



Family Discussion Guide

GODLY CHARACTER // WEEK 4

BE THANKFUL

The Verse

1 Thessalonians 5:18 NIRV

Give thanks no matter what happens. God wants you to thank him because you believe in Christ Jesus.

The Point

Godly character is thankful.

Family Activity Directions

Thanks for Things // You'll Need

- No additional materials needed

To Do

Say: Our Verse today teaches us to give thanks NO MATTER WHAT happens! That's because God turns EVERYTHING, even the bad things, into something good for people that love and follow Jesus. When something bad happens, remind yourself of the good things God has done for you. Let's play a game about that!

1. **Sit** in a tight circle.
2. The first kid **says** one thing they're thankful for.
3. The kid next to them **repeats** what the first kid said, then **adds** something new they're thankful for.
4. **Continue** with each kid **repeating** what was said before them and **adding** something new they're thankful for.
5. Kids who forget, pause for more than 10 seconds, or add something to the list that has already been said are **out**.
6. The last kid left **wins**.

Bonus

1. **Play** again.

CHOOSE BEST QUESTIONS TO ASK

Get Everyone Talking

1. What would you have done if you were on the Konnect Space Station this week?
2. Ray had a **SERIOUS** case of space pox, and had to miss visiting Earth. Talk about a time you were sick and had to miss out on something fun.

Check For Understanding

1. What kind of character is the Konnect crew learning about? *The kind that describes who you are on the inside.*
2. What happens when your choices show godly character? *My godly character will shine a light so others can see what Jesus is like.*
3. Say 1 Thessalonians 5:18 together with the motions. Why does believing in Christ Jesus help you to be thankful? *When you believe in Jesus, you can be thankful that Jesus died for your sins, forgives you, and makes you right with God.*
4. In the Bible, Paul and Silas chose to be thankful, even when they were wrongly thrown into jail. How did their thankfulness make a difference for other people? *Because they were thankful, God gave them the chance to talk to the jailer about Jesus, and everyone in the jailer's family chose to follow Jesus.*
5. How does it make a difference for others when you choose to be thankful no matter what happens? *Answers will vary.*

Apply To This Week

1. What are some different ways you can show you are thankful? *Say thank you, sing songs to God, show a good attitude even when something bad happens, etc.*
2. When you're feeling selfish or upset about what's going on, what can you do to help your heart be thankful again? *Say the Bible verse to yourself, pray and ask God to remind you of the good things He has done, say a list of things you're thankful for, ask someone else what they're thankful for, etc.*

Pray: Jesus, please remind us to always be thankful for the sacrifice You made for us. Thank You, God, for filling us with Your Holy Spirit, and changing our hearts to be thankful all the time. In Jesus' name, amen!