

Psalm 136: Lesson in Thanksgiving

Memory Verse: Psalm 136:1 “Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! His love endures forever.” (NIV)

Lesson Plan: We will celebrate Thanksgiving with the kids with some alternative activities and lessons this weekend. Note that the Saturday night and Sunday morning services will be different. See below for details.

Saturday Night Service

RMC’s Thanksgiving basket outreach team will be with us to have the kids put together baskets for families in need! The team will set all of the items up on tables in the Summit Room and the kids will each take an empty basket and assemble it with all of the appropriate items. This is an excellent way for the kids to experience giving and serving as an expression of “thanksgiving” for how much the Lord has given them!

Schedule: Bring the kids out at the usual time (10-15 minutes after the hour). After worship, we will begin the main activity and mix in a short teaching before or afterwards.

Classroom Time Afterwards: We will email you the lesson materials that we will use on Sunday morning. Consider leveraging as much of this as you want to go deeper with the kids into the topic of giving thanks. There will also be a craft for the 1st/2nd graders.

Sunday Morning Services

These services will follow the usual flow and schedule except that we will be referencing a special curriculum that we will email you. The curriculum provides some good lesson ideas, but is light on Scripture. Therefore, I would recommend reading some or all of **Psalm 136** to the kids near the beginning of the lesson, but with a twist. This Psalm has a “call and response” structure. Every verse finishes with, “*His love endures forever*”. So consider reading each verse and then having the kids respond with this refrain. Then follow-up with some of the ideas built into the lesson plan. Notice the end of the lesson includes another “call and response” activity so consider connecting that back to the reading of **Psalm 136** done at the beginning to wrap it up.

Supplies: We will provide the notecards, basket, and teaching posters referred to in the lesson. NOTE: We will NOT provide you with materials to make the tent. However, feel free to bring your own materials and see [here](#) for a simple way to make one with chairs and a blanket.

Classroom Time Afterwards: Notice the “Review Time” activities in the lesson for some ideas.

1st-2nd Grade: We will provide you with a Thanksgiving craft to do with the kids.

3rd-5th Grade: We will supply your room with an activity sheet which we will also email you to preview beforehand.