a painful and terrible disease.



You can't touch anyone with leprosy, or else you might catch it. So most of the time, people would not even talk to anyone who had leprosy. They wanted to stay as far away as possible from anyone who had the disease.



These men came up to Jesus and begged Jesus to heal them. Jesus had mercy on them and healed them—all ten of them. Instantly, their leprosy was gone! (*show pic*) Jesus told them all to go and show themselves to the priests in the temple. The men immediately ran off, excited about the gift of healing they had just received.



Some time later, ONE of the lepers came back and knelt at Jesus' feet. (*show pic*) With tears in his eyes, he thanked Jesus for healing him. He displayed such an amazing heart of gratitude by returning to thank Jesus for what He had done for him.

Jesus looked around and saw that only ONE of the lepers had come back to thank Him. He asked the crowd (*show pic*), “Didn’t I heal ten men? Where are the other nine? Only one returned to give thanks.”

We can learn something very important from this Bible Story. When we receive good things from God, we should be like the one leper and express our thanks to God. The other nine lepers received the gift of healing and never even thanked Jesus for it. We don't want to be ungrateful like that. We must remember that God has blessed us with so many great things and then express that thanks to God.



# **Call To Action**

## **“Give Thanks”**

### **Materials Needed:**

The “Give Thanks” graphics ; Five gift-wrapped boxes; Five pieces of paper with the following words printed on them - “family”, “shelter”, “talents”, “friends”, and “Jesus”

### **Preparation:**

Begin with the slide titled “Give Thanks”; Place each piece of paper in a gift-wrapped box

**The Message:** *(title slide)*



When people think of “Thanksgiving,” many of them think of turkey, pilgrims, or football. Although each of those things have become part of our traditions on the Thanksgiving holiday, they are not what Thanksgiving is all about. Thanksgiving is all about GIVING THANKS!

Giving thanks is something that each of us should do every day. When someone holds the door open for you—say, “Thank you.” When someone gives you a cookie—say, “Thank you.” When your mom makes you some amazing pancakes with syrup—say, “Thank you.”

When someone says, “Thank you,” it shows that they appreciate what has been done for them. Nobody likes it when others are ungrateful. That is why we should always have an “Attitude Of Gratitude!” Gratitude is when you feel thankful for the blessing you have received.

The person we should thank more than anyone else—is God. Why? Because...

**Everything I Have Is A Gift From God.** *(slide)*



The Bible teaches us in *James 1:17*, “Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father...” God has blessed us with so many gifts that we often take for granted. We should be thankful for the gifts God has blessed us with. Some of those gifts are:

*(unwrap the gifts with the different words inside—”Family”, “Shelter”, “Talents”, “Friends”, “Jesus” - talk about the importance of each of these gifts in our lives as you open them up)*

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## Call To Action (Continued)

Often, we begin to forget that these things are actually gifts from God. We start to take them for granted and are not thankful to God for them. We must remember that EVERYTHING we have is a gift from God—not only during the Thanksgiving season, but every single day of our lives.



### Gratitude Starts In The Heart *(slide)*

Gratitude starts in the heart. It begins with the way you FEEL! If you feel like you DESERVE all the best stuff and that everybody OWES you - it's time for an "attitude checkup." That means your attitude is not gratitude. You need to pray that God will change your heart so that you have an "attitude of gratitude."

Maybe you say, "Well, I have an attitude of gratitude. I feel in my heart that everything is a gift from God." That is awesome. But there is something about gratitude that you have to remember...



### I Must Express My Gratitude *(slide)*

It's not enough just to FEEL thankful - we must express it. God loves to hear His children thank Him for the great things He has blessed them with. We must tell Him "thank you" every chance we get.

If you give someone a birthday gift and, even though they FEEL gratitude in their heart, they never express it to you by saying, "Thank you." Do you KNOW that they are thankful? Nope. They may feel it, but you don't know that because they haven't expressed it. We must not only FEEL gratitude in our heart toward God and others, we must express it.

We can learn something very important from our Bible Story today about the ten lepers. They all received healing, but only one of them came back to express their gratitude. That caused Jesus to ask the big question we are studying today, "Where are the other nine?"

When you receive good things from God, you should be like the one leper—express your thanks to God. The other nine lepers received the gift of healing and never even thanked Jesus for it. You don't want to be ungrateful like that. You don't want Jesus to have to ask, "Where is Michael?" or, "Where is Jennifer?" "Are they not going to express their thanks to me?" We must remember that God has blessed us with so many great things and then express that thanks to God.

### ALTAR RESPONSE *(play soft music)*

Spend several minutes allowing the kids to express their thanks to God. You could have them write down their blessings and then lead them in a prayer to express thanks to God for each of those blessings. Remind them that we should thank God more than just on Thanksgiving. We should thank God every single day!



**Materials Needed:**

“REWIND!” Graphics; “REWIND!” Bumper Video

**Preparation:**

Play the “REWIND!” Bumper Video; Begin with the slide titled “REWIND!”; there is a slide for each question

**1. Whatchagaddaknow today?**

**Answer:** “I Will Be Thankful Every Single Day!”

**2. What holiday was mentioned in our Intro Video?**

**Answer:** Thanksgiving

**3. What was the name of the crazy guy who sang all the turkey songs today?**

**Answer:** Wacky Wally

**4. True or False: We should only thank God once a year on Thanksgiving.**

**Answer:** False

**5. How many lepers did Jesus heal in our Bible Story today?**

**Answer:** Ten

**6. How many lepers came back to thank Jesus for healing?**

**Answer:** One

**7. According to our lesson today, “Everything I Have Is A \_\_\_\_\_ From God.”**

**Answer:** Gift

**8. According to our lesson today, “Gratitude Starts In The \_\_\_\_\_.”**

**Answer:** Heart

**9. According to our lesson today, “I Must \_\_\_\_\_ My Gratitude.”**

**Answer:** Express

**10. Where was our Power Verse found?**

**Answer:** I Chronicles 16:8